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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were unchanged in New York. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. Trade sentiment was in a full range of steady to firm. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to instances fully adequate for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were generally adequate for normal slaughter 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** Extra large and large prices up 1 cent, mediums increased 6 cents on delivered warehouse prices. Prices to producers were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand moderate to good with scattered feature activity. Food service movement moderate. Supplies were adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Breakers watching the graded market and evaluating additional needs. Supplies adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment generally steady.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY | IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers. | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|--------------------------------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 40-49 | 44-46  | LARGE                                | 23-30 | 25     |
| LARGE       | 40-48 | 42-45  | MEDIUM                               | 13-17 | 15     |
| MEDIUM      | 30-36 | 33-35  | SMALL                                | 4-6   |        |

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 all sizes when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand was moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for usually normal breaking schedules. Light type hens were generally adequate for the at least moderate to fairly good demand.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 47-61 | 49-53  |
| LARGE       | 42-56 | 47-51  |
| MEDIUM      | 31-44 | 36-38  |

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Extra large and large prices increased 2 cents, mediums up 5 cents. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Retail demand moderate to good, best where features and first of the month activity are factors. Food service movement moderate. Supplies were adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Early week trading and demand fair for the adequate offers. Breakers watching graded market and evaluating needs before purchasing additional product. Supplies adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment generally steady.

|             | RANGE   | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 48.5-57 | 50-53  |
| LARGE       | 46.5-55 | 48-51  |
| MEDIUM      | 33.5-42 | 35-38  |

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to previous week's values. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were usually sufficient for current requirements. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for adequate offerings. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for the moderate to fairly good demand.

|             | RANGE    | MOSTLY |
|-------------|----------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 47.25-55 | 49-52  |
| LARGE       | 45-53    | 47-50  |
| MEDIUM      | 29.25-40 | 33-37  |

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 on all sizes were unchanged entering the week. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were sufficient for current trade requirements.

|             | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 56-60 |
| LARGE       | 54-58 |
| MEDIUM      | 43-47 |

**CHICAGO & MIDWEST EGGS** Prices for large and extra large up one cent, mediums increased 6 cents. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate for present needs.

|             | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 46-54 | 48-50  |
| LARGE       | 45-53 | 46-49  |
| MEDIUM      | 37-44 | 38-40  |

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 5% lower than last Monday with California down 6% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 2%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings adequate.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, 1 cent higher on extra large and large, and 6 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 6% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings easily adequate. Small benchmark price 51. Ads and prices to consumers in Northern California were not available.

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       | 90    |
| EXTRA LARGE | 87    |
| LARGE       | 80    |
| MEDIUM      | 71    |

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               | 249-269 |                     |
| EXTRA LARGE         | 219-309 | NOT AVAILABLE       |
| LARGE               | 199-239 |                     |
| MEDIUM              | 189-205 |                     |

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 05, 2004 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 29, 2004 were 232,695 cases which was 6 percent above the prior week and 8 percent below estimates.

|                                   | CARTONED | LOOSE  | TOTAL   |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| Cases purchased present week..... | 192,255  | 40,440 | 232,695 |
| % change from the prior week..... | +6       | +6     | +6      |

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. Early week trading and demand fair for the adequate offers. Breakers watching the graded market and evaluating additional needs. Supplies adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment generally 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 |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| BREAKING STOCK       | 26-28 |        |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 13-19 | 13-15  |

CENTRAL STATES AREA:  
 AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings from producers. Finished sales were seasonally active. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least adequate.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
 FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-NOV-04

|                       | RANGE             | MAJORITY  | WTD AVG |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING | 7.75-15 CENTS/LB. | 9.5-10.25 | 10.23   |

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product were clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady to fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\*  
 FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-NOV-04

|                          | RANGE             | MAJORITY | WTD AVG |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|
| AT FARM BUYER LOADING    | 8.25-15 CENTS/LB. | 10.5-12  | 11.48   |
| AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING | TOO FEW TO REPORT |          |         |
| FOB PLANT                | TOO FEW TO REPORT |          |         |

