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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand improved and ranged light to very good, best where features were planned. Supplies were tight to adequate with the lighter weights in the shortest position. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to instances tight for the moderate to very good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate for the mostly fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were normal to less than 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** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg sales moderate to very good and noted as much improved from the previous week with planned feature activity providing the best interest. Loose egg sales were slow to about moderate. Supplies were well balanced to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was rated as good to instances very good. Offerings were about adequate to instances tight with producers holding with confidence. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment 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	53-56
SMALL	27-31

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. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Demand into all outlets was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies from regular suppliers were usually sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Light type hen offerings were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal to less than normal.

	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 EGG** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand improved and was moderate to good. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were well balanced to close with mediums in the tightest position.

	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 EGG** Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand ranged light to fairly good, best where features were planned. Supplies were balanced to adequate with mediums in the shortest position. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as normal to less than normal for the upcoming week.

	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 EGGS** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was moderate to instances good, best where feature activity was in progress for planned for next week. Supplies were usually sufficient for current requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	97-101
LARGE	95-99
MEDIUM	80-84

**CHICAGO EGGS** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were mixed, larger sizes adequate and lighter weights were balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	88-94
LARGE	87-92
MEDIUM	76-83

**WESTERN REGION EGG** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on jumbo, extra large, and large with asking prices for next week unchanged; firm on medium with asking prices 5 cents higher. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on the large sizes with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large. Medium and small were firm with asking prices 5 cents higher. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 81. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 99; smaller outlets- extra large 20 pack 2 for \$3, medium 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	135
EXTRA LARGE	133
LARGE	121
MEDIUM	101

### 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	112-125
EXTRA LARGE	110-123
LARGE	108-111
MEDIUM	88-91

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	269-329
LARGE	229-249
MEDIUM	199-229

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Demand was rated as good to instances very good. Offerings were about adequate to instances tight with producers holding with confidence. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID, 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		

**EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK** Mostly prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to early week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady with traders watching further market developments. Offerings from regular suppliers were usually sufficient for current breaking schedules. Limited outside trading was noted. Demand was mostly moderate. Cases broken in the Eastern region under federal inspection for the week ending 27-Sep-03 increased 5% compared to last week and was 2% higher 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	70-75	72-73
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	57-63	58-62
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 27-Sep-03**

\*To-Date 2003 revised as noted\*

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,243,457	31,072	10,889	5,984	2,573	4,291
PW	1,256,835	31,190	11,301	5,818	2,533	4,405
LY	1,255,868	29,521	11,728	6,211	2,985	4,490
% CHG PW	-1	0	-4	3	2	-3
% CHG LY	-1	5	-7	-4	-14	-4
2003	45,331,781	* 1,103,069	* 414,239	225,763	92,784	163,370
2002	46,999,008	1,092,530	453,551	243,656	112,235	167,139
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-7	-17	-2
			CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			42.01	41.94	41.37	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.56	38.44	37.79	

**NATIONAL LIQUID** Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 88 to 91 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported from 59 to 64 cents fob. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg, firm for whites, and steady to weak, mostly barely steady for yolk. Offerings were tight for whole egg and whites and adequate to mostly fully adequate for yolk. Demand was good to very good for whole egg, brisk for whites, and light to moderate for yolk. Processing time did not allow many breakers opportunities to produce enough whole egg or whites to meet the current demand. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged 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 LAST WEEK
WHOLE	21	64-66	65.81	.31
WHITES	21	53-57.5	53.93	2.08
YOLKS	9	85-89.5	86.44	-.50

**EASTERN REGION FROZEN** Mostly prices were higher on whites, unchanged to higher on whole, and unchanged on yolks when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady on whites, steady on whole and cautious to steady on yolks. Demand was moderate. Offerings were well cleared to adequate for trade needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 27 September 2003 were 4% more than the previous week, and 5% higher than a year ago.

	TRUCKLOTS		LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	(MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE
WHOLE	72-81	76-77	83-87
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		93-105
WHITES	60-66	64-66	69-74
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	101-105	102-105	106-115
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	96-100	98-100	102-110

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

**CENTRAL REGION FROZEN** Frozen whole egg, sugared and salted yolk prices ranged unchanged to lower with whites ranging irregular when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was steady for whole egg and whites and steady to cautiously steady for sugared and salted yolk. Demand continued moderate to good for whole egg and whites and seasonally moderate to somewhat slower than expected for salted and sugared yolk. Offerings were adequate for all frozen products. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

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

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	76-77	
WHITES	64-66	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	100-105	102-104
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	96-100	98-100

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN** Prices 1 cent higher on whole, 2 cents higher on whites, and unchanged on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/27 was 10% less than the previous week. Frozen demand moderate with freezer stocks in good balance.

