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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. In other areas, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes. The market tone was steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was light to good, slightly better where features were available. Supplies ranged adequate to balanced, but mediums were reported as tight in some areas. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient to tight and demand was moderate to good. Light type fowl were at least adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices were 2 cents higher for mediums with the balance unchanged. Prices to producers in Ia-Mn-Wi were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was moderate to good with institutional sales mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to balanced with mediums in the tightest position in some locations. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was generally good with offerings tight to just adequate. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-92	86-89
LARGE	82-90	83-88
MEDIUM	70-78	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 Prices were slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were usually sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for normal to less than normal processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-101	89-93
LARGE	83-98	88-92
MEDIUM	68-83	72-77

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices for extra large and large unchanged, mediums increased 1 cent. Trade sentiment generally steady. Retail demand moderate to instances fairly good, especially where local features are a factor. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate on the larger sizes, mediums in close balance.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	91-100	93-95
LARGE	87.5-95	92-95
MEDIUM	72.5-79	75-77

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Mostly prices were slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to last week's values. The market tone was steady beginning the week. Demand ranged light to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were in balance for current needs. Breaking stock demand was usually moderate for generally adequate offerings. Light type hens were at least sufficient for normal to reduced slaughter schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85.5-93	87-90
LARGE	83.25-91	85-88
MEDIUM	66.25-78	71-75

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 on all sizes entering the week. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to occasionally good, best where promotional activity was in progress. Supplies were sufficient for current requirements.

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

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all outlets moderate to instances good where features are present. Offerings were balanced.

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



WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 3% lower than last Monday with California up 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 18%. Retailer demand moderate to improved. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate, improved where features planned. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 86. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 2 for \$3-4, 18 pack 199, 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	135
EXTRA LARGE	133
LARGE	121
MEDIUM	106

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

	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE	NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RANGE
JUMBO	269-339	JUMBO 279-339
EXTRA LARGE	259-329	EXTRA LARGE 269-329
LARGE	229-249	LARGE 235-285
MEDIUM	199-229	MEDIUM 199-229

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending October 10, 2003 will increase by 6 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 03, 2003 were 174,435 cases which was 17 percent below the prior week and 19 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	138,861	35,574	174,435
% change from the prior week.....	-19	-10	-17

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. Demand was generally good with offerings tight to just adequate. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Trade sentiment 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	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 LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Supplies of canners were clearing satisfactorily and generally reported as sufficient for trade needs. Processing schedules were reduced in some instances. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-OCT-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.25 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.35
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 Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair but overall had improved from the past week. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 06-OCT-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.83
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCT 06, 2003
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Ne	So	So	5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.0	15.5	10.1	11.5	58.7
	Change	0.5	-1.4	1.8	-2.7	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.4	46.1	20.9	26.0	163.3
	Change	-4.7	-13.8	5.7	-2.5	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	47.1	117.2	88.4	86.8	459.5
	Change	-2.1	2.9	2.5	-16.7	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.8	38.9	12.3	19.4	118.1
	Change	-2.3	-0.5	1.4	-1.4	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	7.4	3.7	4.4	24.1
	Change	0.1	1.1	1.6	-0.7	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	21.4	7.0	9.5	47.8
	Change	0.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.6	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	26.4	31.6	23.0	23.5	136.0
	Change	3.2	-6.8	0.3	-1.2	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	131.8	278.1	165.4	181.1	1007.5
Percent	Change	-4%	-6%	8%	-13%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1007.5	-4%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	239.8	6%	37
Total Shell Egg	1247.3	-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 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 22, 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 22, 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 OCTOBER 03, 2003

CURRENT LOADS		18.50		FUTURE LOADS		6.00		TOTAL LOADS		24.50		LOADS			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	LOADS
GNR W 1	--	--	71.00	72.00	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	88.93	3.50
GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	86.08	4.75
GL W XL	78.50	80.00	80.00	82.25	79.00	--	9.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	75.00	--	75.00	3.00
GL W LG	--	--	73.00	75.00	77.00	--	7.25								
GL W MD	--	--	64.22	65.78	66.33	--	5.25								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 29 - OCT 3, 2003