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOVEMBER 01, 2004**

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

|          |         | NO        | SO    | SO    | 5-Area  |              |
|----------|---------|-----------|-------|-------|---------|--------------|
|          |         | Northeast | CENT  | Atl   | Pacific |              |
| Jumbo    | Curr Wk | 12.6      | 17.2  | 7.1   | 13.8    | 11.8 62.5    |
|          | Change  | 0.3       | -4.5  | 0.2   | -1.1    | -0.6 -8%     |
| Ex Lge   | Curr Wk | 25.4      | 61.0  | 18.5  | 31.4    | 38.3 174.6   |
|          | Change  | 2.7       | 4.2   | 1.0   | -1.1    | 5.9 8%       |
| Large    | Curr Wk | 73.8      | 134.1 | 84.2  | 124.6   | 111.3 528.0  |
|          | Change  | -2.5      | -10.5 | 1.1   | -6.6    | -8.2 -5%     |
| Medium   | Curr Wk | 12.8      | 46.6  | 15.9  | 20.6    | 30.9 126.8   |
|          | Change  | 0.4       | 1.8   | 2.4   | -1.8    | -3.7 -1%     |
| Small    | Curr Wk | 4.5       | 20.5  | 2.9   | 5.2     | 9.4 42.5     |
|          | Change  | -0.1      | 1.4   | -0.2  | -1.5    | 3.8 9%       |
| Misc     | Curr Wk | 5.6       | 28.5  | 7.4   | 15.0    | 5.6 62.1     |
|          | Change  | 0.6       | -3.1  | 0.2   | -0.3    | -2.2 -7%     |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 33.3      | 43.7  | 29.6  | 42.1    | 26.2 174.9   |
|          | Change  | 6.3       | 3.1   | -3.9  | 7.7     | -6.2 4%      |
| Total    | Curr Wk | 168.0     | 351.6 | 165.6 | 252.7   | 233.5 1171.4 |
| Percent  | Change  | 5%        | -2%   | 0%    | -2%     | -5% -1%      |

**TOTAL** Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

|                          |        |      |     |
|--------------------------|--------|------|-----|
| Shell Egg                | 1171.4 | -1%  | 173 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 246.8  | -10% | 35  |

Total Shell Egg 1418.2 -3% 208  
 1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 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.

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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
 North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
 South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
 South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
 Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18, 2004

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|         | 1.97   | 1.94  | 1.85   | 1.16  |

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING OCTOBER 18, 2004 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

| GRADE A | XLARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|---------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
|         | 1.52   | 1.52  | 1.42   | .77   |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 29, 2004

| CURRENT LOADS |       |       |       |       |       |       | 12.00 | FUTURE LOADS |       |     |       |       |     |       | 6.00  | TOTAL LOADS |  |  |  |  |  |  | 18.00 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|-------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|-------|
| SE            |       | NE    |       | MW    |       | LOADS |       | SC           |       | NW  |       | SW    |     | LOADS |       |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| CLASS         | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | LOADS | CLASS        | ORG   | DST | ORG   | DST   | ORG | DST   | LOADS |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GNR W 1       | 28.00 | —     | 27.50 | 29.50 | —     | —     | 2.00  | GL W LG      | —     | —   | —     | 49.88 | —   | —     | 3.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GL W XL       | —     | —     | 41.00 | 43.50 | 40.00 | —     | 2.50  | GL W MD      | 27.00 | —   | 32.50 | —     | —   | 37.00 | 2.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GL W LG       | —     | 42.00 | —     | —     | 38.50 | —     | 6.00  |              |       |     |       |       |     |       |       |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GL W MD       | —     | —     | 25.00 | 27.00 | —     | —     | 3.50  |              |       |     |       |       |     |       |       |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |
| GL W SM       | —     | —     | —     | —     | 20.00 | 21.50 | 1.00  |              |       |     |       |       |     |       |       |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |       |

