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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are 2 cents higher on larger sizes, steady on Medium. Regional prices are unchanged on Jumbo, 5 to 10 cents higher on Extra Large, 3 to 10 cents higher on Large and steady to 3 cents higher on Medium and Small. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate and held with confidence. Retail and food service demand range moderate to fairly good. In the Northeast, demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock supplies are moderate; demand is moderate. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient for the light to 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 are 10 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 3 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is fully steady to firm. Demand is moderate. Offerings are light and held with confidence. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher. The undertone is mostly steady. Demand is moderate on light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	88-97	91-94
LARGE	87-96	89-92
MEDIUM	77-86	79-82

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-103	96-98
LARGE	93-101	94-96
MEDIUM	83-91	84-86

## IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

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, & western PA

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are 5 cents higher for Extra Large, 10 cents higher for Large, and 3 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is higher. Demand is moderate to fairly good, best into areas with feature activity. Export interest into Mexico continues. Offerings are light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are light on moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	100.5-109	102-105
LARGE	96.5-105	98-101
MEDIUM	86.5-95	88-91

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are steady to 5.5 cents higher on Extra Large, up 3 to 4 cents on Large, steady to 1.5 cents higher on Mediums. The undertone is steady to firm. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good, best where feature activity is in place. Food service demand is mostly moderate. Offerings are light to moderate for immediate trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate; breaking schedules are normal to part-time. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-111	99-102
LARGE	89-107	97-100
MEDIUM	84-100	86-90

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 5 to 9 cents higher on Extra Large, 10 cents higher on Large and 3 cents higher on Medium. The undertone is firm on Extra Large and Large, steady on Medium. Supplies are light to instances moderate on larger sizes, moderate on Medium. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is usually moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for mixed breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are sufficient for a light to moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	97-111	100-103
LARGE	92-106	97-101
MEDIUM	83-96	88-90

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

**NEW YORK** Prices are 2 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, steady on Medium. The undertone is firm on larger sizes. Supplies are light to moderate for needs, lighter on heavier weight eggs. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is mostly moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	108-112
LARGE	106-110
MEDIUM	95-99

**WESTERN** Prices 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. Demand is moderate to fairly good with offerings light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices 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. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price 97 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	148
EXTRA LARGE	137
LARGE	130
MEDIUM	117

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY:**

Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) <sup>1/</sup>  
(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Jumbo</b>	This Week	<b>7.9</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>50.5</b>
	% Change	0.6%	6.8%	-11.1%	11.2%	-37.0%	-5.3%	-7.8%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	<b>24.9</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>30.9</b>	<b>6.2</b>	<b>129.5</b>
	% Change	7.1%	-14.5%	-10.5%	-21.3%	-14.7%	17.0%	-9.5%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>30.2</b>	<b>112.1</b>	<b>142.8</b>	<b>75.7</b>	<b>63.4</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>467.6</b>
	% Change	-19.9%	-1.9%	0.9%	-17.6%	-9.1%	-14.9%	-7.6%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	<b>16.2</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>123.5</b>
	% Change	23.0%	5.9%	-6.2%	20.4%	-0.2%	-14.6%	4.0%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	<b>3.3</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>15.1</b>
	% Change	62.7%	25.1%	-34.9%	-57.3%	9.6%	-5.2%	-9.2%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	<b>4.1</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>54.7</b>
	% Change	72.8%	-8.3%	-23.4%	16.0%	-2.5%	-15.1%	-7.7%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>1.0</b>	<b>22.1</b>	<b>81.9</b>	<b>20.7</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>165.7</b>
	% Change	-53.3%	8.4%	13.7%	10.0%	-9.2%	7.1%	7.4%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	<b>87.7</b>	<b>188.8</b>	<b>337.2</b>	<b>160.2</b>	<b>147.4</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>1,006.6</b>
	% Change	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.8%	-7.0%	-10.8%	-8.3%	-4.4%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
<b>Shell Egg</b>	1,006.6	-4.4%
<b>Breaking Stock</b>	237.2	-6.4%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,243.8</b>	<b>-4.8%</b>

