



EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1520-6122

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 15, 2013
VOL. 60 NO. 13

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower. Offerings are light to moderate with Large in the heaviest position in the Northeast region. Retail and food service demand range light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Offerings for breaking stock are moderate to at times heavy for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl offerings are at least sufficient; 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 16 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 4 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are 2 cents lower for Large, and steady for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy but becoming more manageable. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to instances barely steady. Demand is light to moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	109-118	112-115
LARGE	108-117	110-113
MEDIUM	78-87	80-83

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-124	117-119
LARGE	114-122	115-117
MEDIUM	84-92	85-87

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	74-84	78
MEDIUM	56-60	58
SMALL	42-48	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady. Next week's asking prices are 14 cents lower Extra Large, 17cents lower for Large, and 4 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Retail demand is moderate, while distributive demand is light to mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to occasionally barely steady. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	120.5-129	122-125
LARGE	119.5-128	121-124
MEDIUM	82.5-91	84-87

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on larger sizes and Mediums. Retail and food service demand is mixed, mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate to at times heavy for needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate to instances heavy; demand is light to moderate. Light type hen offerings are sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	119-153	122-125
LARGE	118-152	120-123
MEDIUM	83.5-117	84-88

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, GL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower. The undertone is steady. Supplies are heavy on Large, moderate to occasionally heavy on Medium and Extra Large. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock supplies in the East are moderate to at time heavy for a light to instances moderate demand. Light fowl offerings are at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115-129	118-122
LARGE	110-124	115-119
MEDIUM	84-97	89-91

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

NEW YORK Prices are steady on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Supplies are heavy on Large, moderate to instances heavy on the balance of sizes. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	109-113
LARGE	107-111
MEDIUM	92-96

WESTERN Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 10 cents lower for Jumbo, 14 cents lower for Extra Large, 16 cents lower for Large and 4 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy with demand moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 10 cents lower for Jumbo, 14 cents lower for Extra Large, 16 cents lower for Large and 4 cents lower for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy. Demand is moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price 98 cents.

CALIFORNIA: 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	169
EXTRA LARGE	155
LARGE	151
MEDIUM	118

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	151-163
EXTRA LARGE	137-145
LARGE	128-140
MEDIUM	98-106

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 irregular and yolk too few to report. The undertone is steady for whole egg, firm for whites and weak for yolk. Offerings are moderate for whole egg and whites and heavy for yolk. Demand is moderate for whole egg, good for whites and light for yolk. 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	51.00 - 53.00	11	52.55	53.00 - 67.00	17	57.24	117	51.83
Whites	49.00 - 54.00	26	51.73	48.00 - 63.00	12	53.25	94	46.84
Yolk	TFEWR			TFEWR			14	88.39

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are steady to higher with whites and sugared yolk steady to lower and salted yolk lower. The undertone is steady to fully steady for whole egg and whites and barely steady for sugared and salted yolk. Offerings are moderate on light to moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to 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	69.00 - 79.00	72.00 - 74.00	67.00 - 79.00	70.00 - 72.00	74.20	90.13
Whites	64.00 - 75.00	69.00 - 74.00	64.00 - 74.00	67.00 - 69.00	69.90	72.25
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	106.00 - 116.00	107.00 - 110.00	106.00 - 118.00	115.00 - 116.00	117.40	131.75
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	102.00 - 113.00	105.00 - 106.00	103.00 - 115.00	105.00 - 110.00	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	73.00 - 75.00	75.00	76.40	92.88
Whites	70.00 - 72.00	72.00	70.00 - 72.00	72.00	71.00	74.75
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	112.00 - 115.00		115.00 - 118.00		119.10	135.75
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	112.00 - 115.00		115.00 - 118.00		119.10	135.75

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Prices are steady to higher on albumen and blends, mixed on whole and lower on yolk. The undertone is barely steady on yolk and steady on the balance. Demand is mostly moderate to fairly good with interest on albumen improving. Offerings are moderate, while supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Trading is based on spot orders and current contracts while buyers monitor market developments. Market activity is 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	2.60 - 2.95	2.70 - 2.75	2.55 - 3.00	2.65 - 2.70	2.87	3.27
Yolk	2.30 - 2.85	2.50 - 2.55	2.45 - 2.90	2.55 - 2.60	2.77	3.09
Albumen ^{2/}	4.60 - 5.10	4.75 - 4.80	4.50 - 5.10	4.65 - 4.75	4.86	5.03
Blends ^{3/}	2.60 - 2.65		2.35 - 2.65	2.45 - 2.50	2.63	2.84

^{2/} Spray Dried; ^{3/} Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 09-FEB-2013 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,357,416	30,764	14,738	7,407	2,920	4,223
PW	1,294,803	29,291	14,133	7,218	2,472	4,035
LY	1,311,984	31,729	13,149	6,942	2,951	4,334
% PW	5%	5%	4%	3%	18%	5%
% LY	3%	-3%	12%	7%	-1%	-3%
2013	8,080,223	186,714	85,019	42,475	17,899	26,406
2012	7,919,828	187,420	81,051	42,015	18,353	27,175
% YTD	2%	0%	5%	1%	-2%	-3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.09	42.23	42.80
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.98	39.11	39.50

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	787,374	58.0%	19,257	62.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	766,895	59.2%	17,755	60.6%
LAST YEAR	708,025	54.0%	18,703	58.9%

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 Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to occasionally barely steady. Demand is light to moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	58-62	60-62
CHECKS	43-52	43-47
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. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to instances moderate. Current supplies are moderate to at times heavy. Market activity is slow. Cases broken under federal inspection for week ending 09-Feb-2013 in the Eastern region are 4 percent lower than the week prior and 24 percent lower than the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	55-63	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	44-53	48
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV		

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES (CENTS/DOZ.)

NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 08, 2013-FEBRUARY 14, 2013
COURTESY OF U.S.D.A. FEDERAL/STATE MARKET NEWS

CURRENT LOADS 142.50 FUTURE LOADS 30.25 TOTAL LOADS 172.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	86.00	90.00	80.75	82.83	63.00	--	14.00	GNR W 1	--	75.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GNR W 3	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	109.50	109.50	--	--	--	120.00	5.25
GNR W 4	--	--	--	56.00	--	--	2.00	GL W XL	82.77	91.73	--	--	93.75	95.09	30.50
GL W J	--	--	94.00	96.00	103.16	--	6.25	GL W LG	76.75	85.33	--	--	--	86.85	30.25
GL W XL	--	86.58	87.92	89.22	79.42	85.50	59.00	GL W MD	63.39	67.50	--	72.50	74.00	72.84	24.25
GL W LG	73.00	93.67	81.17	81.38	74.22	77.00	50.00	GL W SM	50.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W MD	--	--	67.50	67.67	59.04	--	19.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	119.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	50.00	52.50	--	--	3.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	101.00	--	.25	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	110.00	1.75
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	105.50	.25	NRBS - 42	--	57.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	89.00	--	--	103.50	1.75								
GL BR MD	70.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 42	--	51.17	--	--	44.17	--	7.00								

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.

U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

W/E 09-Feb-13	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	1,451	1,439	2,890
Last Week	1,513	1,325	2,838
Same week yr ago	1,465	1,601	3,066
To-date/2013*	9,854	8,876	18,730
To-date/2012*	9,316	9,299	18,615

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	361	0	361
Last Week	151	0	151
Same week yr ago	0	0	0
To-date/2013*	1,975	0	1,975
To-date/2012*	1,880	36	1,916

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

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	1,812	1,439	3,251
Last Week	1,664	1,325	2,989
Same week yr ago	1,465	1,601	3,066
To-date/2013*	11,829	8,876	20,705
To-date/2012*	11,196	9,335	20,531

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

U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically

W/E 02-Feb-13	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	1,513	1,325	2,838
Last Week	1,545	1,353	2,898
Same week yr ago	1,221	1,530	2,751
To-date/2013*	8,403	7,437	15,840
To-date/2012*	7,851	7,698	15,549

U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	151	0	151
Last Week	358	0	358
Same week yr ago	295	24	319
To-date/2013*	1,614	0	1,614
To-date/2012*	1,880	36	1,916

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

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered In The U.S. And Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	----- Thousands -----		
Head	1,664	1,325	2,989
Last Week	1,903	1,353	3,256
Same week yr ago	1,516	1,554	3,070
To-date/2013*	10,017	7,437	17,454
To-date/2012*	9,731	7,734	17,465

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

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	120.00	117.00	90.00
SOUTHEAST	123.50	121.50	86.00
MIDWEST	113.50	111.50	81.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	123.50	122.50	85.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	120.24	118.30	85.68

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending generally steady for the 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.

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	0	2	193	151
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	3	0
Total	0	2	196	151

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	139	294	807	1,187
Frozen	90	82	206	148
Dried	0	0	4	0
Total	229	376	1,017	1,335

INSPECTED SHELL EGGS

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	660	570	1,620	3,570
Large	120	120	2,210	1,266
Medium	0	840	813	840
Ungraded	720	1,314	6,809	5,598
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	1,500	2,844	11,452	11,274

/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 EGGS

AS OF JANUARY 31, 2013

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,723,506	7%	-43%
FREE FLOWING	3,209,333	20%	-21%
SUBTOTAL:	4,932,839	15%	-30%
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	5,786,870	-3%	-28%
SUBTOTAL:	5,786,870	-3%	-28%
YOLK			
PLAIN	3,125,252	32%	-26%
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,224,303	-12%	-46%
SUBTOTAL:	5,349,555	9%	-36%
BLENDS 1/			
WHOLE	1,118,133	-20%	-36%
WHITE	11,100	-10%	222%
YOLK	682,195	-1%	23%
SUBTOTAL:	1,811,428	-13%	-21%
TOTAL:	17,880,692	3%	-31%

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

DEC 30, 2012 – FEB 02, 2013 TOTAL 14,980,000 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

Week ending 09-Feb-2013 (Receipts From Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	205.8	0	3
East North Central	712.0	-2	1
West North Central	312.9	-1	7
South Atlantic	133.8	3	-8
South Central	50.6	1	10
West	35.4	1	-10
Total	1450.5	-1	2

Matched plants reporting 69 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 09-Feb-2013 (Cases, in thousands)

Selected Consuming

Centers	CW	LW	% LW	% LY
Atlanta	17.5	18.0	-3	9
Boston	2.6	3.4	-24	-24
Chicago	53.9	55.0	-2	-4
Los Angeles	53.1	59.6	-11	-19
New Orleans	6.7	6.0	12	12
New York	34.5	32.2	7	-11
St. Louis	97.4	93.1	5	19
San Francisco	18.5	17.3	7	33
Total	284.2	285.1	0	1
4 Week Moving Avg.	299.6			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS

Selected Centers (INCL. GOV'T STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 02/11/13	2,928	129,373	58,955
AM 02/01/13	3,097	121,849	75,600
CHG	-169	7524	-16645
PCT CHG	-5%	6%	-22%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS February 12, 2013

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

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	172	160	112	99
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	164-168	152-156	106-110	91-95
MOSTLY	166-167	154-155	108-109	93-94
RHODE ISLAND	166-170	154-158	111-115	98-102
MOSTLY	166	154	111	98
VERMONT	172-173	160	112	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-