



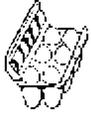
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in Chicago and New York. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Demand remained in a full range of light to good. Supplies were adequate to close for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were short to sufficient for the moderate to very good demand. Light type fowl were more than adequate for normal processing schedules.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest prices were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to good and showed improvement over last week. Loose egg sales were light to about moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances close. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fairly tight for the very good demand. Most breakers still meeting needs with regular commitments with little outside trading reported. Floor stocks usually adequate to at times close. Trade sentiment fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-92	86-89
LARGE	82-90	83-88
MEDIUM	68-76	71-73

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	64-68
MEDIUM	51-54
SMALL	25-29

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to at times close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were short to about adequate for the good demand. Spent hen offerings were more than sufficient for normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-101	89-93
LARGE	83-98	88-92
MEDIUM	67-82	72-75

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to at times good for feature activity. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to instances close.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-100	93-95
LARGE	87.5-95	92-95
MEDIUM	71.5-78	74-76

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand into retail and distributive channels was moderate to good. Supplies ranged sufficient to close for current needs. Breaking stock demand was good for short to about adequate offerings. Breaking schedules were usually normal. Light type hens were more than sufficient for regular slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85.5-93	87-90
LARGE	81.5-91	85-88
MEDIUM	59.5-77	70-74

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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to instances close for immediate trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	97-101
LARGE	95-99
MEDIUM	79-83

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to tight on the lighter weights.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	88-94
LARGE	87-92
MEDIUM	74-81

WESTERN Prices 2-3 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 3-4 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 21% higher than last Monday with California up 19% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 26%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 19% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 81. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 2 for \$4, 18 pack buy 1 get 1 free, organic large 2.99.

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	135
EXTRA LARGE	133
LARGE	121
MEDIUM	101

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	235-285
MEDIUM	199-219	MEDIUM	189-225

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 03, 2003 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 26, 2003 were 227,018 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 19 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	187,436	39,582	227,018
% change from the prior week.....	+11	+1	+9

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 were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fairly tight for the very good demand. Most breakers still meeting needs with regular commitments and existing inventories and not interested in outside loads. A limited number of breakers that do need outside product were paying within the quoted range. Floor stocks usually adequate to at times close. Trade sentiment fully 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	75-77	75
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	62-66	

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 unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair for offering that were generally fully adequate for trade requirements. Supplies of canners were clearing easily and usually reported as sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 29-SEP-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-8.75	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 light for at least 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, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 29-SEP-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11.25	8-8.75	8.59

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM SEPT 29, 2003

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	16.9	8.3	14.3	10.4	59.4
	Change	0.2	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.6	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.1	60.0	15.2	28.6	39.4	173.3
	Change	1.5	8.5	0.6	4.3	9.0	16%
Large	Curr Wk	49.2	114.3	86.0	103.5	124.8	477.8
	Change	10.4	10.7	15.4	18.7	22.3	19%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.1	39.5	10.9	20.8	35.1	122.4
	Change	-0.8	-1.0	-1.2	-0.3	2.5	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	6.3	2.1	5.1	7.2	25.0
	Change	-1.0	-0.7	-0.6	0.7	1.2	-2%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	20.8	7.4	10.1	6.2	49.0
	Change	-0.9	-2.1	-1.8	-1.5	0.3	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.2	38.5	22.7	24.7	35.7	144.8
	Change	-0.2	-7.8	3.0	1.3	9.7	4%
Total	Curr Wk	136.9	296.3	152.6	207.1	258.8	1051.7
Percent	Change	7%	3%	11%	13%	21%	11%

Total	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,051.7	11%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	225.9	-6%	37
Total Shell Egg	1,277.6	8%	209

****CORRECTION FOR 09/22/03****

Shell Egg	948.6	5%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	239.8	** -8% **	37
Total Shell Egg	1,188.4	** 2% **	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 month 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 15, 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 15, 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 AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2003

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS				
10.00								8.50				18.50				
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	85.00	—	1.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	96.50	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	81.00	84.00	81.00	—	4.25	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	90.50	.75
GL W LG	—	—	—	82.00	77.27	—	2.75	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	87.21	1.75
GL W MD	—	—	63.00	64.80	66.00	68.00	3.50									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	7.00									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/22/03-09/26/03

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
77.00								73.50				150.00			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		MW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	71.00	—	70.25	71.71	71.00	73.50	9.00	GNR BR 1	76.00	78.00	—	—	—	—	.75
GNR W 3	—	—	—	67.00	64.00	66.25	2.00	GL W J	84.67	—	—	—	—	94.50	4.50
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	55.00	59.50	2.00	GL W XL	83.05	85.50	—	—	—	90.22	19.50
GNR BR 3	—	—	42.00	—	—	47.00	1.00	GL W LG	80.00	82.00	84.00	—	—	86.87	25.25
GL W J	—	—	87.00	89.00	85.00	—	4.00	GL W MD	60.00	64.00	60.00	—	61.00	69.60	11.25
GL W XL	—	80.45	79.67	81.23	80.79	—	47.25								
GL W LG	—	77.63	76.50	80.79	78.56	77.00	32.75								
GL W MD	—	65.00	61.53	63.40	63.88	66.33	21.75								
GL W SM	37.25	39.25	41.50	43.10	46.00	48.00	3.25								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	90.00	97.50	.50								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	76.00	78.00	3.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	72.00	—	75.68	53.25								
NRBS - 39	—	—	58.00	57.50	—	60.83	4.50								

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	09/22/03	09/15/03	09/23/02
PACIFIC COAST	136	136	481
LOS ANGELES	76	76	448

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	09/14/03-09/20/03
30-dozen case	
Receipts from the mainland:	09/07/03-09/13/03
30-dozen case	

NOT AVAILABLE

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on all sizes. The supply is adequate to meet the moderate demand.

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	106.63
LARGE	101.63
MEDIUM	87.63
SMALL	59.00

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