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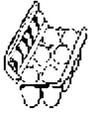
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. Elsewhere, weekly prices were slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on the heavy weights. Trade sentiment was usually steady. Demand was light to at times good. Supplies were balanced to sufficient for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for about adequate to fully adequate offerings. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for the fair demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were up 1 cent for medium and unchanged for extra large and large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to at times good. Loose egg sales were mostly moderate. Supplies were in balance to adequate for the larger sizes and close for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged with nest run mostly values 1 cent higher. Demand was fairly good with offerings about adequate to at least adequate. Schedules mostly full-time to over-time. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-84	77-82
MEDIUM	55-63	58-60

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	59-63
MEDIUM	38-40
SMALL	20-24

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices increased 1 cent on mediums, but were unchanged on larger sizes when compared to last week's prices. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies ranged adequate to close balanced for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate for normal schedules. Light type hens were about adequate for the no better than fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-98	86-89
LARGE	80-95	85-89
MEDIUM	55-70	60-62

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were 1 cent higher for mediums and mostly unchanged for extra large and large. Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times good. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to close.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	89-93
LARGE	83.5-91	86-88
MEDIUM	60.5-67	63-65

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Weekly prices were unchanged to higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand continued in a full range of light to fairly good. Supplies were sufficient to closely balanced. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to ample for the moderate to mostly good demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for normal slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	81.5-89	83-86
LARGE	80-87	81-84
MEDIUM	57.5-65	58-62

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

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

NEW YORK Prices on all sizes were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to instances good. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	94-98
LARGE	92-96
MEDIUM	67-71

CHICAGO Prices on all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was mixed, mostly moderate, best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies were mixed, mostly adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	83-89
LARGE	82-87
MEDIUM	61-68

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 1-2 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 9% lower than last Monday with California down 12% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 3%. Retailer demand moderate to fairly good. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 12% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 71. Ads in Northern California: major-extra large 18 pack 219, large dozen 3 for \$4-5, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 2 for \$3, 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	129
EXTRA LARGE	126
LARGE	114
MEDIUM	91

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

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	269-339		JUMBO	279-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-329		EXTRA LARGE	269-329
LARGE	229-239		LARGE	239-285
MEDIUM	199-219		MEDIUM	199-225

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 19, 2003 will decrease by 14 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 12, 2003 were 244,279 cases which was 1 percent below the prior week and 4 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	204,011	40,268	244,279
% change from the prior week.....	-3	+10	-1

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 15 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged with nest run mostly values 1 cent higher. Demand was fairly good with offerings about adequate to at least adequate. Schedules mostly full-time to over-time. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.
 PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	65-68	68
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	52-58	52
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Offering were at least adequate to fully adequate. Supplies of finished product were clearing and reported as mostly adequate for needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.
 HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
 FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-SEP-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-8.75 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.30
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 Trading levels were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was about steady.
 HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
 FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 15-SEP-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.38
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-SEP 15, 2003
 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
 (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	16.3	6.5	13.9	9.1	54.4
	Change	-0.6	0.1	0.7	2.2	1.2	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.5	44.7	16.4	19.2	26.5	132.3
	Change	3.7	3.6	1.8	-6.9	-4.0	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	39.4	101.1	77.5	85.4	81.5	384.9
	Change	-0.1	13.0	-4.7	-2.5	-9.1	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.8	39.6	13.3	19.5	29.7	116.9
	Change	-1.4	-3.5	-5.3	-7.2	-0.6	-13%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	5.6	2.4	6.3	6.8	26.0
	Change	0.0	-1.4	0.8	-0.7	0.7	-2%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	22.1	6.2	11.7	6.4	52.4
	Change	1.0	-10.8	-0.8	-2.1	-0.7	-20%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.1	52.6	19.2	23.5	26.9	138.3
	Change	-3.4	4.1	1.5	2.6	-5.1	0%
Total	Curr Wk	115.3	282.0	141.5	179.5	186.9	905.2
Percent	Change	-1%	2%	-4%	-7%	-9%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	905.2	-4%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	260.1	-11%	37
Total Shell Egg	1,165.3	-5%	209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 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.

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.

CANADIAN EGGS MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 01, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 01, 2003 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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2003

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
21.50				20.00				41.50							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	67.00	68.00	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	76.00	—	—	—	—	85.00	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	45.00	41.75	2.00	GL W LG	72.00	—	—	—	—	81.00	5.25
GL W XL	—	—	77.00	79.00	75.00	—	10.00	GL W MD	—	—	—	60.00	—	—	2.00
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	71.54	—	4.25								
GL W MD	—	—	47.70	49.30	51.67	52.00	5.50								
GL W SM	37.00	39.00	34.00	35.00	—	—	1.25								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	66.00	71.00	3.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	65.00	66.00	68.00	69.00	7.25								
NRBS - 45	—	—	55.00	56.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 8, 2003-SEP 12, 2003

CURRENT LOADS				FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS							
104.50				69.75				174.25							
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	66.25	—	66.38	67.80	64.67	66.83	9.00	GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	68.75	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	45.00	41.75	2.00	GNR BR 1	74.00	76.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GNR BR 1	171.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	89.30	3.00
GL W J	—	—	86.00	87.33	77.00	—	4.50	GL W XL	74.89	77.32	—	—	—	83.38	18.00
GL W XL	—	75.25	77.63	78.17	73.58	73.43	55.25	GL W LG	71.78	75.62	—	—	—	79.51	30.25
GL W LG	72.00	74.63	73.90	75.67	70.44	73.20	33.50	GL W MD	51.00	54.00	—	60.00	56.00	57.11	10.50
GL W MD	50.29	52.00	47.57	49.38	48.50	50.74	25.00	NRBS - 48	64.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W SM	37.75	39.69	33.50	35.00	—	35.00	5.25	NRBS - 36	—	38.50	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	66.00	71.00	3.00								
NRBS - 4861.50	—	—	65.00	65.20	62.77	65.73	33.25								
NRBS - 45	—	—	55.00	56.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	52.00	54.00	—	55.50	10.75								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	32.00	34.00	2.00								

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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/08/03	09/01/03	09/09/02
PACIFIC COAST	103	105	671
LOS ANGELES	42	42	607

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.

MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	101.63
LARGE	97.63
MEDIUM	75.63
SMALL	54.00

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**RECEIPTS FROM THE MAINLAND**

	August 31-September 06, 2003	August 24-30, 2003
30-dozen case	6,882	9,146

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