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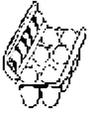
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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In Chicago, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was unsettled and ranged steady to weak. Demand was light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to at times ample for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to instances ample for the light demand. Light type fowl were adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged with all other values sharply lower. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales were reported as light to moderate with food service movement rated as moderate to instances good. Floor stocks were in a full range of adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances ample with demand mostly light. Most breakers resisted spot offerings of heavy nest runs and available graded loose shell eggs at current levels. Schedules remained mixed. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	101-110	104-107
LARGE	100-108	101-106
MEDIUM	83-91	86-88

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS

	RANGE
LARGE	83-87
MEDIUM	66-70
SMALL	42-46

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were sharply lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. The market tone ranged barely steady to weak and trade sentiment was noted as unsettled. Demand into all channels was light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully adequate to at times short for the light demand. Spent hen offerings were adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107-121	110-114
LARGE	103-117	108-112
MEDIUM	84-97	89-91

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 were 14 cents lower, mediums down 11 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to about steady. Retail demand was fair to good and noted as improved. Food service movement was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with mediums irregular.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109.5-118	111-114
LARGE	108.5-117	110-113
MEDIUM	88.5-97	90-93

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on all sizes when compared to previous week's pricing. Trade sentiment was unsettled to weak. Demand at retail outlets was light to moderate. Supplies ranged sufficient to available for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient to at times short for the light and unaggressive demand. Spent hen offerings were sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109.5-128	111-114
LARGE	108-126	109-112
MEDIUM	87.5-103	88-92

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 AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK Prices were 2 cents lower on all sizes entering the week. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient for current requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	115-119
LARGE	113-117
MEDIUM	94-98

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate. Offerings fully adequate.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	106-112
LARGE	105-110
MEDIUM	89-96

WESTERN Prices throughout the region 17 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 12 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 9% higher than last Monday with California up 9% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 10%. Retailer demand improved. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices 17 cents lower on jumbo, extra large, and large, 12 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 9% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand improved. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 102. Ads in Northern California: major- extra large 18 pack 219, large 18 pack 2 for \$3, 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	145
EXTRA LARGE	144
LARGE	139
MEDIUM	122

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	309-389
EXTRA LARGE	289-349	EXTRA LARGE	299-369
LARGE	239-329	LARGE	269-349
MEDIUM	199-299	MEDIUM	219-299

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 12, 2003 will increase by 7 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 05, 2003 were 246,467 cases which was 19 percent below the prior week and 4 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	207,791	38,676	246,467

% change from the -21 -9 -19
 Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate to instances ample with demand mostly light. Most breakers resisted spot offerings of heavy nest runs and available graded loose shell eggs at current levels. Schedules remained mixed. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

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	73.5-78	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	60-71	64
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 when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
 FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-DEC-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.58
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 from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were seasonal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
 FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-DEC-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9.5	9.04

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-DEC 08, 2003

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

		Northeast		So Cent		5-Area	
		Cent	Atl	Cent	Atl	Cent	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.0	15.0	10.5	15.5	13.4	64.4
	Change	-0.5	0.6	2.0	1.1	0.2	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.0	83.4	15.7	23.9	34.0	180.0
	Change	-1.1	22.7	-0.8	-3.0	-4.7	8%
Large	Curr Wk	42.9	158.9	109.0	106.0	118.9	535.7
	Change	-4.6	27.8	16.9	0.1	23.4	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.8	54.2	14.5	21.6	39.9	147.0
	Change	-0.9	3.4	1.9	-0.6	3.9	6%
Small	Curr Wk	3.1	5.4	4.3	5.3	5.4	23.5
	Change	-1.9	-1.6	1.5	-0.5	1.6	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	22.1	10.0	16.5	6.6	59.6
	Change	-1.8	-3.1	-2.1	1.7	-0.8	-9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.8	38.1	24.5	43.3	28.9	155.6
	Change	-3.9	-8.9	0.2	4.0	-2.2	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	121.0	377.1	188.5	232.1	247.1	1165.8
Percent	Change	-11%	12%	12%	1%	9%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1165.8	6%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	222.0	3%	36
Total Shell Egg	1387.8	6%	207