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/2504-10/29/04

| CURRENT LOADS |       |       |       |       |       |       | 85.25 | FUTURE LOADS |       |       |       |       |       |       | 48.50 | TOTAL LOADS |  |  |  |  |  |  | 133.75 |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--------|
| SE            |       | NE    |       | MW    |       | LOADS |       | SC           |       | NW    |       | SW    |       | LOADS |       |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| CLASS         | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | LOADS | CLASS        | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | ORG   | DST   | LOADS |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| GNR W 1       | 26.67 | —     | 28.10 | 29.38 | —     | —     | 10.00 | GNR W 1      | —     | 28.00 | —     | —     | —     | 40.50 | 3.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| GNR W 2       | —     | —     | 23.50 | 25.00 | —     | —     | 3.00  | GNR W 2      | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 2.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| GL W J        | —     | —     | —     | 48.00 | 40.67 | —     | 5.00  | GL W J       | 51.00 | —     | —     | —     | —     | 53.36 | 2.75  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| GL W XL       | —     | 41.33 | 40.81 | 43.74 | 37.61 | 38.00 | 39.25 | GL W XL      | 37.00 | 43.48 | —     | 50.00 | —     | 49.44 | 15.25 |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| GL W LG       | —     | 41.24 | 26.33 | 28.00 | 33.87 | 35.00 | 36.75 | GL W LG      | 33.00 | 38.57 | —     | 48.79 | —     | 42.98 | 24.50 |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| GL W MD       | 29.00 | 31.00 | 25.10 | 27.46 | 25.00 | 28.31 | 23.75 | GL W MD      | 27.00 | 25.00 | 32.50 | —     | 36.00 | 35.88 | 8.25  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| GL W SM       | 24.50 | 28.00 | 23.38 | 25.50 | 19.00 | 21.50 | 5.00  | GL W SM      | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 27.00 | 1.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| NRBS - 48     | —     | 25.00 | —     | —     | 28.30 | —     | 12.00 | NRBS - 39    | 30.50 | —     | —     | —     | —     | 35.00 | 1.00  |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |        |
| NRBS - 45     | —     | —     | —     | —     | —     | 25.00 | 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       | 10/25/04 | 10/18/04 | 10/27/03 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| PACIFIC COAST | 679      | 351      | 116      |
| LOS ANGELES   | 650      | 319      | 63       |

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is higher on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is fair.

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 | 65.63  |
| LARGE       | 63.63  |
| MEDIUM      | 50.63  |
| SMALL       | 42.00  |

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

| Brown Eggs       | CENTS/CARTON | MOSTLY    |
|------------------|--------------|-----------|
| Extra Large doz. | 222 - 260    | 239 - 240 |
| 1/2 doz.         | 120 - 151    | 130 - 134 |
| Large doz.       | 217 - 250    | 225 - 230 |
| 1/2 doz.         | 115 - 142    | 125 - 128 |

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**OUT OF STATE EGGS - STATE COMPILATION**

Report Date: 10/27/2004

Report Period: 10/10/2004 - 10/16/2004

| State                             | # Cases                   |                          |                           | Total State    |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
|                                   | Shipped To<br>Northern CA | Shipped To<br>Central CA | Shipped To<br>Southern CA |                |
| Arizona                           | 0                         | 0                        | 3,092                     | 3,092          |
| Colorado                          | 0                         | 0                        | 6,495                     | 6,495          |
| Iowa                              | 7,429                     | 2,828                    | 51,535                    | 61,792         |
| Michigan                          | 0                         | 0                        | 1,584                     | 1,584          |
| Minnesota                         | 2,370                     | 0                        | 4,800                     | 7,170          |
| Missouri                          | 780                       | 0                        | 3,843                     | 4,623          |
| Montana                           | 0                         | 0                        | 1,668                     | 1,668          |
| New Hampshire                     | 0                         | 0                        | 840                       | 840            |
| Ohio                              | 0                         | 0                        | 3,205                     | 3,205          |
| Oregon                            | 2,280                     | 14                       | 0                         | 2,294          |
| Texas                             | 0                         | 0                        | 2,270                     | 2,270          |
| Utah                              | 0                         | 760                      | 11,359                    | 12,119         |
| Virginia                          | 0                         | 0                        | 720                       | 720            |
| Wisconsin                         | 0                         | 0                        | 2,115                     | 2,115          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>12,859</b>             | <b>3,602</b>             | <b>93,526</b>             | <b>109,987</b> |
| <b>SHIPPED TO<br/>MILITARY</b>    | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>SHIPPED TO<br/>NONMILITARY</b> | <b>12,859</b>             | <b>3,602</b>             | <b>93,526</b>             | <b>109,987</b> |