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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending unchanged on larger sizes, steady to lower on Medium and Small. Retail demand is moderate to good and food service demand ranges light to instances good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings and supplies are light to usually moderate and in good balance. Market activity is moderate. Offerings for breaking stock are light to moderate; demand is light to moderate. Light type hen offerings are light to moderate for the moderate demand.



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

MIDWEST REGIONAL Midwest delivered asking prices for next week are steady for Extra Large and Large, and 2 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Retail and food service demand is fairly good. Offerings and supplies are mostly moderate and in good balance. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower. The undertone is steady. Offerings are mostly moderate with demand light to instances moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	102-111	105-108
Large	101-110	103-106
Medium	84-93	86-89
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	109-117	110-112
Large	107-115	108-110
Medium	90-98	91-93

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	83-93	87
Medium	64-68	66
Small	63-69	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady to instances fully steady undertone. Next week's asking prices are unchanged. Retail demand is moderate to good. Food service demand is mixed, light to fairly good. Offerings are moderate with supplies light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy on light demand. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	114.5-123	116-119
Large	112.5-121	114-117
Medium	92.5-101	94-97

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is fairly good to good. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are mixed, mostly moderate for current needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to sufficient for the light to at times moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are light to moderate; processing schedules returned to normal after the holidays.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	114.5-135	116-119
Large	113-134	114-117
Medium	94.5-112	95-99

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Supplies and offerings are moderate. Retail demand is moderate. Distributive demand is moderate to at times fairly good. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings and demand in the Eastern region are light to moderate. Light hen offerings are light to moderate for a mostly moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	108-122	111-114
Large	103-117	108-112
Medium	91-104	96-98

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

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Supplies and offerings are adequate for present trading purposes. Retail and distributive demand is mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE
Extra Large	117-121
Large	115-119
Medium	103-107

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady to instances fully steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for Jumbo, Extra Large and Large and 2 cents lower for Medium and Small. Offerings are light to moderate with demand moderate to good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for Jumbo, Extra Large and Large and 2 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady to instances fully steady. Demand ranges moderate to good with offerings light to moderate and held with increasing confidence. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.04.

California: Shell egg 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	148
Extra Large	146
Large	142
Medium	124

Southern California: Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, white eggs in cartons, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

	RANGE
Jumbo	130-142
Extra Large	128-136
Large	119-131
Medium	104-112

Weekly National Egg Products

F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

LIQUID EGGS

Liquid whole egg and white prices are steady to lower with yolk prices too few to report. Trade sentiment is steady to instances barely steady for whole egg, mostly steady for whites and weak for yolk. Offerings are moderate to heavy for all liquid products. Demand is good for whole egg and whites and light for yolk. Market activity is moderate to active.

Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Aug Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	51.00-52.00	22	51.41	51.00-58.00	19	52.63	20	58.20
Whites	42.00-52.00	27	46.70	42.50-52.00	19	44.18	64	48.02
Yolk	TFEWR			TFEWR			12	100.75

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg, sugared and salted yolk prices are lower with whites steady. Trade sentiment is steady for whole egg and whites and lower for sugared and salted yolk. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Demand is light to moderate on spot loads of frozen egg products. Many buyers and sellers are working to reach agreements on contractual trading for second quarter needs. Supplies are moderate to occasionally heavy. Market activity is slow.

Packed in 30-pound containers; less-than-trucklot reflects a minimum volume of 25 containers.

TRUCKLOT	Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	71.00 - 78.00	71.00 - 74.00	73.00 - 86.00	75.00 - 77.00	90.13	102.75
Whites	65.00 - 74.00	68.00 - 72.00	64.00 - 75.00	66.00 - 75.00	72.25	74.38
Sugar Yolk 1/	114.00 -124.00	114.00 -121.00	118.00 -126.00	119.00 -121.00	131.75	148.25
Salt Yolk 1/	111.00 -121.00	116.00 -117.00	115.00 -123.00	117.00 -118.00	129.25	146.00

