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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the balance. Prices were unchanged in all other locations. The market tone was mixed and ranged cautiously steady on large and barely steady to weak on the balance of sizes. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock demand was light to good for short to available offerings. Light type hens were sufficient for the light to fair demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC Prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was cautiously steady on the larger sizes, however mediums were in a barely steady position. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available on white eggs, but browns were reported as tight. Breaking stock offerings were short to fully adequate for the light to good demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate for the light to fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were normal.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was cautiously steady on the larger sizes, but barely steady on mediums. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements.

MIDWEST Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents lower for medium with all other prices in the Midwest region unchanged. Trade sentiment was mixed, but usually considered mostly steady for the larger sizes. Retail cartoned egg sales were mostly moderate with food service demand light to generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums continuing in the longest position. Central states nest run breaking stock and checks and undergrades were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate to available with most buyers taking the day off after the Thanksgiving holiday. Demand was mostly light. Schedules full-time for next week. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady to instances barely steady.

CHICAGO Prices for mediums dropped 2 cents, balance unchanged. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed and ranged from light to good, best where feature activity was a factor. Supplies were adequate to available.

SOUTHERN Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending unchanged to lower. The market tone was cautiously steady on the larger sizes and barely steady on mediums. Demand was mostly moderate to occasionally fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were short to fully sufficient for the light to good demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate for the light to fair at best demand.

WESTERN Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally weak with asking prices for next week 2-3 cents lower on jumbo, 1 cent lower on extra large, unchanged on large and 5 cents lower on medium. Retailer demand was generally good. Offerings were fully adequate overall.

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)	116-118	107-109	75-77
New York	84-88	82-86	66-70
Philadelphia	82-86	81-84	65-72

SOUTHERN CITIES

Atlanta (1) (2)	74-79	72-75	61-64
Jackson (1)	81-83	77-79	66-68
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-94	80-90	67-79

MIDWEST CITIES

Chicago	74-78	72-76	58-62
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
Southern California (Grade AA)(4)	95-101	93-96	84-87
California (Grade AA) (1) (3)	112	106	97
(1) - Prices reported weekly		(2) - Delivered Warehouse	
(3) - Reported Invoice prices		(4) - Prices To Retailers	

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mainly weak with asking prices for next week 2 cents lower on jumbo, 1 cent lower on extra large, unchanged on large and 5 cents lower on medium and small. Retailer demand was good. Offerings were easily adequate to cover needs. Small benchmark price 77. Ads in Southern California: major chains 18 count large 99; smaller outlets - large dozen 99, extra large 20 count overwrap 2 for 100 and 199 each.

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	117
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	106
MEDIUM	97

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	97-107
EXTRA LARGE	95-101
LARGE	93-96
MEDIUM	84-87

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	229-299
LARGE	199
MEDIUM	179

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually adequate to available with most buyers taking the day off after the Thanksgiving holiday. Demand was mostly light. Schedules full-time for next week. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady to instances barely steady.

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	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	37-44	41-44
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	29-33	
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 unchanged when compared to early week trading. The market tone was generally steady. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Supplies were short to fully adequate for breaking schedules.

Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 23, 2002 were 4% higher than last week, and 9% more than a year ago.

CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	37-44	40-43
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	26-36	27-31

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 23-Nov-02 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,169,865	28,566	10,218	5,438	2,101	4,234
PW	1,167,122	28,063	10,885	5,521	2,016	4,124
LY	1,057,486	24,452	10,364	5,352	2,204	3,707
% CHG PW	0	2	-6	-2	4	3
% CHG LY	11	17	-1	2	-5	14
2002	56,805,391	1,326,708	543,720	292,083	131,965	201,396
2001	54,394,083	1,238,492	543,460	290,516	119,884	194,021
% CHG YTD	4	7	0	1	10	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.42	41.63	41.49
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	37.80	38.10	37.98

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 78 to 80 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg and yolk and mostly steady on whites. Demand continued light and unaggressive with some last minute add ons creating some additional interest. Most breakers worked to fill contractual requirements only. Offerings were usually adequate. Breaking stock supplies were closely balanced to adequate with prices unchanged to lower when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 29 November, 2002 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	CHANGE FROM	
			WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	11	37-38	37.55	-.70
WHITES	9	13-17.5	14.06	.01
YOLKS	7	80-83	81.79	.68

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were generally unchanged when compared to previous week's trading. The market tone was barely steady on salt yolks and usually steady to about steady on the remainder of items. Demand was reported as light from most traders, with anticipation that next week movement would improve. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending November 23, 2002 was 3 % higher than the previous week, and 8 % more than a year ago.

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

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	
WHOLE	42-52	46-48	54-58
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		73-85
WHITES	21-32	22-24	28-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	83-92	86-91	91-98
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	81-88	83-86	87-95

(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg and whites ranged unchanged with sugar and salt yolk ranging unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg and salted yolk, steady for whites, and steady to mostly fully steady for sugared yolk. Offerings about adequate to available. Demand was moderate overall, but sometimes rated as very fast paced as a few buyers were actively seeking last minute needs and experiencing trucking issues into early next week. Floor stocks in very close balance to adequate. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower when compared to last week's reported values.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	46-49	47
WHITES	22-32	22-25
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	87-92	90-91
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	83-86	

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices were unchanged. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 11/23 was down 6% from the previous week. Demand was moderate overall with freezer stocks generally adequate.

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

	RANGE
WHOLE	53-56
WHITES	28-31
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	94-97
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	90-93

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were unchanged to lower on whole and unchanged on the balance of items when compared to last week's trading. The market tone remained steady to about steady on most products. Offerings were sufficient for trade needs. Demand was light to fair. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending November 23, 2002 was 4% higher than last week, but 5% lower than the same week a year ago. The overall, total year to date dried egg produced was 10% more than last year.

