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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Weekly reported prices were generally higher than the previous week, but in New York prices were unchanged. The market tone was reported as steady. Demand was seasonal, although best movement was still where features were a factor. Producers/Packer's inventories varied from region to region and from class to class. Some packers were short on GNR and cartoned product (due to packing time), and still other traders had fully sufficient floor stocks for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were in a full range of being limited but still adequate to available for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for processing needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia prices were unchanged to 3.5 cent higher on larger sizes and unchanged to 4.5 cents higher on medium. Elsewhere prices remained unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. The Pennsylvania shell egg inventory was 5% more than last Monday. The New England shell egg inventory was 1% less and the Delaware/Maryland shell egg inventory decreased 6% when compared to last week. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for the light to no better than fair demand.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were unchanged for the larger sizes and up 1 cent for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with feature activity providing some extra interest. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate for current needs. Monday's inventories were down 7% in Ohio, up 5% in Michigan, 24% lower in Illinois-Indiana, and 17% higher in Iowa-Minnesota. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings fully adequate to available. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate for current processing schedules. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to weak.

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all outlets light to moderate, best where specials are a factor. Supplies adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were higher on mediums, and unchanged to higher on extra large and large. In Florida, prices were unchanged on extra large and large, slightly higher on medium, but lower on small. The market tone was mostly steady with some caution noted entering the week. Demand was moderate to fairly good with continued best movement reported where features were in progress. Supplies ranged from occasionally short to sufficient for current needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending November 08, 2002 was 76.06 cents, which was 9.13 cents more than a week earlier, and 7.66 cents more than last year. Breaking stock offerings although less than normal were sufficient for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type fowl offerings were adequate for mostly normal schedules with interest generally unaggressive and usually only light to fair.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged to 2 cents lower on large, unchanged on other sizes. The Pacific region inventory was unchanged from last week with California up 3% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 4%. Retailer demand continued to improve seasonally. Offerings adequate.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged following Veteran's Day. The market tone remained steady. Demand was light to moderate. The New York shell egg inventory increased 20 percent and the New Jersey shell egg inventory decreased 5 percent when compared to the previous week. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current requirements.

**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.**

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA		
	LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	115-117	106-108	74-76
New York	84-88	82-86	70-74
Philadelphia	82-86	81-84	69-72

SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	74-79	72-75	61-64
Jackson (1)	75-77	71-73	59-61
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-93	80-90	67-77

MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	74-78	72-76	63-67
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-73	60-67
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	62-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	62-67

WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	91-93	87-90	75-77
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	106	97
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(3) - Reported Invoice prices	
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged. The California inventory was 3% higher than last week. Retailer demand continued to improve seasonally. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 77. Ads in Northern California: major- large 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.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	117
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	106
MEDIUM	97

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

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-299	EXTRA LARGE	219-249
LARGE	195-199	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	99-179	MEDIUM	99-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 15, 2002 will decrease by 11 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 08, 2002 were 270,539 cases which was 3 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	227,975	42,564	270,539
% change from the prior week.....	+3	+4	+3

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

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were lower. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings fully adequate to available. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate for current processing schedules. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to weak.

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	41-43
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	28-32

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were unchanged to lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate supplies of raw material. Finished sales were seasonally active with processing schedules at least adequate 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 11-NOV-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-11.75	7.75-9	8.80

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices trended slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate. Offerings were at least adequate for current trade needs. Processing schedules were reported as normal. Finished product supplies were about adequate and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 11-NOV-02.

	RANGE	MAJORITY CENTS/LB.	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.75-10	8.25-8.75	8.39
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM** Nov 11, 2002

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.3	24.7	9.7	14.2	15.0 77.9
	Change	1.0	5.5	0.4	0.7	-0.2 10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.4	69.6	19.7	24.9	33.4 175.0
	Change	-1.7	7.0	0.7	-2.8	1.1 3%
Large	Curr Wk	60.8	120.5	92.7	89.3	130.4 493.7
	Change	5.6	8.3	5.6	-16.8	4.6 2%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.5	42.1	18.5	24.8	28.9 128.8
	Change	1.6	4.1	3.7	3.0	-2.1 9%
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	8.1	3.1	6.8	7.1 30.3
	Change	-0.7	2.5	0.1	1.9	2.4 26%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	20.9	7.3	14.4	4.8 52.7
	Change	0.8	-8.2	-1.6	0.1	-1.9 -17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.7	59.3	30.5	27.7	30.3 175.5
	Change	-4.1	-0.6	13.2	-9.1	-3.1 -2%
Total	Curr Wk	155.2	345.2	181.5	202.1	249.9 1133.9
Percent	Change	2%	6%	14%	-10%	0% 2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,133.9	2%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	252.9	-3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1,386.8	1%	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 28, 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 28, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	151	151	141	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 08, 2002

CURRENT LOADS		29.50		FUTURE LOADS		9.75		TOTAL LOADS		39.25					
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	—	59.33	59.00	—	54.67	—	7.00	GNR W 1	58.00	61.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	52.43	—	11.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	60.56	8.00
GL W LG	—	63.00	51.00	54.00	52.40	—	10.20	GL W LG	—	60.00	—	—	—	60.06	6.25
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25
GL BR XL	—	—	61.00	—	—	—	.50	GL W SM	—	28.00	—	—	19.00	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	60.00	—	—	—	.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	75.00	.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	39.00	40.00	—	—	3.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	74.00	.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	.25	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/02/02-11/08/02

CURRENT LOADS		108.50		FUTURE LOADS		64.00		TOTAL LOADS		172.50					
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	58.00	61.11	57.85	58.00	56.38	—	50.00	GNR W 1	58.25	61.00	—	—	—	—	11.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	57.25	58.50	—	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	67.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	56.00	—	1.00	GL W XL	59.25	66.00	—	—	—	61.25	11.50
GL W XL	—	70.70	65.91	68.87	60.14	—	45.75	GL W LG	—	66.15	—	67.50	—	64.84	35.00
GL W LG	—	66.00	55.50	59.75	58.96	—	46.50	GL W MD	—	54.00	—	53.00	49.50	56.78	6.50
GL W MD	—	64.00	53.00	55.00	44.30	60.17	21.25	GL W SM	—	28.00	—	—	23.00	28.00	2.00
GL W SM	—	—	25.13	27.00	—	38.00	2.75	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	75.00	.50
GL BR J	—	—	—	79.00	—	—	.50	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	74.00	.50
GL BR XL	—	—	61.00	76.00	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	60.00	74.00	—	—	1.50	NRBS - 36	—	28.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	47.50	39.00	46.50	22.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	39.00	43.67	—	49.22	13.50								
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 36	—	—	20.00	21.00	24.00	28.00	2.25								

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
122-125	96-99	87-90	55-58	25-28

**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
76-86	70-73	67-72	60-64	31-35

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
53-56	45-49	16-19

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

ON HAND	11/04/02	10/28/02	11/05/01
PACIFIC COAST	479	536	244
LOS ANGELES	399	443	208

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 10/27/02-11/2/02  
30-dozen case 4,296

Receipts from the mainland: 10/20/02-10/26/02  
30-dozen cases 11,578

**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
96.27	92.27	81.27	54.79

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