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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices are steady in all regions. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sizes, steady to higher on the balance. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Supplies and offerings are mostly moderate to heavy. Retail and food service demand are light to moderate. Market activity is at times slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are mostly moderate for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are adequate; processing schedules are normal.



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 4 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 2 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is barely steady. Demand is light to moderate while offerings are moderate to instances moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate and building. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. The undertone is lower. Demand is moderate on mostly moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	128-137	131-134
Large	127-136	129-132
Medium	99-108	101-104

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	135-143	136-138
Large	133-141	134-136
Medium	105-113	106-108

### Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	113-123	117
Medium	83-87	85
Small	60-66	

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. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Next week's asking prices are 4 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 2 cents higher for Medium. Both retail and food service demands are light to moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. The undertone is lower. Offerings are mostly moderate for the moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	141.5-150	143-146
Large	140.5-149	142-145
Medium	105.5-114	107-110

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. Retail demand is mostly light to moderate with limited features noted. Distributive demand is moderate. Offerings are mixed, mostly moderate for needs. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are adequate for the light to at time moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are moderate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	132-149	143-146
Large	128-148	141-144
Medium	98-115	103-107

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Supplies are moderate to heavy, heavier on Large eggs. Retail demand is light, features are limited. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are sufficient for normal breaking schedules. Light hen demand is light to moderate; offerings are sufficient.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	133-147	136-139
Large	128-142	133-137
Medium	104-117	109-111

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 unchanged. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Present supplies are moderate to heavy, heavier on larger sizes. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow.

	RANGE
Extra Large	146-150
Large	144-148
Medium	118-122

**WESTERN REGIONAL** Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 4 cents higher for Jumbo and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy on moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 4 cents higher for Jumbo and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is barely steady to weak. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy while demand is moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.19.

**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	178
Extra Large	175
Large	171
Medium	139

**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	160-172
Extra Large	157-165
Large	148-160
Medium	119-127

**WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS**

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

**LIQUID EGGS**

Liquid whole egg prices are steady to lower with whites steady to higher and yolk too few to report. Trade sentiment is steady for whole egg, fully steady for whites and steady for yolk. Demand is fairly good to good for whole egg and whites and light for yolk. Offerings are moderate. Market activity is active.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Jan Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	48.50 - 53.00	20	51.45	51.50 - 52.50	27	51.78	117	51.83
Whites	43.00 - 63.00	19	50.47	42.00 - 57.00	16	47.56	94	46.84
Yolk	TFEWR			80.00 - 94.00	5	88.50	14	88.39

**FROZEN EGGS**

Frozen whole egg, sugared and salted yolk prices are irregular with whites steady to higher. Trade sentiment is mostly steady for all frozen products. Demand is light to fairly good, mostly moderate. Offerings are usually moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

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

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	67.00 - 79.00	72.00 - 74.00	69.00 - 77.00	72.00 - 74.00	74.20	90.13
Whites	69.00 - 76.00	71.00 - 76.00	65.00 - 76.00	67.00 - 74.00	69.90	72.25
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	113.00 - 118.00	113.00 - 117.00	111.00 - 120.00	113.00 - 118.00	117.40	131.75
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	110.00 - 115.00	113.00 - 114.00	109.00 - 120.00	111.00 - 115.00	114.50	129.25

  

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	73.00 - 75.00		75.00 - 77.00		76.40	92.88
Whites	70.00 - 72.00		70.00 - 72.00		71.00	74.75
Sugar Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	118.00 - 120.00		118.00 - 120.00		119.10	135.75
Salt Yolk <sup>1/</sup>	118.00 - 120.00		118.00 - 120.00		119.10	135.75

<sup>1/</sup>Minimum 43% solids.

**DRIED EGGS**

Dried egg prices are higher on albumen, steady to higher on whole, steady to lower on yolk with blends mixed. Trade sentiment is steady to barely steady on yolk and steady to fully steady on the balance of dried products. Offerings are moderate. Demand is light to moderate with activity based on spot orders and contractual commitments as buyers inquire to gather first and second quarter needs. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.55 - 3.05	2.70 - 2.75	2.45 - 3.05	2.75 - 2.80	2.87	3.27
Yolk	2.40 - 3.00	2.60 - 2.65	2.50 - 3.00	2.60 - 2.65	2.77	3.09
Albumen <sup>2/</sup>	4.65 - 5.20	4.75 - 4.80	4.45 - 5.10	4.70 - 4.75	4.86	5.03
Blends <sup>3/</sup>	2.35 - 3.22	2.45 - 2.50	2.45 - 2.70		2.63	2.84

<sup>2/</sup>Spray Dried; <sup>3/</sup>Whole plus sweetener.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 26-JAN-2013 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,333,683	30,791	13,684	6,893	2,793	4,373
PW	1,372,586	32,627	14,406	6,940	3,256	4,603
LY	1,319,465	29,818	14,161	7,427	3,522	4,578
% PW	-3%	-6%	-5%	-1%	-14%	-5%
% LY	1%	3%	-3%	-7%	-21%	-4%
2013	5,428,004	126,659	56,148	27,850	12,507	18,147
2012	5,341,297	126,102	54,441	28,305	12,562	18,438
% YTD	2%	0%	3%	-2%	0%	-2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	41.79	42.67	42.43
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.52	39.32	38.96

