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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 Jumbo, higher on Extra Large and Large, steady to higher on Medium and Small. Retail and food service demand are mixed, mostly moderate to good. Offerings are light to moderate for immediate trade needs. Market activity is usually moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate with normal to reduced breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient; 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 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are 3 cents higher for Large, and steady for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady for all sizes. Demand is now noted as moderate as needs for Easter begins to slow with post Easter shipments trading lower than spot sales. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light on light to moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	117-126	120-123
Large	116-125	118-121
Medium	96-105	98-101

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	124-132	125-127
Large	122-130	123-125
Medium	102-110	103-105

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	111-121	115
Medium	78-82	80
Small	44-50	

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. Next week's asking prices are 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 13 cents higher for Large, and steady for Medium. The undertone is steady to higher for the larger sizes and steady for medium. Retail demand ranges moderate to good. Food service demand is generally reported as moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate for the light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	129.5-138	131-134
Large	127.5-136	129-132
Medium	104.5-113	106-109

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady with a fully steady to firm undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher. Retail demand is fairly good to good and best where features are noted. Distributive demand is moderate to good. Offerings are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the light to instances moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are at least adequate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	122-144	130-133
Large	118-137	128-131
Medium	96-115	103-107

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher. The undertone is steady. Supplies are light to moderate for current trading purposes. Offerings are usually moderate. Retail and distributive demand is mostly moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for normal to reduced breaking schedules. Offerings of light hens are at least sufficient for mixed processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	127-142	128-131
Large	121-135	126-130
Medium	103-116	108-110

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 on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Supplies are light to mostly moderate, lighter on larger sizes. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE
Extra Large	148-152
Large	146-150
Medium	120-124

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on Jumbo, 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 13 cents higher for Large and unchanged on Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate while demand ranges slow to fairly good, mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on Jumbo, 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 13 cents higher for Large and unchanged for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate with demand ranging slow to fairly good, mostly moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.16.

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	161
Extra Large	165
Large	160
Medium	136

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	143-155
Extra Large	147-155
Large	137-149
Medium	116-124

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 higher with yolk too few to report. The undertone is higher for whole egg and whites and steady to lower for yolk. Demand is good for whole egg, good to very good for whites and light for yolk. Offerings are light to moderate for whole egg and whites and moderate to heavy for yolk. Market activity is active.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Feb Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	65.00 - 79.00	33	69.97	63.50 - 76.50	22	71.86	52	54.64
Whites	64.00 - 78.00	24	71.69	63.00 - 77.50	18	71.78	78	53.65
Yolk	TFEWR			79.00 - 81.00	5	80.40	17	78.97

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are steady to higher with whites higher, sugared yolk lower and salted yolk steady to lower. The undertone is higher for whole egg and whites and steady to lower on frozen sugared and salted yolk. Demand is fairly good for whole egg, good for whites and light for frozen yolk products. Offerings are light to at times moderate for all frozen products. Supplies are light to 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		Feb Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	72.00 - 85.00	80.00 - 85.00	72.00 - 84.00	79.00 - 82.00	73.38	74.20
Whites	77.00 - 88.00	77.00 - 85.00	74.00 - 82.00	76.00 - 78.00	70.75	69.90
Sugar Yolk 1/	95.00 - 103.00	101.00 - 103.00	102.00 - 108.00	103.00 - 105.00	108.88	117.40
Salt Yolk 1/	95.00 - 105.00	98.00 - 101.00	99.00 - 105.00	100.00 - 102.00	106.25	114.50

LESS-THAN TRUCKLOT	Current Week		Last Week		Feb Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	82.00 - 84.00		80.00 - 82.00		74.00	76.40
White	80.00 - 82.00		77.00 - 79.00		71.00	71.00
Sugar Yolk 1/	108.00 - 110.00		110.00 - 112.00		112.75	119.10
Salt Yolk 1/	108.00 - 110.00		110.00 - 112.00		112.75	119.10

^{1/} Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Dried egg prices are higher on whole and albumen, steady to lower on yolk and blends. The undertone is steady to firm. Offerings are light to moderate for trading purposes. Demand of albumen is good, while light to mostly moderate on whole, yolk and blends. Supplies are light to moderate. Trading is limited and completed from existing contracts as buyers monitor seasonal market trends. Market activity is moderate.

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

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Feb Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.75 - 3.10	2.80 - 2.85	2.60 - 3.00	2.75 - 2.80	2.77	2.87
Yolk	2.20 - 2.75	2.30 - 2.40	2.20 - 2.90	2.25 - 2.35	2.58	2.77
Albumen 2/	5.30 - 6.20	5.45 - 5.50	4.75 - 5.63	5.15 - 5.25	4.88	4.86
Blends 3/	2.60 - 2.65		2.65 - 2.70		2.66	2.63

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

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 16-MAR-2013 (Lbs In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
CW	1,341,202	32,258	13,224	7,236	1,982	4,308
PW	1,356,109	32,224	13,606	7,388	2,565	4,396
LY	1,264,943	30,460	12,861	6,524	2,296	4,263
% PW	-1%	0%	-3%	-2%	-23%	-2%
% LY	6%	6%	3%	11%	-14%	1%
2012*	14,866,714	347,926	153,351	78,179	30,678	48,532
2011*	14,351,392	340,303	146,839	75,403	31,040	49,257
% YTD	4%	2%	4%	4%	-1%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	CW	PW	LW
(Inedible Included)	42.52	42.48	42.78
(Inedible Excluded)	39.31	39.24	39.40

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	787,534	58.7%	19,996	62.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	789,088	58.2%	20,237	62.8%
LAST YEAR	690,687	54.6%	17,913	58.8%

