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In New York, prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to Friday's report. Elsewhere, prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was mostly steady to at times fully steady on the larger sizes and usually steady to instances barely steady on medium. Demand was light to very good. Supplies were balanced to sufficient on the larger sizes and mixed on mediums. Breaking stock offerings were balanced to fully adequate for a light to moderate demand. Spent hens were about sufficient to adequate for the fair to fairly good 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 Warehouse and store door delivered prices were 4 cents lower for mediums with the remainder of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for the larger sizes and mostly steady for mediums. Retail egg demand was moderate to very good, mostly good to very good. Loose egg sales were moderate to instances good. Supplies were balanced to adequate for the larger sizes and irregular for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades 1 cent lower. Demand was light with offerings balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.					
	RANGE	MOSTLY		RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-71	65-68	LARGE	43-52	47
LARGE	61-70	63-66	MEDIUM	27-33	31
MEDIUM	45-54	47-50	SMALL	18-22	

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the week. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate on the larger sizes and mixed on medium eggs. Breaking stock offerings were in close balance to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were about adequate to adequate for the fair to fairly good demand. Slaughter schedules were noted as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	71-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	53-66	58-60

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 unchanged, mediums 3 cents lower. Trade sentiment steady on the larger sizes, steady to barely steady on mediums. Retail demand was moderate to very good. Food service demand mostly moderate. Some plants working extended schedules. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate for the larger sizes and fully adequate for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower, checks and undergrades down 1 cent. Demand was light for the adequate offers. Floor stocks were irregular, in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
LARGE	73.5-82	75-78
MEDIUM	56.5-65	58-61

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes when compared to the previous week. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to sufficient on the larger sizes and mixed on mediums. Breaking stock supplies were closely balanced to fully sufficient for a moderate to light demand. Light type hens were about adequate to sufficient for the fair to fairly good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	73-81	75-78
LARGE	72-79	73-76
MEDIUM	55.5-63	56-60

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 when compared to Friday's report. Trade sentiment was generally steady entering the week. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were usually adequate for the larger sizes and mixed for mediums.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	78-82
LARGE	76-80
MEDIUM	65-69

MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-77	70-72
LARGE	67-75	68-70
MEDIUM	51-59	52-54

see page 3 for prices on certified organic eggs in cartons

WESTERN Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% higher than last Monday with California up 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 12%. Retailer demand good. Offerings adequate.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 73.

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	119
EXTRA LARGE	115
LARGE	108
MEDIUM	93

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	259-329	JUMBO	289-329
EXTRA LARGE	229-309	EXTRA LARGE	289-319
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	259-289
MEDIUM	189-199	MEDIUM	209-229

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 16, 2005 will increase by 11 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 09, 2005 were 313,002 cases which was 7 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	272,977	40,025	313,002
% change from the prior week.....	-7	-7	-7

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

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades 1 cent lower. Demand was mostly light with offerings balanced to adequate. Floor stocks in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly 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
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	21-25	21-23
BREAKING STOCK	31-37	34-37

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 slightly lower on spent heavy hens. Demand was moderate for adequate supplies of raw materials. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9-15 CENTS/LB.	11-12.75	12.01

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was no better than fair for the adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were noted as normal to less than normal. Sales of finished product were seasonally fair to moderate. The undertone was steady to about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*
FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-DEC-05

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.58
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DECEMBER 12, 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	12.1	16.8	7.5	15.5	64.3
	Change	-0.4	-6.7	0.4	-4.5	-13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.1	35.6	13.5	30.8	143.7
	Change	-1.5	-15.3	-1.0	-3.8	-13%
Large	Curr Wk	46.4	126.0	83.2	119.1	479.6
	Change	2.8	-19.6	6.0	2.6	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.1	57.4	16.9	18.5	141.3
	Change	-0.2	-7.2	2.4	-0.4	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	6.5	7.5	0.9	2.7	20.7
	Change	0.1	0.4	-0.1	-1.1	-5%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.6	28.2	11.0	12.5	59.3
	Change	0.2	-4.0	-2.0	0.8	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	40.1	27.1	24.1	135.1
	Change	1.8	-4.2	0.2	-4.7	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	125.3	311.6	160.1	223.2	1044.0
Percent	Change	2%	-15%	4%	-5%	-5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1044.0	-5%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	231.6	-6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1275.6	-5%	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 NOVEMBER 28, 2005

GRADEA	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.88	1.85	1.76	1.16

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 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 AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DECEMBER 09, 2005

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	49.50	—	51.00	52.00	50.00	51.00	13.00	GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	77.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	60.00	—	3.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	72.85	3.25
GL W XL	—	—	60.00	63.00	57.08	—	7.25	GL W LG	—	65.00	—	73.00	—	67.00	6.75
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	56.33	—	8.75	GL W MD	39.50	—	—	46.50	—	—	2.00
GL W MD	—	—	47.50	49.00	—	—	3.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	36.00	39.00	1.00
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	33.00	35.75	1.00								
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	30.00	31.80	5.00								

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/05/05-12/09/05

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS			
SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	49.50	57.00	50.75	52.22	48.93	51.17	57.00	GNR W 1	—	58.40	—	—	—	66.50	13.00
GNR W 2	—	—	47.00	49.00	—	—	2.00	GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	76.00	—	—	98.00	79.00	6.00	GNR BR 1	—	105.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	65.00	67.00	59.00	—	4.50	GL W J	72.00	—	—	—	—	75.60	2.50
GL W XL	63.00	65.05	60.13	62.27	56.31	55.50	45.50	GL W XL	—	66.30	—	72.75	—	72.02	16.75
GL W LG	—	65.54	—	64.00	55.32	55.50	50.25	GL W LG	—	65.00	—	71.23	—	68.40	37.25
GL W MD	52.00	52.40	49.17	50.33	36.33	—	18.25	GL W MD	41.33	55.50	—	48.00	—	48.00	10.50
GL W SM	—	—	36.50	38.00	33.00	35.75	3.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	36.00	39.00	1.00
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25	GL BR J	—	100.00	—	—	—	—	.25
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL BR XL	—	98.00	—	—	—	—	.50
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	100.00	—	1.75	GL BR LG	—	97.00	—	—	—	—	1.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	30.43	36.04	46.00	NRBS - 48	—	35.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	46.00	—	36.00	6.00								
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	2.00								
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	16.38	19.00	4.00								

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	12/05/05	11/28/05	12/06/04
PACIFIC COAST	113	163	626
LOS ANGELES	107	157	616

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is lower on medium, steady on the balance. Supplies are well balanced. Retail demand is good.

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	89.86
LARGE	89.86
MEDIUM	73.86
SMALL	58.00

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

MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGGS AS OF NOV 30, 2005

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

NUMBER OF CLASS	% CHANGE POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	2,842,764	-26%	27%
FREE FLOWING	5,257,958	-9%	24%
SUBTOTAL:	8,100,722	-16%	25%
WHITE (ALBUMEN)	8,008,091	-3%	16%
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,663,745	-2%	93%
FREE FLOWING	6,611,332	-1%	100%
(W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)			
SUBTOTAL:	8,275,077	-1%	99%
BLENDS 1/			
WHOLE	1,550,577	-3%	14%
WHITE	98,800	8%	95%
YOLK	28,950	0%	82%
SUBTOTAL:	1,678,327	-2%	18%
TOTAL:	26,062,217	-7%	38%

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

OCTOBER 30, 2005 - DECEMBER 03, 2005

TOTAL 11,467,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports. 1/: Blended with a percentage of additives including, but not limited to, sugar, salt, soy, and corn syrup.