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

WHOLE	1.58-1.85	MOSTLY 1.65-1.70
YOLKS	1.92-2.10	MOSTLY 2.00-2.05
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	1.55-2.00	MOSTLY 1.60-1.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.28-1.40	MOSTLY 1.35-1.40

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 22, 2002-NOVEMBER 28, 2002
CURRENT LOADS 95.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 45.50 **TOTAL LOADS** 140.75

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	57.25	60.00	55.83	56.50	57.00	57.00	17.00	GNR W 1	54.00	57.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 3	43.00	52.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	34.50	37.50	2.00	GL W J	45.00	—	—	—	—	54.00	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	72.00	—	—	—	—	1.50	GL W XL	52.56	57.43	—	—	—	56.77	16.50
GL W J	—	—	—	—	42.50	—	3.00	GL W LG	55.50	62.56	—	74.00	—	62.99	26.50
GL W XL	—	67.78	66.00	67.32	47.50	—	42.50	GL W MD	44.11	51.00	—	—	—	51.09	6.25
GL W LG	—	65.25	50.50	59.38	54.43	62.00	37.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	28.31	32.23	3.25
GL W MD	—	—	49.20	47.77	41.29	—	8.00	NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	5.00
GL W SM	28.00	30.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	37.00	38.00	.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	43.00	44.11	9.00	NRBS - 36	22.00	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.56	37.00	36.59	42.73	41.00								
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	22.00	23.67	—	32.50	8.25								
NRBS - 36	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	.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. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate. Demand was mostly light to fair at best and unaggressive. Processing schedules for next week were normal. Movement of finished product was at least moderate and clearing. The undertone was generally steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Negotiations were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules adequate for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings fully adequate with demand light to moderate. Schedules full-time for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Plants worked desired slaughter schedules. Offerings were adequate.

LIVE TYPE HENS

Cents Per LB., Day Of Negotiation, Generally For Slaughter Within The Next 10 Days.

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
*TOO FEW TO REPORT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Nov-02
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	85.50	83.64	69.44
SOUTHERN	81.98	78.68	67.26
MIDWEST	74.70	73.01	63.27
WESTERN	102.16	97.78	88.36
TWELVE METRO AREAS	88.69	85.83	74.76
COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS			

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to good with trading very limited. Supplies and offerings were in close balance to tight and well cleared. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
21-26 MAJORITY 21.5-22	29-36 MAJORITY 31.5-32.5
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED	
LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23.5-27.5 MAJORITY 23.75	30-38 MAJORITY 33-34

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 23-Nov-02
(PRELIMINARY) **U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,663	1,556	3,219
LAST WEEK	1,441	1,523	2,964
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,174	931	2,105
TO-DATE/2002	81,900	66,918	148,818
TO-DATE/2001	83,258	64,735	147,993

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	233	4	237
LAST WEEK	266	11	277
SAME WEEK YR AGO	393	11	404
TO-DATE/2002	14,137	290	14,427
TO-DATE/2001	19,305	290	19,595

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,896	1,560	3,456
LAST WEEK	1,707	1,534	3,241
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,567	942	2,509
TO-DATE/2002	96,037	67,208	163,245
TO-DATE/2001	102,563	65,025	167,588

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MRKT NEWS BR.

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

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002 /2	2001
Liquid	456	433	18,208	11,853
Frozen	0	0	21	78
Dried	0	42	760	322
Total	456	475	18,989	12,253

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

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001/1	2002 /2	2001
Liquid	138	153	5,465	4,840
Frozen	66	68	3,062	1,482
Dried	58	106	4,703	598
Total	203	447	13,463	7,193

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

Type	Year-To-Date			
	2002	2001 /1	2002 /2	2001
Jumbo	50	0	1,439	87
Extra Large	1,740	1,960	43,374	62,562
Large	2,560	5,100	124,554	125,718
Medium	1,228	825	44,738	41,233
Ungraded	4,500	15,620	317,705	389,660
Misc	0	0	14,737	69,614
Total	10,078	23,505	546,547	688,874

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Year-To-Date 2002 revisions encompass all adjustments made to the data for the year.

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

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
51-55	37-41	11-15

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

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
122-125	97-100	88-91	56-59	25-28

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -

SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 11/25/02	3,065	114,250	77,372
AM 11/01/02	2,384	178,029	77,841
CHG	681	-63779	-469
PCT CHG	29%	-36%	-1%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 23-Nov-2002

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	28.0	24.4	15	16
BOSTON	3.7	3.7	0	-5
CHICAGO	63.5	59.4	7	9
DETROIT	42.2	30.6	38	59
KANSAS CITY	3.7	3.7	0	-59
LOS ANGELES	93.6	80.2	17	-26
NEW ORLEANS	16.8	14.3	17	85
NEW YORK	35.2	32.4	9	-2
ST. LOUIS	22.8	19.6	16	15
SAN FRANCISCO	27.0	23.8	13	-1
TOTAL	336.5	292.1	15	-1
4 WK MVG AVG	300.6			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 23-Nov-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	245.1	2	8
E.N. CENTRAL	610.9	3	17
W.N. CENTRAL	300.6	-1	5
S. ATLANTIC	206.0	-1	9
S. CENTRAL	98.3	4	11
WEST	209.5	6	0
TOTAL	1670.4	2	10
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT, NOV 26, 2002.

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	130	121	89	58
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	123-127	114-118	82-86	51-55
	125-126	116-117	84-85	53-54
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	128-132	119-123	87-91	57-61
	128	119	87	57
VERMONT MOSTLY	130-133	120-124	89-92	-
	133	124	92	-

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