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

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	759,830	57.0%	19,115	62.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	789,203	57.5%	20,432	62.6%
LAST YEAR	692,637	52.5%	17,048	57.2%

**BREAKING STOCK** 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.

**CENTRAL REGION** Breaking stock prices are steady to lower with checks and undergrades steady. Trade sentiment is lower. Demand is moderate on mostly moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	65-74	72-74
CHECKS	55-64	55-59

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

**EASTERN REGION** Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Demand is light to instances moderate. Supplies are sufficient; breaking schedules are normal. Market activity is slow. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 26-Jan-2013 are 6 percent higher than the previous week and 21 percent lower than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	67-73	-
CHECKS	56-65	60

EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** Weekly Weighted Average Prices (cents/dozen) National Trading for Jan 25, 2013 – Jan 31, 2013

CURRENT LOADS 129.00								FUTURE LOADS 69.00				TOTAL LOADS 198.00					
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	--	120.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GNR W 1	--	125.86	--	--	--	--	37.00		
GNR W 1	110.75	125.29	112.00	113.63	--	--	78.00	GNR W 2	--	120.25	--	--	--	--	8.00		
GNR W 2	--	119.67	--	--	--	--	11.00	GL W J	133.25	130.50	--	148.50	--	140.12	5.50		
GNR W 4	--	--	--	89.25	62.75	66.00	3.00	GL W XL	97.00	120.79	--	--	--	115.83	15.50		
GL W J	121.00	--	128.00	130.50	124.57	--	6.50	GL W LG	--	129.00	--	--	--	109.71	44.25		
GL W XL	138.00	133.00	116.52	124.13	103.70	110.13	39.50	GL W MD	83.06	88.50	87.00	96.50	--	91.86	11.50		
GL W LG	--	138.95	114.93	123.00	93.46	--	71.25	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	66.00	--	1.00		
GL W MD	--	--	88.68	92.75	79.63	--	23.25	GL BR J	134.00	--	--	--	--	140.00	.50		
GL W SM	--	--	70.00	66.30	53.00	--	6.00	GL BR XL	112.00	--	--	--	--	118.00	.50		
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	122.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	110.71	--	--	--	--	116.00	1.75		
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	80.00	--	1.00	GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	--	93.00	1.00		
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	65.00	66.00	6.00										
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00										
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	68.00	2.00										
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	55.00	59.00	6.00										

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 mostly light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales are clearing satisfactorily. 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	137.50	135.00	110.00
SOUTHEAST	144.50	142.50	105.00
MIDWEST	132.50	130.50	102.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	144.50	143.50	108.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	139.93	138.12	106.58

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 26-Jan-13

UNAVAILABLE

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jan 19, 2013		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	48	0	145	100
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	48	0	145	100

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jan 19, 2013		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	262	255	562	629
Frozen	10	8	68	62
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	272	263	630	691

**INSPECTED SHELL EGGS****U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Jan 19, 2013		Year-To-Date*		
	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	0	0	960	3,000
Large	0	450	2,090	1,146
Medium	0	0	813	0
Ungraded	2,009	1,668	5,369	3,444
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	2,009	2,118	9,232	7,590

/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

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS**

Selected Centers	(INCL. GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)		
	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 01/28/13	3,126	120,900	67,646
AM 01/01/13	2,945	95,985	76,228
CHG	181	24915	-8582
PCT CHG	6%	26%	-11%

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

Week ending 26-Jan-2013 (Receipts from Producers)

Regions	(Cases, in thousands)	% LW	% LY
North Atlantic	215.6	-1	8
East North Central	723.1	0	1
West North Central	330.6	-1	16
South Atlantic	130.2	0	-10
South Central	50.8	1	16
West	35.0	1	-11
Total	1485.3	0	4

Matched plants reporting: Last Week 69, Last Year 69

Areas Covered: N. 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)  
 Western (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

Week ending 26-Jan-2013

Selected Consuming Centers	(Cases, in thousands)		% LW	% LY
	CW	LW		
Atlanta	19.5	21.1	-8	6
Boston	3.0	3.2	-6	-6
Chicago	54.9	58.9	-7	-5
Los Angeles	57.1	64.5	-11	15
New Orleans	7.2	6.7	7	7
New York	36.0	40.3	-11	-3
St. Louis	98.0	118.8	-18	17
San Francisco	19.4	20.4	-5	40
Total	295.1	334.1	-12	9
4 Week Moving Avg.	320.6			

**WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS** January 29, 2013

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	190	178	132	111
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	184-189	172-176	126-130	104-108
MOSTLY	186-187	174-175	128-129	106-107
RHODE ISLAND	177-181	165-169	129-133	110-114
MOSTLY	177	165	129	110
VERMONT	190	178-179	132	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-

**EGG PRODUCTS****Shell Eggs Broken Up 6 Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 179 million dozen during December 2012, up 6 percent from December a year ago, and 7 percent above the 167 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2012 through December, shell eggs broken totaled 2,114 million dozen, up 2 percent from the comparable period in 2011. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2012 was 2,739 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2011.

December 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. December 2012 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Source: USDA/FSIS/NASS