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 24, 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 24, 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 DECEMBER 5, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 31.00								FUTURE LOADS 9.00				TOTAL LOADS 40.00			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	—	—	90.50	92.00	—	—	GL W J	93.75	—	—	—	—	99.75	1.25	
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	GL W XL	88.82	—	—	—	—	95.18	11.25	
GNR BR 1	—	114.00	—	—	—	—	GL W LG	88.00	—	—	—	—	94.40	8.75	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	87.75	—	GL W MD	74.00	—	—	—	—	80.50	2.00	
GL W XL	—	—	100.00	102.00	85.00	—									
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	84.52	—									
GL W MD	75.50	77.00	79.00	84.00	71.00	—									
GL W SM	53.50	55.00	55.86	57.36	—	—									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—									

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/01/03-12/05/03

CURRENT LOADS 109.75								FUTURE LOADS 45.00				TOTAL LOADS 154.75			
SE		NE		MW		LOADS	SC		NW		MW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	
GNR W 1	97.00	91.00	92.00	95.60	—	—	GL W J	99.19	—	—	—	—	104.56	3.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	107.00	GL W XL	94.10	98.18	—	—	—	100.01	23.50	
GNR W 3	—	—	82.00	84.00	—	—	GL W LG	88.00	97.20	—	—	—	97.53	25.50	
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	64.00	65.63	GL W MD	75.36	81.00	—	—	77.00	80.85	5.75	
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	114.00	—	—	GL W SM	—	60.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR BR 1	—	114.00	—	—	—	—	GL BR LG	—	112.00	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W J	—	—	114.00	115.00	92.38	—	NRBS - 48	76.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GL W XL	—	103.00	106.00	105.00	89.59	—	NRBS - 45	70.50	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GL W LG	—	104.67	108.50	110.50	90.04	—									
GL W MD	80.91	77.00	78.90	82.11	69.57	73.20									
GL W SM	53.10	55.43	56.73	58.17	—	—									
GL BR LG	—	—	102.00	—	—	—									
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	77.40	81.42									
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	73.00	72.00									
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	72.00								.50	
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	81.00								1.00	

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	12/01/03	11/24/03	12/02/02
PACIFIC COAST	92	99	773
LOS ANGELES	51	51	708

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower 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	125.74
LARGE	124.74
MEDIUM	104.74
SMALL	79.00

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

Receipts from the mainland:	11/16/03-11/22/03
30-dozen case	7,655
Receipts from the mainland:	11/09/03-11/15/03
30-dozen case	7,380
Receipts from the mainland:	11/02/03-11/08/03
30-dozen case	6,796
Receipts from the mainland:	10/26/03-11/01/03
30-dozen case	7,697

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OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION

Report Date: 12/01/2003

Report Period: 11/23/2003 - 11/29/2003

State	Number Cases	Number Cases	Number Cases	Total State
	Shipped to Northern California	Shipped to Central California	shipped to Southern California	
Arizona	0	0	1,275	1,275
Arkansas	0	0	800	800
Colorado	704	0	1,724	2,428
Iowa	4,930	4,920	49,348	59,198
Maine	0	0	3,260	3,260
Michigan	0	0	1,776	1,776
Minnesota	3,555	0	6,102	9,657
Missouri	0	0	2,585	2,585
Ohio	0	0	1,770	1,770
Oregon	3,067	960	0	4,027
Texas	0	0	1,790	1,790
Utah	737	670	8,739	10,146
Wisconsin	0	900	0	900
TOTAL	12,993	7,450	79,169	99,612
SHIPPED TO MILITARY	0	0	0	0
SHIPPED TO NONMILITARY	12,993	7,450	79,169	99,612