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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 steady to higher. Supplies and offerings range light to moderate and are held with confidence. Retail demand is mostly moderate to good, best where feature activity is noted. Demand into food service channels is moderate to good while in the Northeast light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to at times active. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate with normal to reduced breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are 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 10 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 3 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 3 cents higher for Large and Medium. The undertone is higher. Demand is moderate to fairly good, best where featured. Offerings are light and held with confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings and demand are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	78-87	81-84
Large	77-86	79-82
Medium	74-83	76-79

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	85-93	86-88
Large	83-91	84-86
Medium	80-88	81-83

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	69-79	73
Medium	59-63	61
Small	39-45	

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 higher for the larger sizes and steady for Medium. Next week's asking prices are 5 cents higher for Extra Large, 10 cents higher for Large, and 3 cents higher for Medium. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Demand and offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	95.5-104	97-100
Large	86.5-95	88-91
Medium	83.5-92	85-88

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to firm. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. Demand into the retail and food service channels is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light on larger sizes, while moderate on Mediums for trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are light to moderate for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are adequate; processing schedules are normal.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	87.5-111	89-92
Large	86-103	87-90
Medium	82.5-100	83-87

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 fully steady to firm on larger sizes, steady on Medium. Supplies are mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail demand is moderate. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for mixed breaking schedules. Light hen offerings are sufficient for a light to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	88-106	92-95
Large	82-96	87-91
Medium	80-93	85-87

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. The undertone is fully steady to firm on larger sizes. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail demand is moderate. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate.

	RANGE
Extra Large	106-110
Large	104-108
Medium	95-99

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for Jumbo, 5 cents higher for Extra Large, 10 cents higher for Large and 3 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is higher. Offerings are light to moderate and held with confidence. Demand ranges light to fairly good with increased ad activity and exports to Mexico helping to move additional shell eggs. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged on Jumbo, 5 cents higher for Extra Large, 10 cents higher for Large and 3 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is higher. Offerings are light to moderate and held with increased confidence as retail ad activity increases and interest from Mexico continues. Demand ranges light to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price 94 cents.

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	132
Large	120
Medium	114

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	114-122
Large	97-109
Medium	94-102

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 higher on limited trading. Whites prices are steady to higher with yolk prices lower. The undertone is steady to higher for whole egg, higher for whites and lower for yolk. Offerings are light for whole egg and whites and reported as short of current needs. Yolk offerings are heavy. Market activity is moderate.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Apr Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	53.00 - 56.00	4	53.75	52.00 - 55.00	20	53.00	60	54.65
Whites	63.00 - 75.00	14	70.57	62.00 - 75.00	25	68.76	46	66.80
Yolk	65.00 - 69.00	5	65.80	TFEWR			8	77.00

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are lower with whites steady, sugared yolk prices steady to higher and salted yolk steady to lower. The undertone is steady for whole egg, higher for whites and steady to lower for yolk products. Offerings are light to instances moderate for all frozen products. Demand is moderate to fairly good on whole egg and whites and light for yolk. Supplies are usually light.

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

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Apr Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	68.00 - 76.00	72.00 - 76.00	72.00 - 77.00	74.00 - 75.00	77.13	78.63
Whites	81.00 - 89.00	83.00 - 89.00	81.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 89.00	84.25	79.50
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	92.00 - 99.00	96.00 - 98.00	91.00 - 99.00	96.00 - 98.00	97.00	102.75
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	89.00 - 96.00	91.00 - 93.00	91.00 - 96.00	92.00 - 93.00	94.38	100.75

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Apr Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	74.00 - 76.00		72.00 - 76.00	74.00	78.63	80.75
Whites	84.00 - 86.00		84.00 - 86.00		84.13	79.00
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	98.00 - 103.00		100.00 - 105.00		103.50	109.75
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	98.00 - 103.00		100.00 - 105.00		103.50	109.50

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Dried egg prices for albumen and blends are steady to higher, steady to lower on yolk, with whole prices lower. The undertone is steady to higher. Demand is good on albumen, light on yolk, moderate on the balance of products. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Inquires continue to increase for third and fourth quarter orders. 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		Apr Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.52 - 2.85	2.65 - 2.70	2.60 - 3.01	2.70 - 2.75	2.85	2.88
Yolk	1.98 - 2.45	2.10 - 2.15	2.02 - 2.45	2.10 - 2.15	2.29	2.50
Albumen ^{2/}	5.60 - 6.35	6.00 - 6.05	5.60 - 6.29	5.75 - 5.80	5.79	5.54
Blends ^{3/}	2.45 - 2.63	2.50 - 2.55	2.45 - 2.50		2.57	2.70

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

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 27-Apr-2013 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid		Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
		Whole	White			
CW	1,433,834	33,110	15,480	7,631	3,277	4,529
PW	1,435,003	32,440	16,041	8,197	3,049	4,383
LY	1,371,190	31,450	14,470	7,440	3,047	4,493
% PW	0%	2%	-3%	-7%	7%	3%
% LY	5%	5%	7%	3%	8%	1%
2013	23,322,738	542,122	243,161	123,910	46,915	75,216
2012	22,271,862	524,544	230,652	117,847	47,084	76,710
% YTD	5%	3%	5%	5%	0%	-2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.37	42.55	42.19
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.21	39.50	38.92