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 are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light on light to moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Breaking Stock	74-77	
Checks	58-67	58-62

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 higher. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are light to moderate for the light to at times moderate demand. Breaking schedules are normal to reduced. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 16-Mar-2013 declined 1 percent from the previous week and 21 percent from the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Breaking Stock	69-77	74-76
Checks & Undergrades	58-67	62

Eastern Region 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 Mar 15, 2013 – Mar 21, 2013**CURRENT LOADS 91.75****FUTURE LOADS 58.00****TOTAL LOADS 149.75**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	4.00	GNR W XL	--	114.25	--	--	--	--	4.00
GNR W 1	108.00	117.21	110.50	113.40	--	109.12	82.00	GNR W 1	--	116.45	--	--	--	--	48.00
GNR W 2	--	116.00	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	100.86	--	--	113.75	--	113.15	15.00
GL W J	--	--	117.00	119.00	94.88	--	9.00	GL W XL	--	111.20	--	--	113.50	113.97	8.75
GL W XL	--	126.96	118.33	119.91	98.63	107.00	33.50	GL W LG	--	123.30	--	--	--	103.18	24.75
GL W LG	--	128.21	109.65	111.93	97.99	123.33	42.25	GL W MD	80.17	125.89	--	94.56	89.18	94.43	10.00
GL W MD	--	--	94.33	96.67	75.00	100.00	13.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	113.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	51.07	54.11	52.00	--	9.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	104.00	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	95.00	--	.25								
GL BR LG	--	--	101.00	103.00	88.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	75.50	2.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	77.25	80.00	2.00								

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 mostly 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 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	129.50	128.00	109.00
SOUTHEAST	131.50	129.50	105.00
MIDWEST	121.50	119.50	99.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	132.50	130.50	107.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	128.88	127.00	105.33

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 16-Mar-13

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,438	1,333	2,771
Last Week	1,434	1,309	2,743
Same week yr ago	1,752	1,332	3,084
To-date/2013*	16,897	15,426	32,323
To-date/2012*	16,977	16,549	33,526

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	373	0	373
Last Week	418	0	418
Same week yr ago	386	0	386
To-date/2013*	3,426	0	3,426
To-date/2012*	3,200	36	3,236

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	1,811	1,333	3,144
Last Week	1,852	1,309	3,161
Same week yr ago	2,138	1,332	3,470
To-date/2013*	20,323	15,426	35,749
To-date/2012*	20,177	16,585	36,762

*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 Mar 09, 2013	Year-To-Date			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	48	0	720	151
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	19	0
Total	48	0	739	151

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

Week Ending Mar 09, 2013	Year-To-Date			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	273	602	2,560	3,793
Frozen	14	10	301	293
Dried	0	0	4	0
Total	287	612	2,865	4,086

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Mar 09, 2013	Year-To-Date			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,670	1,920	13,550	8,820
Large	5,100	6,690	18,610	21,606
Medium	840	1,620	6,453	5,820
Ungraded	1,500	1,440	12,419	12,390
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	10,110	11,670	51,032	48,636

/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	Proc. Turkeys	Proc. other
	Lbs	Lbs	Poultry lbs
AM 03/18/13	3,138	145,347	53,576
AM 03/01/13	2,931	136,369	57,996
CHG	207	8,978	-4,420
PCT CHG	7%	7%	-8%

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

Commodity	Jan-31		Feb-28		Feb 28, 2013, as a Percent of	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	Feb-28 2012	Jan-31 2013
FROZEN EGG						
	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	4,166	3,225	4,044	2,934	73%	91%
Yolks	2,179	2,473	2,365	2,153	91%	87%
Whole and mixed	11,302	8,271	10,711	7,983	75%	97%
Unclassified	19,768	15,690	19,206	15,487	81%	99%
Total Frozen Eggs	37,415	29,659	36,326	28,557	79%	96%

Source: USDA/NASS

CHICKENS AND EGGS

February Egg Production Down 1 Percent United States egg production totaled 7.19 billion during February 2013, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.23 billion table eggs, and 962 million hatching eggs, of which 893 million were broiler-type and 69 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2013 averaged 344 million, up 2 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,088 eggs, down 2 percent from February 2012. All layers in the United States on March 1, 2013 totaled 345 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 345 million layers consisted of 291 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 51.7 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.98 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2013, averaged 74.3 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from March 1, 2012.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 4 Percent Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2013 totaled 40.8 million, up 4 percent from February 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 41.8 million on March 1, 2013, up 6 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 236 thousand during February 2013, down 1 percent from February 2012.

Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 16-Mar-13

REGIONS	Cases (In Thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	221.0	3	8
East North Central	774.3	4	7
West North Central	310.3	2	5
South Atlantic	136.3	7	-9
South Central	52.8	0	8
West	35.5	1	-17
Total	1,530.2	3	5

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 16-Mar-13

Selected Consuming Centers	CW Cases, in thousands	PW	% CHANGE	
			LW	LY
Atlanta	19.7	21.8	-10	22
Boston	3.4	2.7	26	21
Chicago	53.8	59.1	-9	-2
Los Angeles	61.6	70.7	-13	-7
New Orleans	7.3	6.6	11	11
New York	41.2	35.4	16	15
St. Louis	110.5	85.4	29	30
San Francisco	19.3	21.3	-9	39
Total	316.8	303.5	4	13
4 Week Moving Avg.	309.5			

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT Mar 19, 2013

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

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	170	157	119	96
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	166-170	152-156	113-117	89-93
MOSTLY	168-169	154-155	115-116	91-92
RHODE ISLAND	171-175	158-162	118-122	95-99
MOSTLY	171	158	118	95
VERMONT	170	157	119-120	-
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-