CURRENT LOADS		65.25		FUTURE LOADS		54.00		TOTAL LOADS		119.25		LOADS			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	LOADS
GNR W 1	--	--	71.81	73.11	--	--	16.00	GNR BR 1	78.00	81.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	58.00	61.83	4.00	GL W J	85.88	88.00	--	--	--	93.93	2.75
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	82.24	87.00	--	--	--	88.19	14.25
GL W J	--	--	85.00	86.00	--	--	2.75	GL W LG	78.00	85.00	--	--	--	85.94	17.75
GL W XL	78.50	81.00	80.33	82.79	78.60	81.00	42.00	GL W MD	--	70.33	--	75.00	--	75.33	8.25
GL W LG	--	81.50	75.52	77.83	76.83	80.00	27.50								
GL W MD	65.00	--	64.25	66.00	66.50	69.50	18.50								
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	76.44	43.50								
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.

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	09/29/03	09/22/03	09/30/02
PACIFIC COAST	135	136	456
LOS ANGELES	76	76	393

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	106.63
LARGE	101.63
MEDIUM	88.63
SMALL	60.00

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 10/03/2003

Report Period: 8/31/2003 - 9/06/2003

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total
	Shipped to Northern California	Shipped to Central California	shipped to Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	3,847	3,847
Arkansas	0	0	852	852
Colorado	0	0	6,616	6,616
Iowa	5,750	3,768	46,905	56,423
Maine	0	0	1,550	1,550
Minnesota	1,860	0	12,523	14,383
Missouri	780	0	2,480	3,260
Montana	0	0	481	481
North Carolina	0	0	3,520	3,520
Ohio	0	0	1,700	1,700
Oregon	3,017	12	0	3,029
Texas	0	0	4,310	4,310
Utah	484	1,440	12,894	14,818
Wisconsin	0	0	735	735
TOTAL	11,891	5,220	98,413	115,524
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	11,891	5,220	98,413	115,524

Report Date: 10/01/2003

Report Period: 8/24/2003 - 8/30/2003

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total
	Shipped to Northern California	Shipped to Central California	shipped to Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	5,661	5,661
Colorado	0	1,540	2,634	4,174
Iowa	6,420	4,730	29,001	40,151
Maine	0	0	800	800
Minnesota	3,520	780	8,280	12,580
Missouri	0	0	1,532	1,532
Nevada	0	0	1,154	1,154
New Hampshire	0	0	680	680
North Carolina	540	0	1,574	2,114
Oregon	2,022	5	0	2,027
Texas	0	0	4,130	4,130
Utah	1,005	2,910	7,152	11,067
Wisconsin	0	0	63	63
TOTAL	13,507	9,965	62,661	86,133
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	13,507	9,965	62,661	86,133

Source: California Department of Food and Agriculture, Egg Quality Control

OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 10/01/2003

Report Period: 8/17/2003 - 8/23/2003

State	# Cases	# Cases	# Cases	Total State
	Shipped to Northern California	Shipped to Central California	shipped to Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	5,240	5,240
Arkansas	0	0	1,660	1,660
Colorado	0	1,470	3,515	4,985
Iowa	4,564	4,650	36,410	45,624
Maine	0	0	3,290	3,290
Michigan	0	0	780	780
Minnesota	2,350	4,970	6,981	14,301
Missouri	0	0	2,610	2,610
Montana	0	0	940	940
New Hampshire	0	0	750	750
North Carolina	0	0	48	48
Ohio	0	830	5,948	6,778
Oregon	2,473	583	0	3,056
Texas	1,900	0	4,962	6,862
Utah	960	2,040	9,407	12,407
Washington	0	0	588	588
Wisconsin	0	0	780	780
TOTAL	12,247	14,543	83,909	110,699
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	12,247	14,543	83,909	110,699

Report Date: 10/01/2003

Report Period: 8/24/2003 - 8/30/2003

EGG PRODUCTS

Shell Eggs Broken Down 6 Percent

Shell eggs broken totaled 156 million dozen during August 2003, down 6 percent from August a year ago.

August 2003 contained 21 weekdays, and five Saturdays, compared to 22 weekdays and five Saturdays in August 2002.

During calendar year 2003, shell eggs broken totaled 1.20 billion dozen, down 4 percent from the 1.25 billion dozen broken in 2002. Total edible liquid from eggs broken in 2003 was 1.53 billion pounds, down 3 percent from 2002.