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	854,104	59.6%	20,434	61.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	869,459	60.6%	20,407	62.9%
LAST YEAR	795,250	58.0%	19,336	61.5%

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. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings and demand are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	55-59	56-58
CHECKS	40-49	40-44
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 to higher. Offerings are light to moderate for the light demand. Breaking schedules are normal to reduced. Market activity is slow. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 27-Apr-2013 are 1 percent lower than the previous week and 10 percent lower than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	52-61	55
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	41-50	45
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 Apr 26, 2013 – May 02, 2013**CURRENT LOADS 146.50****FUTURE LOADS 49.00****TOTAL LOADS 195.50**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	64.00	74.82	70.50	71.00	--	--	53.00	GNR W 1	--	74.33	--	--	--	--	15.00
GNR BR 1	--	72.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	92.00	92.00	--	--	--	100.57	9.75
GL W J	--	--	87.00	89.67	82.72	--	8.75	GL W XL	--	91.61	--	--	--	95.35	26.00
GL W XL	--	93.83	80.56	87.44	80.39	77.50	46.25	GL W LG	81.00	88.69	--	--	--	91.24	43.50
GL W LG	--	81.44	74.00	77.57	76.17	73.50	48.00	GL W MD	66.50	79.00	--	--	--	76.19	10.00
GL W MD	62.00	--	69.50	72.21	68.26	67.00	25.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	104.00	.25
GL W SM	--	--	54.00	56.40	--	--	5.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	98.00	--	113.50	1.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	87.50	--	.25								
GL BR LG	--	--	83.00	85.00	85.20	--	2.25								
NRBS - 48	--	55.00	--	--	48.00	--	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 no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales are clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is slow to 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	93.50	89.00	86.00
SOUTHEAST	90.50	88.50	85.00
MIDWEST	82.50	80.50	77.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	98.50	89.50	86.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	91.60	86.95	83.84

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 27-Apr-13

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,061	1,470	3,531
Last Week	1,720	1,423	3,143
Same week yr ago	1,998	1,429	3,427
To-date/2013*	27,968	23,987	51,955
To-date/2012*	27,979	24,889	52,868

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	464	0	464
Last Week	468	0	468
Same week yr ago	412	0	412
To-date/2013*	6,123	0	6,123
To-date/2012*	5,325	36	5,361

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	2,525	1,470	3,995
Last Week	2,188	1,423	3,611
Same week yr ago	2,410	1,429	3,839
To-date/2013*	34,091	23,987	58,078
To-date/2012*	33,304	24,925	58,229

**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 Apr 20, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	48	49	1,241	431
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	59	0
Total	48	49	1,300	431

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

Week Ending Apr 20, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	226	208	3,859	5,785
Frozen	7	3	432	355
Dried	0	0	4	0
Total	233	211	4,295	6,140

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

Week Ending Apr 20, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	1,440	1,920	34,040	25,500
Large	7,340	4,080	65,170	55,292
Medium	1,410	1,031	11,673	11,133
Ungraded	12,000	1,920	63,899	37,608
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	22,190	8,951	174,782	129,533

/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

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Up 2 Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 175 million dozen during March 2013, up 2 percent from March a year ago, and 9 percent above the 161 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2013 through March, shell eggs broken totaled 509 million dozen, up slightly from the comparable period in 2012. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2013 was 657 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2012.

Data presented in this report were compiled from Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection reports. The best available data at the time of publication were used.

March 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays. March 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Source: USDA/NASS/FSIS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 27-Apr-2013 (Receipts from Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	201.6	0	0
East North Central	732.5	0	2
West North Central	307.0	-1	12
South Atlantic	116.8	-4	-12
South Central	51.0	1	3
West	33.1	-7	-11
Total	1442.0	-1	2
Matched plants reporting		69	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

Week ending 27-Apr-2013 (Cases, in thousands)

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	% LW	
			% LW	% LY
Atlanta	19.6	18.8	4	14
Boston	2.9	2.4	21	12
Chicago	55.5	58.0	-4	11
Los Angeles	60.7	62.2	-2	22
New Orleans	6.9	6.5	6	6
New York	35.3	38.6	-9	1
St. Louis	93.4	99.9	-7	11
San Francisco	19.9	16.3	22	69
Total	294.2	302.9	-3	15
4 Week Moving Avg.	286.3			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	(INCL. GOV'T STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)
	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 04/29/13	2,943	165,064	45,542
AM 04/01/13	3,107	144,400	52,340
CHG	-164	20664	-6798
PCT CHG	-5%	14%	-13%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS April 30, 2013

Prices paid per dozen grade a brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
Maine	143	131	110	96
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	136-140	124-128	103-107	89-93
Mostly	138-139	126-127	105-106	91-92
Rhode Island	142-146	130-134	109-113	95-99
Mostly	142	130	109	95
Vermont	143-145	131-135	110	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-