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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were 2 cents higher on the larger sizes and 3 cents higher on mediums. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Demand ranged moderate to good, best in locations where hurricane Isabel prevailed. Supplies were adequate to very tight. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for short to adequate offerings. Spent hen supplies were more than sufficient for the mostly fair demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as normal for the upcoming week.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Producer prices were up 2 cents for large and 3 cents for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good. Loose egg sales were mostly moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight for all sizes with mediums still very tight. Central states nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings were tight to inadequate for the good demand. Schedules were adjusted according to available and incoming breaking stock. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	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	62-66
MEDIUM	44-47
SMALL	20-24

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices were trending higher into next week. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good, best in areas where the hurricane was present. Supplies were adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to short for the moderate to good demand. Breaking schedules were normal to reduced for next week. Light type hens were more than sufficient for the mostly fair demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as regular.

	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 EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand remained moderate to good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight for mediums and extra large.

	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 EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. The market tone was fully steady to firm entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to good. Supplies ranged adequate to tight. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to short for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were more than 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 EGGS Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Demand slowed, but was overall moderate to good as traders access markets after hurricane Isabel. Supplies were adequate to close for needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	95-99
LARGE	93-97
MEDIUM	72-76

CHICAGO EGGS Prices for extra large and large increased 2 cents, mediums advanced 3 cents. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was mixed, mostly moderate. Supplies were balanced to adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	86-92
LARGE	85-90
MEDIUM	67-74

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 3-4 cents higher on jumbo, 3-5 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on jumbo, 5 cents higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 71. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- large dozen 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	129
EXTRA LARGE	126
LARGE	114
MEDIUM	91

CORRECTION FOR MON, SEPT 15, MEDIUM 91

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	105-119
EXTRA LARGE	103-116
LARGE	101-104
MEDIUM	78-81

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

	RANGE
JUMBO	269-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-329
LARGE	229-239
MEDIUM	199-219

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with checks and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings were tight to inadequate with demand good. Processors were adjusting schedules according to incoming shipments of available breaking stock. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb, minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen. **RANGE MOSTLY**

NEST RUN	69-71	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	54-60	54
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher when compared to early week's trading. The undertone was firm. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings were adequate to short of needs for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 13-Sep-2003 was 29 percent higher than last week and 7 percent more than a year ago.

prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb. minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen. **RANGE MOSTLY**

NEST RUN	65-69	67-68
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	52-61	53-57
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 13-Sept-03

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,299,926	30,260	12,440	6,354	2,497	4,507
PW	1,131,404	28,250	10,113	5,230	2,435	3,893
LY	1,291,183	30,177	12,318	6,861	3,040	4,702
% CHG PWK	15	7	23	21	3	16
% CHG LY	1	0	1	-7	-18	-4
2003	42,818,581	1,040,377	392,049	213,961	87,678	154,613
2002	44,492,218	1,034,429	429,666	230,987	106,156	158,345
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-7	-17	-2
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE						
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)				41.20	41.97	41.87
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)				37.74	38.53	38.23

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 88 to 90 cents fob, mostly 90 cents with pasteurized whites reported from 54 to 55 cents fob, mostly 55 cents. Trade sentiment was firm for whole egg and whites and steady to instances fully steady for yolk. Demand for whole egg was fairly good to good with white demand extremely good. Yolk demand had slightly improved and was rated as moderate. Offerings were adequate for whole egg, tight to short of needs for whites and adequate to occasionally fully adequate for yolk. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	CHANGE FROM	
				WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	24	62-64	62.73		.18
WHITES	15	47-50.5	49.57		2.60
YOLKS	9	85-88	86.72		-.78

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were higher on whites, unchanged to higher on whole, unchanged on sugar yolk, and unchanged to lower on salt yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was unsettled on yolks, but improved and at least steady on remaining items. Demand was moderate. Offerings were in about adequate to available with yolks in the longest position. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 13 September 2003 were 22% more than the previous week, and 7% higher than a year ago.

CONT.)	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	74-79	74-75	81-85
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		93-105
WHITES	55-59	57-59	62-69
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	99-105	99-102	106-115
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	96-101	96-99	102-108

(/) - whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids.

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices ranged 1 cent higher with whites 1 to 2 cents higher. Sugared yolk values were unchanged to 2 cents higher while salted yolk was unchanged to 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady for salted yolk, generally steady for sugared yolk, and mostly fully steady on the balance of frozen products. Demand was moderate for whole egg and whites; light for salted yolk with sugared yolk improving and rated as fair. Offerings were adequate for current needs. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

wholesale selling prices (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	74-76	75
WHITES	57-60	57-59
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-105	102
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	96-100	99-100

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whites, unchanged on whole and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/13 was 28% more than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks light.

wholesale selling prices, fob shipping point (cents per pound in 30 lb containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	80-83	
WHITES	62-65	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	106-109	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	103-106	