**SPECIALTY SHELL EGG INVENTORY <sup>2/</sup>**

Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
<b>Large</b>	This Week	9.3	25.0	6.1	5.0	6.3	6.1	<b>57.7</b>
	% Change	17.1%	-3.6%	-8.2%	-2.5%	-3.8%	4.6%	-0.4%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	36.8	8.5	10.1	2.0	<b>57.4</b>
	% Change	0.0%	0.0%	4.2%	-7.3%	10.3%	-5.7%	2.9%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	<b>9.3</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>42.9</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>115.1</b>
	% Change	<b>17.1%</b>	<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>-5.6%</b>	<b>4.4%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:

Large: 22.4%  
Ungraded: 78.2%  
Total: 50.2%

1/ Cooperators normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and must report in both the current and previous week. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

2/ Specialty eggs include certified organic, nutritionally enhanced, cage-free, and vegetarian-fed types.

Regional Definitions: **Northeast** = CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, AND VT; **Southeast** = AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, & WV;  
**Midwest** = IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, & WI; **South Central** = AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX, & UT;  
**Southwest** = CA & NV; **Northwest** = ID, MT, OR, WA, & WY.

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 10, 2013 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 03, 2013 were 160,219 cases which was 12 percent below the prior week and 12 percent below estimates.

**CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL**

Cases purchased  
present week ..... 136,170 24,049 160,219

% change from the  
prior week..... -5 -37 -12  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

Breaking stock prices are steady to higher. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Demand is moderate on light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Breaking Stock	57-59	
Checks	41-50	41-45
Central States Area:		AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI

**CANADIAN EGGS**

Week of Apr 22, 2013  
Quebec/Montreal: wholesale prices-graded in cartons (Canadian dollars) as reported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section.

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A					
					Unavailable

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm as set by Ontario egg producers.

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A					
		1.96	1.96	1.80	1.32

**DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for May 3, 2013

Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

**Current Loads 17.50 Future Loads 9.00 Total Loads 26.50**

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	--	76.31	74.50	74.00	--	--	52.00	GNR W 1	--	77.50	--	--	--	--	14.00
GNR BR 1	--	72.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	94.50	92.00	--	--	--	102.06	8.75
GL W J	--	--	90.33	93.00	83.67	--	8.75	GL W XL	--	92.43	--	--	--	98.04	23.75
GL W XL	--	93.83	83.94	88.63	81.64	--	47.00	GL W LG	81.00	91.58	--	--	--	92.95	41.00
GL W LG	--	--	74.40	78.04	78.35	73.50	41.50	GL W MD	67.50	79.00	--	--	--	79.33	5.00
GL W MD	--	--	69.50	72.80	69.27	--	21.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	104.00	.25
GL W SM	56.00	--	54.00	56.75	--	--	5.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	98.00	--	--	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	87.50	.25								
GL BR LG	--	--	83.00	85.00	82.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	57.00	--	3.00								

**DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for April 29, 2013 - May 3, 2013

Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

**Current Loads 126.50 Future Loads 50.00 Total Loads 176.50**

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	--	--	76.00	78.00	--	--	2.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	92.00	94.00	87.50	--	2.00	GL W J	88.50	--	--	--	--	104.00	2.00
GL W XL	--	--	85.38	88.50	81.67	--	9.25	GL W XL	--	94.00	--	--	--	97.25	3.25
GL W LG	--	--	75.50	80.00	80.00	--	5.25	GL W LG	--	--	--	--	--	94.25	4.25
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	67.00	--	1.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	80.00	1.00
GL W SM	56.00	--	54.00	57.00	--	--	2.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	57.00	--	3.00								

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.

**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-FROZEN EGGS**

Selected Centers (In Thousands of Pounds)

	04/29/13	04/22/13	04/30/2012
Pacific w/out Denver	70	80	37
Los Angeles	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. Supplies of extra-large and large are light, others are moderate. Retail demand is good.

Prices weighted average, in small lots, USDA Grade A and Grade A, white eggs in cartons, nearby retail outlet, cents per dozen.

MOSTLY	
Extra Large	117.06
Large	116.29
Medium	103.86
Small	80.00

**USDA CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS****WHOLESALE****Organic Brown Shell Eggs in Cartons**

(price cents per carton delivered to first receivers)

	Price Range	Mostly
Extra Large doz.	261 - 320	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	180 - 198	181 - 189
Large doz.	230 - 310	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	171 - 189	171 - 178

Certified Organic are products grown and processed according to USDA's national organic standards and certified by USDA accredited State and private certification organizations. For more information, visit the National Organic Program at

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