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Prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good, best where promotional activity was in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate and held with extreme confidence as sellers anticipate higher values due to rumors of export activity. Breaking stock offerings were mixed and ranged tight to fully adequate for moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were usually fully sufficient for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules for next week were reported as mostly normal.

NORTH ATLANTIC In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on all sizes. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Breaking schedules were usually normal for next week. Light type hens were mostly fully sufficient for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

NEW YORK Prices ended the week higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm, mostly firm. Retail demand was moderate with promotional activity planned or in progress for next week. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were up 2 cents for large and medium. Other reported prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate and were being held with extreme confidence due to rumors of export activity causing higher prices. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings tight to barely adequate as suppliers of breaking stock hold product with expectations of higher values. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly fully steady to firm.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes increased 2 cents. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand moderate, instances good on features that are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate to available and held with confidence.

SOUTHERN Prices were 1 cent higher on all sizes. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were generally trending higher. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand was usually moderate, slightly better where features were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies were sufficient to fully adequate and confidently held. Breaking stock demand was moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Light type fowl were mostly fully sufficient for the light to fair at best demand.

WEST COAST Prices unchanged. The market tone was generally firm with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, and 4 cents higher on large and medium throughout the region. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	94-98	84-88	54-56
New York	62-66	60-64	45-49
Philadelphia	56-64	55-62	41-47
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	48-54	46-49	33-36
Jackson (1)	62-64	56-58	39-41
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	59-69	54-64	42-52
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	52-56	50-54	38-42
Detroit (2)	44-49	43-47	34-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	46-50	45-48	33-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	46-52	34-39
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	66-68	63-65	51-53
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	69-78	67-70	58-61
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	88	80	71
(1) - Prices reported weekly	(3) - Reported Invoice prices		
(2) - Delivered Warehouse	(4) - Prices to Retailers		

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was mostly firm with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, and 4 cents higher on large, medium, and small. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 51. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 89, extra large 20 count overwrap 99, large dozen 99 and 4 for \$3, medium dozen 2 for 99.

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms. **RANGE**

JUMBO	102
EXTRA LARGE	88
LARGE	80
MEDIUM	71

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN. **RANGE**

JUMBO	71-92
EXTRA LARGE	69-78
LARGE	67-70
MEDIUM	58-61

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN. **RANGE**

JUMBO	239-299
EXTRA LARGE	229-279
LARGE	199
MEDIUM	99-179

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was fairly good to good with offerings tight to barely adequate as suppliers of breaking stock hold product with expectations of higher values. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-25
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Mostly prices were higher when compared to early week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady as traders continue to closely monitor market development. Demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for usually normal schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending October 12, 2002 were 3% less than the previous week, however 4% more than the same week last year. CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-35	32-34
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-27	19-22
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E -11-Oct-02
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,285,079	28,722	12,853	6,980	3,186	4,517
PW	1,280,622	29,146	12,731	6,880	2,896	4,486
LY	1,192,358	27,436	11,665	6,124	3,049	4,240
% CHG PW	0	-1	1	1	10	1
% CHG LY	8	5	10	14	4	7
2002	49,655,088	1,152,944	479,722	257,830	118,550	176,268
2001	47,418,180	1,075,768	476,490	254,984	105,169	168,998
% CHG YTD	5	7	1	1	13	4

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.30	41.58	41.49
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.78	38.07	37.93

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 77 to 80 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 15.5 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady for whites and fully steady to mostly firm for whole egg and yolk. Demand was moderate for whole egg and greatly improved on whites and yolk as seasonal buying patterns and talk of export activity on shell eggs generate buyer interest. Retail egg sales had improved with previously available shell eggs beginning to be diverted into carton channels. Offerings were just adequate to short for whites and yolk and generally adequate for whole egg. Breaking stock supplies were closely balanced to adequate.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 18 October, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK
WHOLE	12	30.5-33.25	31.52	.77
WHITES	15	9.5-15.5	11.17	.58
YOLKS	12	76-80	78.17	.67

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whites, but unchanged to slightly higher on the balance of products when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Offerings were adequate to available for trade requirements. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending October 12, 2002 were 3% lower than the previous week, but 3% higher than a year ago.