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

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)	
	RANGE	
WHOLE	82-85	
WHITES	69-72	
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	106-109	
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	103-106	

**NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT** Majority prices were higher on albumen and blends, unchanged to higher on whole, but lower on yolks when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was firm on albumen, steady to full steady on whole, and about steady to steady on yolks. Demand was light to occasionally good with most buyers purchasing on a as needed basis. Offerings of albumen was short, whole was tight but generally sufficient on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 27 September 2003 were 2% higher than the previous week, but 14% 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	2.89-3.20	MOSTLY 2.95-3.10
YOLKS	2.20-2.40	MOSTLY 2.25-2.26
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.65-5.35	MOSTLY 4.98-5.10
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.95-2.15	MOSTLY 2.05-2.10

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 19, 2003-SEPT 25, 2003

**CURRENT LOADS** 68.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 69.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 137.25

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	—	—	71.93	73.00	—	—	14.00	GNR BR 1	78.00	81.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	58.00	60.25	4.00	GL W J	85.88	88.00	—	—	—	94.86	3.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	GL W XL	82.24	87.00	—	—	—	88.30	10.25
GL W J	—	—	85.00	86.00	85.00	—	2.75	GL W LG	78.00	85.43	—	—	—	86.19	14.75
GL W XL	—	81.19	80.67	83.30	79.11	—	38.75	GL W MD	—	70.33	—	—	—	74.33	5.25
GL W LG	—	81.50	75.89	78.84	76.93	—	23.25								
GL W MD	65.00	—	63.76	65.66	66.50	68.75	16.75								
GL W SM	—	—	43.00	44.50	43.00	45.50	2.00								
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	78.00	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	73.00	75.75	76.66	44.50								
NRBS - 39	64.00	—	—	—	—	64.40	9.00								

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. 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 when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent fowl were at least adequate for current trade needs. Demand was mostly fair to moderate. Processing schedules were normal to less than normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

**SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Costs to salvage spent leghorn fowl were generally steady. Demand was light for adequate supplies available for slaughter. Schedules were reduced. Values were expected to remain unchanged. **RANGE MAJORITY**  
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

**NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN** Values ranged higher when compared to last week as more producers were forced to move spent hens into operations other than traditional slaughter processors. Offerings were adequate to at least adequate. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Opinions of value were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4-12	4.5-10

**WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN** Plants schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

### 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	91.00	90.00	73.50
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	72.00
MIDWEST	87.50	85.50	72.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.00	93.50	75.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	90.46	89.13	73.23

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Majority prices were generally unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair at best Trading was mostly light. Offerings were adequate 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 23-23.75	29-36 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	31.5-38 MAJORITY 35-37

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION** W/E 27-Sep-03  
(PRELIMINARY)

### U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,280	1,611	2,891
LAST WEEK	1,153	1,418	2,571
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,832	1,556	3,388
TO-DATE/2003	57,707	54,658	112,365
TO-DATE/2002	68,351	54,462	122,813

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
THOUSANDS			
HEAD	302	0	302
LAST WEEK	288	8	296
SAME WEEK YR AGO	314	0	314
TO-DATE/2003	9,221	137	9,358
TO-DATE/2002	12,134	250	12,384

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

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

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,582	1,611	3,193
LAST WEEK	1,441	1,426	2,867
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,146	1,556	3,702
TO-DATE/2003	66,928	54,795	121,723
TO-DATE/2002	80,485	54,712	135,197

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 20, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	359	553	12,254	14,484
Frozen	0	0	96	21
Dried	0	40	396	674
Total	359	593	12,746	15,179

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

	Week Ending September 20, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	76	173	4,451	4,932
Frozen	188	197	2,654	2,716
Dried	0	98	944	3,929
Total	264	468	8,049	11,577

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

	Week Ending September 20, 2003		Year-To-Date	
	2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	32	17	322	1,274
Extra Large	1,140	1,870	21,357	27,810
Large	4,540	4,063	81,755	105,209
Medium	1,560	1,200	48,203	38,365
Ungraded	13,740	15,298	113,460	239,363
Misc	800	1,105	13,862	14,017
Total	21,812	23,553	278,959	426,038

1/ 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 9/29/2003	4,762	205,614	50,058
AM 9/1/2003	3,798	221,358	58,470
CHG	964	-15744	-8412
PCT CHG	25%	-7%	-14%

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 27-Sep-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.2	22.8	2	22
BOSTON	3.6	3.5	3	0
CHICAGO	64.2	57.0	13	36
DETROIT	26.5	33.0	-20	4
KANSAS CITY	3.9	3.5	11	-5
LOS ANGELES	84.9	85.9	-1	0
NEW ORLEANS	8.0	8.1	-1	36
NEW YORK	30.1	29.5	2	1
ST. LOUIS	16.8	17.5	-4	4
SAN FRANCISCO	21.6	21.7	0	1
TOTAL	282.8	282.5	0	10
4 WK MVG AVG	290.6			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 27-Sep-03

**(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)**

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.8	-1	0
E.N. CENTRAL	527.4	-4	5
W.N. CENTRAL	271.8	-3	4
S. ATLANTIC	164.5	-8	-1
S. CENTRAL	103.3	-2	20
WEST	184.6	2	-2
TOTAL	1469.4	-3	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

**NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT**

30-Sep-2003

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	140	137	92	60
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	133-137	129-133	85-89	54-58
MOSTLY	135-136	131-132	87-88	56-57
RHODE ISLAND	138-143	134-140	89-96	55-66
MOSTLY	138	134	89	55
VERMONT	140-143	137-140	92-95	-
MOSTLY	143	140	95	-

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