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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are 3 cents lower on all sizes. Regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Offerings are moderate. Retail and food service demand range light to occasionally good, mostly light to moderate and best where feature activity is in place. Market activity is slow. Offerings for breaking stock are moderate to heavy for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are fully sufficient; processing schedules are less than 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 18 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, and 9 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are 8 cents lower for Large and 3 cents lower for Medium. The undertone remains lower. Demand is light. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are lower. The undertone is lower. Demand is light to moderate and slightly improved. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are mixed. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	116-125	119-122
Large	115-124	117-120
Medium	95-104	97-100
Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	123-131	124-126
Large	121-129	122-124
Medium	101-109	102-104

Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin Eggs

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Large	79-89	83
Medium	68-72	70
Small	47-53	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Next week's asking prices are 20 cents lower for Extra Large, 21 cents lower for Large, and 12 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is weak. Demand is light to moderate, occasionally fairly good where feature activity is in place. Offerings are moderate, while supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow. Breaking stock prices are lower. The undertone is lower. Demand is light to moderate for the moderate to heavy offerings. Supplies remain mixed. Market activity is slow.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	128.5-137	130-133
Large	127.5-136	129-132
Medium	103.5-112	105-108

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking price for next week's deliveries are trending lower on larger sizes and Mediums. The undertone is weak. Demand into retail and distributive channels is light to moderate. Current offerings are moderate and supplies moderate to heavy for needs. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate; demand is light to moderate. Light type hen offerings are fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	127-148	130-133
Large	126-147	128-131
Medium	102-123	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 sharply lower on all sizes. The undertone is weak. Supplies are occasionally moderate to mostly heavy for needs. Offerings are moderate. Retail demand is light. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate for a light to moderate demand. Light type hens are fully sufficient for a light to fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
Extra Large	123-137	125-130
Large	119-133	124-128
Medium	100-113	105-107

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 3 cents lower on all sizes. The undertone is weak. Supplies are moderate to heavy for needs. Offerings are usually moderate. Retail and distributive demand is light. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE
Extra Large	112-116
Large	110-114
Medium	100-104

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is lower. Asking prices for next week are 8 cents lower for Jumbo, 18 cents lower for Extra Large, 19 cents lower for Large and 9 cents lower for Medium and Small. Offerings are moderate to heavy with retail demand ranging light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Distributive buying interest is light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

CALIFORNIA Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 8 cents lower for Jumbo, 18 cents lower for Extra Large, 19 cents lower for Large and 9 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is lower. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Retail demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly light to moderate. Distributive buying interest is light and selective. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. 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	158
Extra Large	163
Large	159
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	140-152
Extra Large	145-153
Large	136-148
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 prices are higher with whites steady to lower and yolk too few to report. The undertone is steady for all liquid products. Offerings are light on all products as operators cover contractual concerns and work to strengthen dried and frozen egg product inventories. Demand is fairly good to good for whole egg and whites and moderate for yolk. Market activity is moderate.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			May Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	65.00 - 77.00	16	67.22	63.00 - 67.00	10	64.80	41	64.67
Whites	69.00 - 70.00	5	69.60	69.00 - 74.00	3	71.33	29	70.47
Yolk	TFEWR			TFEWR			9	70.56

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg and white prices are mixed with sugared yolk prices steady to lower and salted yolk prices steady. Trade sentiment is steady for all frozen products. Demand is good for whole egg and moderate to fairly good on the balance of products. Offerings are light. Market activity is moderate to active.

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

Trucklot	Current Week			Last Week			May Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole	83.00 - 88.00	84.00 - 87.00		82.00 - 90.00	82.00 - 86.00		80.90	77.13
Whites	89.00 - 98.00	90.00 - 91.00		87.00 - 99.00	89.00 - 91.00		90.30	84.25
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	90.00 - 98.00	94.00 - 96.00		92.00 - 98.00	94.00 - 97.00		94.90	97.00
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	89.00 - 97.00	90.00 - 92.00		89.00 - 97.00	93.00 - 95.00		92.60	94.38

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week			Last Week			May Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole	86.00 - 88.00			86.00 - 88.00			81.40	78.63
Whites	90.00 - 98.00	92.00 - 96.00		90.00 - 98.00	92.00 - 96.00		89.50	84.13
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	100.00 - 103.00			100.00 - 103.00			101.10	103.50
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	100.00 - 103.00			100.00 - 103.00			101.10	103.50

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.**DRIED EGGS**

Dried egg prices are higher for albumen, mixed for whole, steady to higher for blends and steady to lower for yolk. The undertone is generally steady. Demand is good on albumen, moderate to good on whole and blends, moderate on yolk. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Trading is based on existing contracts and limited spot orders with increased interest in third and fourth quarter contracts. Market activity is moderate to at times active.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			May Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.80 - 3.05	2.90 - 2.95		2.72 - 3.10	2.90 - 2.95		2.83	2.85
Yolk	1.88 - 2.45	2.00 - 2.05		1.89 - 2.45	2.00 - 2.05		2.17	2.29
Albumen ^{2/}	5.95 - 6.99	6.50 - 6.60		5.92 - 6.85	6.25 - 6.35		6.33	5.79
Blends ^{3/}	2.40 - 2.88	2.50 - 2.55		2.40 - 2.63	2.45 - 2.50		2.55	2.57