	TRUCKLOTS (MIN. 25 CONT.)		LTL RANGE
WHOLE	41-46	41.5-43	50-54
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		70-85
WHITES	20-32	20-24	27-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-86	83-85	89-93
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-83	79-81	85-90
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY	28-32%		EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and white mostly values were unchanged while sugared and salted yolk mostly prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady for whites and fully steady to instances firm on the balance of frozen products. Offerings were adequate to available with demand mostly moderate to fairly good as contractual add-ons and seasonal buying interest were more prevalent. Breaking stock supplies were closely balanced to adequate with breaking stock prices higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) TRUCKLOTS

	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	42-46	42-43
WHITES	22-32	22-24
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	84-87	84-86
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	79-83	81-82

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 10/12 was 10% less than the previous week. Demand was moderate and freezer stocks were adequate.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, FOB SHIPPING POINT
(CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

	RANGE
WHOLE	49-52
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	89-92
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	85-88

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whole and albumen when compared to last week's trading, due to an increase of reported sales at lower values for business into next year. The balance of items were unchanged. The market tone was about steady with some caution noted. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Demand was moderate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending October 12, 2002 was 10% more than last week and 4% higher than the same week a year ago. The overall, total year to date dried egg produced was 13% more than last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES, DOLLARS PER LB., IN CONTAINERS, TRUCKLOT AND LESS-THAN-TRUCKLOT VOLUMES.

WHOLE	1.54-1.80	MOSTLY 1.54-1.70
YOLKS	1.90-2.15	MOSTLY 1.95-2.05
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.49-2.00	MOSTLY 1.49-1.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.22-1.35	MOSTLY 1.25-1.35

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 11, 2002-OCT 17, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
60.00				38.50				98.50															
SE		NE		MW		SC		NW		SW													
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	31.50	36.40	31.25	32.50	40.00	41.50	18.00	GNR W 1	45.00	49.00	—	—	38.50	40.00	2.00								
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	43.00	45.25	1.00	GL W J	—	—	47.00	—	—	54.00	2.00								
GNR BR 1	—	—	41.00	42.00	—	—	2.00	GL W XL	43.75	39.00	—	—	—	49.43	18.75								
GL W J	—	—	—	58.00	43.50	44.00	2.50	GL W LG	41.00	42.60	—	—	—	49.53	19.00								
GL W XL	—	—	42.30	44.86	39.85	40.67	38.25	GL W MD	30.00	32.00	—	—	35.90	38.81	5.75								
GL W LG	—	—	37.33	45.00	40.88	43.00	21.00	NRBS - 42	22.00	—	—	—	—	28.00	1.00								
GL W MD	28.00	29.00	27.29	28.67	—	32.00	10.75	NRBS - 39	19.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	2.00								
GL W SM	—	—	19.00	20.90	—	18.00	1.50																
GL BR J	—	—	—	62.00	—	—	.25																
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.50	37.36	18.00																
NRBS - 45	30.00	—	—	—	—	33.00	2.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.00	17.00	—	24.67	5.00																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was light to fair at best for the mostly fully adequate offerings. Processings schedules for next week were reported as mostly normal. Movement of finished product was moderate. The undertone was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to moderate with offerings adequate to ample. Slaughter schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were too few to report. Demand was no better than fair for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate with slaughter schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked desired schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	0 (2)	

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 18-OCT-02
FEDERAL-STATE AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	60.82	58.94	44.29
SOUTHERN	57.37	53.06	40.17
MIDWEST	49.10	47.41	36.02
WESTERN	73.93	68.48	59.50
TWELVE METRO AREAS	62.45	59.12	47.56

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fairly good. Supplies and offerings were in a full range but usually in close balance. The undertone was steady to fully steady.

