



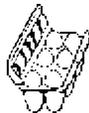
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in Chicago and New York were unchanged. In all other locations, weekly prices were sharply higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Demand was in a full range of light to very good. Supplies were tight to sufficient for present requirements. Breaking stock offerings were tight to about adequate for the quiet to moderate demand. Breaking schedules were reduced due to the upcoming holiday. Light type hens were sufficient for the moderate demand.

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 sharply higher. IA-MN-WI producer prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was rather quiet as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches and most schedules are reduced. Offerings continued tight to barely adequate. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	118-127	121-124
LARGE	117-125	118-123
MEDIUM	95-103	98-100

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	100-104
MEDIUM	78-82
SMALL	43-47

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the holiday week. Demand ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate for reduced holiday schedules. Light type hens were adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-137	125-130
LARGE	119-134	124-128
MEDIUM	96-111	101-103

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were sharply higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was remained good to very good for holiday needs. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight for the larger sizes and adequate for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was rather quiet as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches and most schedules are reduced. Offerings continued tight to barely adequate. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123.5-132	125-128
LARGE	122.5-131	124-127
MEDIUM	99.5-108	101-104

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was steady to fully steady beginning the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were tight to sufficient for present trade needs. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate to tight offerings. Light type hens were sufficient for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109.25-130	124-127
LARGE	108.25-128	122-125
MEDIUM	88.25-105	98-102

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 entering week. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand ranged light to occasionally good. Supplies were usually sufficient for current trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	133-137
LARGE	131-135
MEDIUM	108-1123

**CHICAGO** Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies closely balanced.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	123-129
LARGE	122-127
MEDIUM	101-108

**WESTERN** Prices throughout the region 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents higher on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 19% lower than last Monday with California down 22% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 15%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings increased.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 9 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 5 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 22% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings increased. Small benchmark price 114. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99, buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 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	162
EXTRA LARGE	161
LARGE	156
MEDIUM	134

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	299-359	JUMBO	289-359
EXTRA LARGE	289-349	EXTRA LARGE	279-359
LARGE	229-329	LARGE	259-329
MEDIUM	129-289	MEDIUM	219-289

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 28, 2003 will increase by 4 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 21, 2003 were 281,948 cases which was 40 percent above the prior week and 20 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	234,829	47,119	281,948
% change from the prior week.....	+44	+20	+40

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices unchanged. Demand was rather quiet as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches and most schedules are reduced. Offerings continued tight to barely adequate. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment 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	86-90	88
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	75-80	75

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 to moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for reduced holiday schedules. Supplies of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-NOV-03.

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
	6-9	8-9	8.45

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 slightly higher compared to the pasr week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*  
 FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-NOV-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5	8-9	9.05

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM NOV 24, 2003**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
 (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.0	14.1	9.3	12.1	11.5	56.0
	Change	0.3	-1.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.4	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.2	45.5	14.5	19.0	34.0	135.2
	Change	-4.4	0.7	1.1	-4.0	-8.2	-10%
Large	Curr Wk	43.5	96.9	75.6	81.5	87.3	384.8
	Change	-10.5	-9.5	-18.6	-48.2	-34.8	-24%
Medium	Curr Wk	28.8	40.2	13.2	22.2	31.3	135.7
	Change	14.1	-13.5	-0.9	-4.1	-4.3	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	5.7	5.9	2.2	4.4	2.8	21.0
	Change	1.1	-1.1	-0.1	-1.0	0.1	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	18.9	9.8	12.6	6.9	52.9
	Change	1.4	-5.9	1.0	-0.9	1.0	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.7	29.7	19.7	23.3	27.4	114.8
	Change	-1.7	2.7	2.2	-10.4	-2.1	-8%
Total	Curr Wk	128.6	251.2	144.2	175.1	201.2	900.4
Percent	Change	0%	-10%	-10%	-28%	-19%	-15%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	900.3	-15%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	174.0	-18%	36

Total Shell Egg	1,074.3	-15%	207
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 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 NOVEMBER 10, 2003

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	197.2	194.1	185.1	114.6

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 10, 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 NOVEMBER 21, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 8.75								FUTURE LOADS 17.25				TOTAL LOADS 26.00			
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	106.00	—	109.00	109.00	—	—	4.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	121.00	1.50
GNR W 4	—	—	—	73.00	70.00	—	1.00	GL W LG	112.00	—	—	—	—	118.00	2.75
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	114.50	110.00	—	.75								
GL W XL	—	—	118.00	120.00	110.00	—	3.50								
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	108.00	—	5.00								
GL W MD	—	—	92.00	94.00	—	—	1.75								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00								

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/17/03-11/21/03

CURRENT LOADS 58.50								FUTURE LOADS 57.25				TOTAL LOADS 115.75			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	106.75	115.00	108.50	109.75	108.50	112.00	GNR W 1	—	110.25	—	—	—	—	7.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	92.50	89.00	103.00	GNR BR 1	105.00	—	—	—	—	—	.50	
GNR W 4	—	79.00	—	73.00	72.50	—	2.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	120.00	3.00	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	111.70	110.00	106.00	2.25	GL W XL	113.00	116.25	—	—	—	121.75	8.50
GL W J	—	—	118.00	119.17	115.50	—	5.00	GL W LG	115.80	115.80	—	—	—	120.71	12.75
GL W XL	—	118.00	115.63	119.69	114.42	—	26.25	GL W MD	85.00	—	—	—	99.00	96.75	4.00
GL W LG	—	118.30	113.00	118.66	111.72	118.25	28.75								
GL W MD	90.00	91.82	87.54	91.76	89.50	92.00	15.25								
GL W SM	—	—	59.67	61.00	60.00	62.00	2.50								
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	104.00	1.50								
NRBS - 48	86.00	—	—	—	92.00	91.82	26.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	84.00	4.00								
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	80.67	6.00								

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	11/17/03	11/11/03	11/18/02
PACIFIC COAST	96	97	565
LOS ANGELES	51	51	526

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small and higher on the balance. The supply is tight to closely balanced to meet the moderate to good demand.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	139.63
LARGE	138.63
MEDIUM	115.63
SMALL	82.00

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 11/09/03-11/15/03  
30-dozen case **UNAVAILABLE**

Receipts from the mainland: 11/02/03-11/08/03  
30-dozen case **UNAVAILABLE**

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 11/19/2003

Report Period: 11/09/2003 - 11/15/2003

State	Number Cases	Number Cases	Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped to Northern California	Shipped to Central California	shipped to Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	2,703	2,703
Colorado	0	0	3,938	3,938
Iowa	6,140	3,120	48,591	57,851
Maine	0	0	1,734	1,734
Michigan	0	0	936	936
Minnesota	2,000	0	7,788	9,788
Missouri	0	0	1,759	1,759
Montana	0	0	972	972
Nevada	0	0	810	810
North Carolina	0	0	3,480	3,480
Ohio	0	0	1,636	1,636
Oregon	1,591	360	0	1,951
South Dakota	720	0	0	720
Texas	0	0	1,900	1,900
Utah	903	2,184	12,211	15,298
Washington	0	0	708	708
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,354</b>	<b>5,664</b>	<b>89,166</b>	<b>106,184</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITARY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY</b>	<b>11,354</b>	<b>5,664</b>	<b>89,166</b>	<b>106,184</b>