



USDA EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1520-6122

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2005
VOL. 52 NO. 87

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Friday's values. Elsewhere, weekly prices were higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were generally sufficient for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were close to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as mostly normal to slightly reduced. Spent hens were mostly adequate for the at least moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal for the week.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartons, cents per dozen.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered prices were higher for all sizes. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to fairly good. Food service sales were mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were close to mostly adequate for the usually light trading and demand. Schedules were slightly reduced. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-62	56-59
LARGE	52-61	54-57
MEDIUM	43-52	45-48

Prices paid to producers.		
IA-MN-WI -	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	34-43	38
MEDIUM	25-31	29
SMALL	11-15	

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-68	61-63
LARGE	58-66	59-61
MEDIUM	49-57	50-52

Midwest Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY & Western PA.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on all sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady entering the week. Demand into all channels was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were generally sufficient for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for mostly normal to slightly reduced schedules. Demand was noted as moderate. Light type hens were mostly adequate for the at least moderate demand. Schedules were reported as normal for the week.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-76	62-65
LARGE	56-70	61-65
MEDIUM	45-58	50-52

Northeast Area: CT,DC,DE,MA,MD,ME,NH,Eastern NJ,Eastern PA, RI, Northern VA & VT

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were higher on medium and larger sizes when compared to the previous week's prices. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to occasionally good. Supplies were generally sufficient for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Offerings of light type hens were mostly adequate for the at least moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53.25-67	61-64
LARGE	50.25-65	59-62
MEDIUM	38.25-53	46-50

Southeast Area: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were higher for all sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were close to mostly adequate for the usually light trading and demand. Schedules were slightly reduced. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Prices delivered to warehouse:

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65.5-74	67-70
LARGE	63.5-72	65-68
MEDIUM	50.5-59	52-55

South Central Area: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was mostly steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to instances good. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade requirements.

Prices delivered to store door:

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	70-74
LARGE	68-72
MEDIUM	57-61

WESTERN Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo, 6-7 cents higher on extra large, and 6 cents higher on large and medium. The Pacific region inventory was 6% higher than last Monday with California up 8% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 3%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently as supplies were built for Thanksgiving needs.

CALIFORNIA Prices 4 cents higher on jumbo, 7 cents higher on extra large, and 6 cents higher on large, medium and small. The California inventory was 8% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings held confidently. Small benchmark price 68.

Shell egg marketer's 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	112
EXTRA LARGE	108
LARGE	97
MEDIUM	88

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	259-309	JUMBO	289-339
EXTRA LARGE	219-289	EXTRA LARGE	279-319
LARGE	179-229	LARGE	259-289
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	199-229

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 04, 2005 will decrease by 9 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending October 28, 2005 were 190,534 cases which was 2 percent below the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	151,688	38,846	190,534
% change from the prior week.....	0	-10	-2

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 were unchanged. Offerings were close to mostly adequate for the usually light trading and demand. Breakers continued to work from regular commitments and schedules were slightly reduced. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	34-36	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-25	21-23
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were seasonal. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15.75 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.29

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was generally about fair for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Sales of finished product were fully sufficient for current needs. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-OCT-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.5 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.71
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- OCTOBER 31, 2005

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.6	17.6	9.3	14.5	10.8	62.8
	Change	-0.9	0.1	1.3	1.2	-0.1	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.0	56.9	19.4	28.9	40.9	175.1
	Change	-4.3	6.2	5.5	5.1	6.0	12%
Large	Curr Wk	62.3	127.7	91.1	113.6	117.6	512.3
	Change	-3.0	4.2	25.7	15.4	11.5	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	46.5	16.1	24.6	27.6	126.5
	Change	-0.2	-2.4	-2.4	4.1	-4.2	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	3.7	1.4	3.1	2.2	14.9
	Change	-1.5	-3.2	-0.6	-0.8	-0.1	-29%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	30.5	8.4	14.8	5.0	61.6
	Change	0.1	-0.2	-1.6	-1.8	-0.1	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.1	35.7	26.0	32.5	25.2	141.5
	Change	0.4	1.4	-0.1	2.6	0.8	4%
Total	Curr Wk	143.1	318.6	171.7	232.0	229.3	1094.7
	Change	-6%	2%	19%	13%	6%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1094.7	6%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	218.6	-8%	35
Total Shell Egg	1313.3	4%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 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. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and 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.

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: WHOLESALE PRICES-GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.86	1.83	1.74	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 17, 2005 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.42	1.42	1.32	.77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCTOBER 28, 2005

		CURRENT LOADS		17.75		FUTURE LOADS		29.50		TOTAL LOADS		47.25					
		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	42.50	--	42.75	44.33	--	--	6.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	69.25	.25		
GL W J	--	--	--	--	53.50	--	.75	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	64.79	3.00		
GL W XL	--	--	54.50	56.33	48.55	--	7.00	GL W LG	46.00	56.80	--	--	--	60.10	9.50		
GL W LG	--	--	--	--	45.83	--	11.50	GL W MD	--	46.00	--	--	--	--	2.00		
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00										
GL W SM	--	--	30.00	31.00	--	--	1.00										
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	12.00										
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00										

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR OCT 24, 2005-OCT 28, 2005

		CURRENT LOADS		73.25		FUTURE LOADS		73.75		TOTAL LOADS		147.00					
		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	40.50	42.00	41.42	42.83	42.00	42.00	GNR W 1	49.50	53.46	--	--	--	--	9.00			
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	79.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	57.00	--	--	--	--	68.21	1.50		
GL W J	--	--	59.00	60.50	52.75	57.00	2.50	GL W XL	51.00	57.00	--	--	--	63.54	12.50		
GL W XL	58.00	56.89	51.71	54.55	44.76	48.50	48.25	GL W LG	46.00	59.29	--	--	57.29	61.36	30.25		
GL W LG	--	52.82	45.33	49.50	48.88	--	37.50	GL W MD	44.00	46.00	--	--	45.00	48.67	9.00		
GL W MD	42.00	43.00	41.17	42.67	35.80	--	8.25	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00		
GL W SM	--	--	27.88	29.75	--	--	4.00										
GL BR LG	--	84.00	--	84.00	--	--	2.00										
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	36.83	--	29.00										
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00										
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00										
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	--	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.

LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

The market is lower on all sizes. Supplies are adequate. Demand is moderate.

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

	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	78.86
LARGE	75.86
MEDIUM	63.86
SMALL	49.00

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

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	10/24/05	10/17/05	10/25/04
PACIFIC COAST	106	106	679
LOS ANGELES	103	103	650

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES

Washington, DC	Voice	(202)720-6911	Mike Sheats,	Des Moines, IA	Voice	(515)284-4471	Mary L. Adkins,
	Fax	(202)720-2403	Chief		Fax	(515)284-4468	Officer-In-Charge
Atlanta, GA	Voice	(404)562-5850	Johnny Freeman,		Recorded	(515)284-4545	
	Fax	(404)562-5875	Officer-in-Charge	Long Beach, CA	Voice	(562)388-7337	Jim Derby,
Jackson, MS	Voice	(601)965-4662	Gary Brown,		Fax	(562)432-8295	Officer-in-Charge
	Fax	(601)359-1175	Southern States Area Supervisor		Recorded	(213)534-1335	