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

21-26 MAJORITY 21-22

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS

(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

22.5-27.5 MAJORITY 22.5-24

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

29-36 MAJORITY 31-32

HEAVY CANNER HENS

(WITHOUT NECKS)

30-38 MAJORITY 33-34

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 12-Oct-02

(PRELIMINARY) U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,754	1,536	3,290
LAST WEEK	1,892	1,622	3,514
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,989	1,446	3,435
TO-DATE/2002	71,997	57,620	129,617
TO-DATE/2001	73,216	56,646	129,862

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	266	4	270
LAST WEEK	318	4	322
SAME WEEK YR AGO	354	0	354
TO-DATE/2002	12,599	265	12,864
TO-DATE/2001	17,508	247	17,755

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

(THOUSANDS)	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	2,020	1,540	3,560
LAST WEEK	2,210	1,626	3,836
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,343	1,446	3,789
TO-DATE/2002	84,596	57,885	142,481
TO-DATE/2001	90,724	56,893	147,617

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending October 05, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Liquid	659	534	20,249	9,687
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	0	0	695	80
Total	659	534	20,965	9,845

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

	Week Ending October 05, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001/1	2002	2001
Liquid	78	63	4,981	4,246
Frozen	124	2	2,850	1,204
Dried	95	1	4,061	486
Total	297	66	11,892	5,936

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

	Week Ending October 05, 2002		Year-To-Date	
	2002	2001 /1	2002	2001
Jumbo	0	0	1,596	87
Extra Large	1,095	2,100	29,398	54,202
Large	2,693	3,849	102,515	104,836
Medium	288	750	38,351	35,668
Ungraded	17,994	11,820	270,335	317,750
Misc	0	0	14,797	68,144
Total	22,070	18,519	456,992	580,687

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.
Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, LOOSE, AT FARM (CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS). CENTS PER DOZEN

	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	31-34	20-24	6-9

DETROIT PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE. CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
50-60	44-47	41-46	31-35	23-27

NEW ENGLAND PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
112-115	77-80	67-70	35-38	19-22

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 10/14/02	2,345	197,036	74,725
AM 10/01/02	1,984	187,932	74,844
CHG	361	9104	-119
PCT CHG	18%	5%	0%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

	Aug-31	Aug-31	Sep-30	Sep-30
	2001	2002	2001	2002
FROZEN EGGS:				
Whites	3,370	2,192	4,251	1,719
Yolks	685	923	777	971
Whole & Mixed	12,343	6,528	11,274	6,968
Unclassified	1,419	3,535	1,401	3,544
Total Frozen Eggs	17,817	13,178	17,703	13,202

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	W/E 12-Oct-02 PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.6	21.9	-1	-6
BOSTON	3.0	3.3	-9	-21
CHICAGO	44.9	53.2	-16	2
DETROIT	34.8	26.2	33	22
KANSAS CITY	5.4	3.8	42	-51
LOS ANGELES	84.4	83.8	1	-26
NEW ORLEANS	7.0	7.1	-1	-20
NEW YORK	32.2	31.9	1	-7
ST. LOUIS	16.0	18.5	-14	-11
SAN FRANCISCO	19.3	25.5	-24	-5
TOTAL	268.6	275.2	-2	-12
4 WK MVG AVG	265.5			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 12-Oct-02

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	222.4	-1	1
E.N. CENTRAL	564.2	-2	5
W.N. CENTRAL	288.5	4	1
S. ATLANTIC	181.7	0	1
S. CENTRAL	88.9	1	14
WEST	191.2	-4	-4
TOTAL	1536.9	-1	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, OCTOBER 15, 2002.
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	108	98	68	52
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	102-106	92-96	61-65	45-49
MOSTLY	104-105	94-95	63-64	47-48
RHODE ISLAND	107-111	97-101	67-71	51-55
MOSTLY	107	97	67	51
VERMONT	110-111	100-101	70-71	-
MOSTLY	111	101	71	-

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