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were higher on albumen, unchanged to higher on whole and blends, however unchanged to lower on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was firm on albumen and whole, and about steady to steady on yolks. Demand was fair to good. Offerings of albumen and whole were limited, but usually adequate on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 13 September 2003 were 3% higher than the previous week, and 18% less than the same week a year ago. The total year to date dried egg produced was 17% less than a year earlier.

wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb, in cont., trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	2.75-3.05	MOSTLY 2.80-2.95
YOLKS	2.19-2.60	MOSTLY 2.20-2.25
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.49-4.95	MOSTLY 4.60-4.70
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.95-2.15	MOSTLY 2.00-2.05

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 12, 2003-SEPT 18, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 89.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 81.75 **TOTAL LOADS** 170.75

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	—	—	67.90	69.00	—	—	5.00	GNR BR 1	73.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	50.00	46.92	3.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	90.50	1.25
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	78.00	1.00	GL W XL	79.21	87.50	—	—	—	88.77	19.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.25	GL W LG	76.09	78.16	—	—	—	84.98	38.50
GL W XL	80.00	76.50	77.75	78.61	78.50	74.50	58.00	GL W MD	52.00	58.50	—	60.00	61.00	63.33	13.50
GL W LG	76.47	75.50	74.33	76.43	75.98	—	38.75								
GL W MD	58.00	—	52.02	53.48	53.89	55.08	21.00								
GL W SM	37.75	40.00	33.43	35.14	40.00	42.38	5.75								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	68.50	71.00	4.00								
NRBS - 48	—	67.33	65.00	66.00	68.00	69.00	38.25								
NRBS - 45	—	—	55.00	56.00	—	—	.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	56.90	7.75								

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.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Demand was mostly fair. Processing schedules were normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal values were too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were reduced. Opinions on removal costs were about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values continued irregular. Offerings were adequate to just adequate as processors worked full-time schedules. Demand was moderate to mostly fairly good. Opinions of value were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.00	5-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants schedules light. Offerings light.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	87.50	87.00	61.00
SOUTHEAST	84.50	82.50	60.00
MIDWEST	81.50	79.50	59.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	91.00	87.00	64.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	86.38	84.15	61.17

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged light to fair. Trading was mostly light. Offerings were generally sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
20-25 MAJORITY 23-24	28-36 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
22-27 MAJORITY 25.5-26	31-38 MAJORITY 35-37

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 13-Sep-03
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,121	1,597	2,718
LAST WEEK	980	1,378	2,358
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,622	1,672	3,294
TO-DATE/2003	55,274	51,629	106,903
TO-DATE/2002	64,668	51,234	115,902

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	61	7	68
LAST WEEK	103	0	103
SAME WEEK YR AGO	410	423	833
TO-DATE/2003	8,631	129	8,760
TO-DATE/2002	11,553	250	11,803

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	1,182	1,604	2,786
LAST WEEK	1,083	1,378	2,461
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,032	1,685	3,717
TO-DATE/2003	63,905	51,758	115,663
TO-DATE/2002	76,221	51,484	127,705

SOURCE: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch
Washington, DC

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

	Week Ending September 06, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	257	560	11,435	13,475
Frozen	0	0	96	21
Dried	23	0	393	543
Total	280	560	11,924	14,039

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

	Week Ending September 06, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	105	66	4,124	4,634
Frozen	76	88	2,243	2,511
Dried	40	127	944	3,671
Total	221	281	7,311	10,816

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

	Week Ending September 06, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Jumbo	0	0	290	1,224
Extra Large	360	1,730	19,137	24,560
Large	2,350	2,478	75,575	97,721
Medium	240	510	44,213	35,935
Ungraded	7,140	8,210	92,516	204,835
Misc	780	0	13,062	12,912
Total	10,870	12,928	244,793	377,187

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.

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

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	09/15/03	3,832	218,715	48,186
AM	09/01/03	3,798	221,358	58,470
CHG		34	-2643	-10284
PCT CHG		1%	-1%	-18%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 13-Sep-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.3	21.7	17	17
BOSTON	3.8	3.4	12	15
CHICAGO	61.9	71.3	-13	23
DETROIT	27.9	29.8	-6	26
KANSAS CITY	5.6	4.9	14	40
LOS ANGELES	96.8	80.4	20	11
NEW ORLEANS	7.3	7.0	4	-20
NEW YORK	29.9	30.2	-1	-7
ST. LOUIS	16.7	18.4	-9	10
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	22.5	-1	8
TOTAL	297.4	289.6	3	12
4 WK MVG AVG	287.3			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 13-Sep-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.0	-3	0
E.N. CENTRAL	576.6	6	7
W.N. CENTRAL	291.2	-1	3
S. ATLANTIC	180.0	1	6
S. CENTRAL	108.3	2	27
WEST	188.1	3	-5
TOTAL	1561.2	2	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

16-Sep-2003

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	138	134	90	56
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	131-135	127-131	83-87	49-53
MOSTLY	133-134	129-130	85-86	51-52
RHODE ISLAND	137-141	133-137	89-93	55-59
MOSTLY	137	133	89	55
VERMONT	140-141	135-137	90-93	-
MOSTLY	141	137	93	-

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