LESS-THAN TRUCKLOT	Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	76.00 - 78.00		78.00 - 80.00		92.88	104.50
White	70.00 - 72.00		70.00 - 72.00		74.75	75.00
Sugar Yolk 1/	115.00 -120.00		120.00 -125.00		135.75	150.63
Salt Yolk 1/	115.00 -120.00		120.00 -125.00		135.75	150.63

1/ Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Prices are lower on dried whole, albumen and blends, steady on yolks. The undertone is barely steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. The demand is seasonal, mostly light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Trading is limited to spot orders and existing contracts, while inquiries are noted for dried product contracts throughout the year. Market activity is slow to at times moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Aug Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.71 - 3.10	2.85 - 2.95	2.85 - 3.15	2.95 - 3.00	3.27	3.56
Yolk	2.60 - 3.05	2.70 - 2.75	2.60 - 3.05	2.70 - 2.75	3.09	3.29
Albumen 2/	4.68 - 5.10	4.80 - 4.85	4.72 - 5.25	4.85 - 4.90	5.03	5.25
Blends 3/	2.45 - 2.65		2.65 - 2.75		2.84	2.97

2/ Spray Dried; 3/ Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Total	Cases Broken	Liquid		Liquid		
		Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,299,735	29,055	14,098	7,363	2,975	4,365
PW	1,443,475	33,225	14,857	7,801	2,880	4,107
LY	1,316,110	32,321	12,730	6,517	2,869	4,424
% PW	-10%	-13%	-5%	-6%	3%	6%
% LY	-1%	-10%	11%	13%	4%	-1%
2012*	1,299,735	29,055	14,098	7,363	2,975	4,365
2011*	1,316,110	32,321	12,730	6,517	2,869	4,424
% YTD	-1%	-10%	11%	13%	4%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	42.22	41.56	42.54
(Inedible Excluded)	38.87	38.71	39.18

In-Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	828,662	63.8%	19,242	66.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	835,710	57.9%	19,630	59.1%
LAST YEAR	753,059	57.2%	19,806	61.3%

BREAKING STOCK

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

CENTRAL REGION Breaking stock prices range steady with checks and undergrades lower. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are mostly moderate with demand light to instances moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	55-60	55-58
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	39-45	39-43

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

EASTERN REGION All prices are lower. Current supplies are mostly moderate for trade needs. Offerings are light to moderate as shell eggs move into retail channels in some areas. Demand is light to instances moderate. Market activity is slow. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 05-Jan-2013 decreased 44 percent from a week ago and 30 percent from the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	53-59	54-56
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	40-49	44

EASTERN REGION AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH,

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES Weekly Weighted Average Prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Jan 04, 2013 – Jan 10, 2013**CURRENT LOADS 172.25****FUTURE LOADS 122.25****TOTAL LOADS 294.50**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	--	91.00	--	--	--	--	12.00	GNR W 1	--	89.82	--	--	--	--	37.00
GNR W 1	81.50	91.19	84.00	84.11	--	--	81.00	GL W J	91.00	100.50	--	99.50	--	99.29	9.75
GNR W 4	--	--	--	66.00	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	95.50	93.50	--	--	--	99.11	34.50
GL W J	--	--	99.50	102.00	82.39	--	11.75	GL W LG	--	94.29	78.50	108.50	--	90.32	84.25
GL W XL	--	99.63	88.63	92.05	83.66	--	62.75	GL W MD	71.20	83.94	--	75.50	--	78.71	19.00
GL W LG	--	99.03	85.00	83.73	77.35	96.33	116.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	107.00	.50
GL W MD	--	--	73.47	77.39	64.72	--	24.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	107.33	1.50
GL W SM	68.00	--	68.00	70.50	--	--	3.00	GL BR LG	--	106.50	--	--	--	107.00	2.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	.50								
GL BR XL	--	--	106.00	108.00	91.33	--	2.50								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	2.25								
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	64.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	56.50	54.00	--	48.50	60.50	5.00								
NRBS - 45	--	53.00	--	--	45.00	--	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. Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending steady for the generally moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are light to moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are reduced due to the New Years Day holiday. Movement of finished product sales were moving seasonally well. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs is unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.)

Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	112.50	110.00	97.00
SOUTHEAST	117.50	115.50	97.00
MIDWEST	106.50	104.50	87.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	117.50	115.50	95.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	113.65	111.53	94.24

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY
SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION**

Week ending 22-Dec-12

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,910	1,272	3,182
Last Week	1,770	1,644	3,414
Same week yr ago	981	1,611	2,592
To-date/2012*	75,252	80,150	155,402
To-date/2011*	67,950	78,216	146,166

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	469	0	469
Last Week	445	0	445
Same week yr ago	165	0	165
To-date/2012*	14,191	36	14,227
To-date/2011*	16,428	451	16,879

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,379	1,272	3,651
Last Week	2,215	1,644	3,859
Same week yr ago	1,146	1,611	2,757
To-date/2012*	89,443	80,186	169,629
To-date/2011*	84,378	78,667	163,045

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS -

U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Dec 22, 2012	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	48	0	3,547	2,429
Frozen	0	0	1	0
Dried	24	0	423	267
Total	72	0	3,971	2,696

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (Preliminary)

Week Ending Dec 22, 2012	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Liquid	80	174	14,474	14,592
Frozen	22	3	1,187	998
Dried	0	0	65	54
Total	102	177	15,726	15,644

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending Dec 22, 2012	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2012	2011 /1	2012 /2	2011
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	6,690	750	140,033	105,499
Large	18,490	2,400	279,702	208,611
Medium	800	22	34,491	39,023
Ungraded	9,660	0	325,958	228,990
Misc	720	0	4,560	1,440
Total	36,360	3,172	784,744	583,563

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGG As of Dec 31, 2012

Comparisons on the Basis of Matched Plants

Class	Number of Pounds	% Change Last Month	% Change Last Year
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,615,445	35%	-35%
FREE FLOWING	2,685,385	-8%	-31%
SUBTOTAL:	4,300,830	5%	-33%
WHITE (ALBUMEN)			
	5,990,939	-5%	-29%
SUBTOTAL:	5,990,939	-5%	-29%
YOLK			
PLAIN	2,375,045	-15%	-38%
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,531,965	-5%	-36%
SUBTOTAL:	4,907,010	-10%	-37%
BLENDS 1/			
WHOLE	1,395,290	-14%	-22%
WHITE	12,300	-1%	156%
YOLK	686,315	3%	35%
SUBTOTAL:	2,093,905	-9%	-9%
TOTAL:	17,292,684	-5%	-31%

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

DECEMBER 2, 2012 - DECEMBER 29, 2012

TOTAL 10,685,000 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.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts from producers)

W/E 05-Jan-13

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	219.6	5	9
East North Central	694.8	-3	-3
West North Central	319.5	-6	9
South Atlantic	126.4	-4	-18
South Central	50.5	-1	6
West	33.8	0	-17
Total	1,444.6	-2	-1

Matched Plants reporting previous week 69 Last Year 69

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK)

West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 05-Jan-12

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	23.3	17.6	32	22
Boston	2.4	2.9	-17	4
Chicago	57.7	55.3	4	-2
Los Angeles	62.2	55.8	11	-2
New Orleans	6.1	5.9	3	3
New York	32.2	39.9	-19	-16
St. Louis	113.4	92.5	23	65
San Francisco	18.3	22.5	-19	36
Total	315.6	294.0	7	17
4 Week Moving Avg.	322.0			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Jan 08, 2013

Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown egg in cartons delivered store door.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE MOSTLY	166	154	123	111
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	160-164	148-152	116-120	104-108
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	162-163	150-151	118-119	106-107
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	165-169	153-157	122-126	110-114
VERMONT MOSTLY	165	153	122	110
VERMONT MOSTLY	159-166	154-156	123	-
VERMONT MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers (Including government stocks) (In thousands)

	Frozen Eggs Lbs	Proc. Turkeys Lbs	Proc. other Poultry lbs
AM 01/07/13	2,935	97,266	75,660
AM 12/01/12	3,002	76,727	69,836
CHG	-67	20,539	5,824
PCT CHG	-2%	27%	8%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2012 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2013 are:

Frozen Eggs	27	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	322	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	737	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%