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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York. In most other locations, prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm with traders closely watching further market developments. Demand was moderate to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to available and remained confidently held. Breaking stock offerings were irregular and ranged tight to fully adequate for the light to good demand. Light type fowl were usually fully sufficient for mostly normal slaughter schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1.5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 1 cent higher on mediums; in Boston, prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to previous week average pricing. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was improving, generally fully steady to occasionally firm. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were mostly fully sufficient for the light to fair demand.

**MIDWEST** Prices were higher in all reported areas. Trade sentiment remained fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to to at times good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate and were still being held with extreme confidence. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrade 1 cent higher. Trading and demand was in a full range, light to instances good for the light to barely adequate offers. Sellers holding product with confidence. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes advanced 1 cent. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand moderate, instances good on features that are a factor. Supplies adequate to available and held with confidence.

**SOUTHERN** Prices in Atlanta were higher on all sizes. However, in Florida, prices were unchanged on small but higher on the balance. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate and held with confidence. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending October 18, 2002 was 54.06 cents, which was 1.13 cents less than a week earlier and 11.28 cents lower than last year. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were mostly fully sufficient for the light to fair demand.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, and 4 cents higher on large and medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 8% lower than last week with California down 2% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 17%. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings very confidently held pending confirmation of November export order.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was mostly moderate to at times good, with best movement where features were planned or in progress. Supplies, although held with confidence, were adequated for current needs.

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

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	96-98	86-88	54-56
New York	62-66	60-64	45-49
Philadelphia	57.5-64	56.5-62	42-47
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	49.5-57	47.5-52	34.5-38
Jackson (1)	57-59	52-54	39-41
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-74	59-69	45-55
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	53-57	51-55	39-43
Detroit (2)	48-53	47-51	38-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-54	49-52	37-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	51-58	50-56	38-43
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	71-74	68-70	54-56
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	90	84	75
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 2 cents higher on extra large, and 4 cents higher on large, medium, and small. The California inventory was 2% lower than last week. Retailer demand mainly moderate. Offerings adequate. Confirmation of possible export order for November anxiously awaited. Small benchmark price 55. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large dozen 149, large dozen and 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free. 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	90	
LARGE	84	
MEDIUM	75	
<b>PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.</b>		
	<b>SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>	<b>NORTHERN CALIFORNIA</b>
	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>RANGE</b>
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO 235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE 219-249
LARGE	199	LARGE 195-239
MEDIUM	99-179	MEDIUM 99-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 25, 2002 will decrease by 19 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 18, 2002 were 269,391 cases which was 10 percent below the prior week and 1 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	228,642	40,749	269,391
% change from the prior week.....	-12	-3	-10

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Breaking stock prices were unchanged, checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Trading and demand in a full range, light to instances good for the tight to barely adequate offers. Sellers holding product with confidence. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
NEST RUN	35-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-26
CENTRAL STATES AREA:	
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI	

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate for the at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were generally adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-10 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.36
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly lower compared to the past week. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 21-OCT-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8.25-9	8.59

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 21, 2002**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.5	18.0	9.5	12.9	10.9 60.8
	Change	0.4	-0.6	0.9	0.0	-0.2 1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.2	60.3	17.2	23.1	32.3 158.1
	Change	-3.1	6.6	2.4	1.5	1.5 6%
Large	Curr Wk	47.0	108.9	74.8	77.0	110.3 418.0
	Change	-2.1	-4.8	-5.5	-2.6	-18.1 -7%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.0	30.0	17.1	23.7	29.2 110.0
	Change	-2.9	-1.9	-0.3	-0.5	1.3 -4%
Small	Curr Wk	5.7	7.5	4.5	7.0	9.5 34.2
	Change	0.5	0.9	-0.4	-1.2	-2.1 -6%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.5	19.0	6.7	20.2	5.6 55.0
	Change	0.6	-0.4	-2.8	5.1	1.2 7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.2	56.1	26.4	32.6	28.6 164.9
	Change	-10.5	1.3	9.3	1.0	-3.5 -1%
Total	Curr Wk	122.1	299.8	156.2	196.5	226.4 1001.0
Percent	Change	-12%	0%	2%	2%	-8% -3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1001.0	-3%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	277.6	-6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1278.6	-4%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.  
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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 07, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	194.2	191.1	182.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 07, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	149	149	139	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 18, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		9.25		FUTURE LOADS		10.50		TOTAL LOADS		19.75					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	35.00	36.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	46.50	48.00	50.00	—	4.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W LG	—	—	45.00	47.00	—	—	4.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	40.63	43.38	2.00
GL W MD	—	—	30.00	31.00	—	—	2.00	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	.50
GL W SM	—	—	20.00	21.50	—	—	1.00	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	.50
GL BR XL	—	—	51.00	—	—	—	.50								
GL BR LG	—	—	49.00	—	—	—	.50								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	—	.25								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/14/02-10/18/02

CURRENT LOADS		60.00		FUTURE LOADS		39.00		TOTAL LOADS		99.00					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	31.50	38.94	32.50	33.67	40.00	41.50	19.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	38.50	40.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	41.00	42.00	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	47.00	—	—	54.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	58.00	43.50	44.00	2.50	GL W XL	43.75	39.00	—	—	—	53.27	12.50
GL W XL	—	—	43.00	45.35	43.87	40.67	30.75	GL W LG	41.00	43.60	—	—	—	49.53	18.00
GL W LG	—	47.00	39.25	45.57	41.27	43.00	22.50	GL W MD	30.00	32.00	—	—	39.08	40.48	7.50
GL W MD	28.00	29.00	27.89	29.25	—	32.00	12.75	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	64.00	.50
GL W SM	—	—	19.44	21.17	—	18.00	2.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	62.00	.50
GL BR J	—	—	—	62.00	—	—	.25	NRBS - 42	22.00	—	—	—	—	28.00	1.00
GL BR XL	—	—	51.00	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 39	19.00	21.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL BR LG	—	—	49.00	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.50	37.46	19.00								
NRBS - 45	30.00	—	—	—	—	33.00	2.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	24.67	3.25								

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.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA**

State	Number Cases Shipped To Northern CA	Number Cases Shipped To Central CA	Number Cases Shipped To Southern CA	Total State
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NOT AVAILABLE

**NEW ENGLAND**

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

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

**DETROIT EGGS**

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

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
54-64	48-51	45-50	35-39	23-27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
32-35	21-25	6-9

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/14/02	10/7/02	10/15/01
PACIFIC COAST	379	378	302
LOS ANGELES	292	316	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 10/6/02-10/12/02  
30-dozen cases 2,431  
Receipts from the mainland: 9/29/02-10/5/02  
30-dozen cases 6,113

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
72.28	67.28	53.97	45.27

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