^{2/} Spray Dried, ^{3/} Whole plus sweetener.**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 25-May-2013 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,421,601	32,948	14,778	7,716	2,729	4,239
PW	1,375,432	31,436	14,748	7,491	2,819	4,294
LY	1,367,272	33,380	13,446	6,785	3,110	4,610
% PW	3%	5%	0%	3%	-3%	-1%
% LY	4%	-1%	10%	14%	-12%	-8%
2013	28,921,460	669,188	303,438	155,477	58,314	92,095
2012	27,912,994	656,799	288,742	147,489	60,533	95,720
% YTD	4%	2%	5%	5%	-4%	-4%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	41.98	42.15	42.58
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.00	39.02	39.21

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	869,752	61.2%	21,975	66.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	857,343	62.3%	21,005	66.8%
LAST YEAR	755,550	55.3%	19,259	57.7%

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 lower. Trade sentiment is lower. Demand is light to moderate and slightly improved as breaking stock prices adjust to current market pressure. Offerings are moderate to heavy. Supplies are mixed. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	68-71	
CHECKS	52-60	52-56
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. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies continue moderate for trading purposes. Market activity is slow to at times moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 25-May-2013 are 10 percent higher than the previous week and down 21 percent from the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	66-72	72
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	50-59	57
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 May 24, 2013-May 30, 2013

CURRENT LOADS 121.25							FUTURE LOADS 12.25				TOTAL LOADS 133.50					
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	80.50	101.20	88.00	86.75	--	--	14.00	GNR W 1	--	103.80	--	--	--	--	5.00	
GL W J	86.00	--	103.00	105.00	87.25	--	7.00	GL W J	92.18	95.00	--	106.50	--	103.12	11.25	
GL W XL	78.00	90.18	95.38	92.51	75.88	79.00	41.00	GL W XL	--	87.04	--	--	84.50	89.62	22.50	
GL W LG	--	106.92	91.60	91.44	88.10	--	36.50	GL W LG	83.36	92.50	--	113.50	--	89.82	22.00	
GL W MD	75.00	--	76.19	79.00	70.65	74.00	15.25	GL W MD	76.23	87.25	--	78.83	--	82.06	14.75	
GL W SM	--	62.00	60.00	63.00	54.00	--	5.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	1.00	
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	87.50	--	.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	103.00	.25	
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	92.00	114.00	1.00	NRBS - 50	--	--	--	90.33	--	--	9.00	
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	73.33	--	9.00									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	73.00	67.00	--	6.00									
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	--	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.

NATIONAL FOWL MARKET**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices are trending steady for the light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are fully sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the Memorial Day holiday. Movement of finished product sales are moderate. 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	127.50	126.00	106.00
SOUTHEAST	131.50	129.50	105.00
MIDWEST	120.50	118.50	98.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	131.50	130.50	106.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	127.87	126.29	104.08

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

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

Week ending 25-May-13

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,586	1,531	3,117
Last Week	1,735	1,473	3,208
Same week yr ago	1,786	1,624	3,410
To-date/2013*	34,841	30,002	64,843
To-date/2012*	35,365	31,296	66,661

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Thousands	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	580	0	580
Last Week	562	0	562
Same week yr ago	269	0	269
To-date/2013*	8,323	0	8,323
To-date/2012*	6,601	36	6,637

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	2,166	1,531	3,697
Last Week	2,297	1,473	3,770
Same week yr ago	2,055	1,624	3,679
To-date/2013*	43,164	30,002	73,166
To-date/2012*	41,966	31,332	73,298

*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 May 18, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	0	48	1,386	527
Frozen	0	0	40	0
Dried	0	0	59	10
Total	0	48	1,485	537

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

Week Ending May 18, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	149	293	4,860	6,512
Frozen	78	50	631	433
Dried	0	0	4	0
Total	227	343	5,495	6,945

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

Week Ending May 18, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	4,140	1,860	43,400	34,020
Large	3,880	5,890	83,000	75,322
Medium	510	810	13,593	13,713
Ungraded	7,008	3,600	89,557	55,368
Misc	0	0	0	1,620
Total	15,538	12,160	229,550	180,043

/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 6 Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 178 million dozen during April 2013, up 6 percent from April a year ago, and 2 percent above the 175 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2013 through April, shell eggs broken totaled 688 million dozen, up 2 percent from the comparable period in 2012. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2013 was 888 million pounds, up 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.

Source: USDA/NASS

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

Week ending 25-May-2013 (Receipts from Producers)

Regions	Cases (In Thousands)	Percent Change From	
		Last Week	Last Year
North Atlantic	206.5	2	6
East North Central	708.8	-1	-1
West North Central	296.4	-2	2
South Atlantic	124.0	3	-2
South Central	51.2	2	0
West	36.2	-4	9
Total	1423.1	-1	1

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 25-May-2013 (Cases, in thousands)

Selected Consuming Centers	CW	LW	% LW	
			% LW	% LY
Atlanta	18.8	19.4	-3	-6
Boston	2.4	2.4	0	-20
Chicago	56.6	55.3	2	-6
Los Angeles	48.9	61.3	-20	5
New Orleans	7.1	6.2	15	15
New York	34.0	34.5	-1	-12
St. Louis	84.4	78.6	7	-7
San Francisco	19.4	22.3	-13	31
Total	271.6	280.5	-3	-3
4 Week Moving Avg.	283.7			

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	(INCL. GOV'T STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)
	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 05/27/13	2,816	198,843	47,642
AM 05/01/13	2,980	170,759	47,049
CHG	-164	28084	593
PCT CHG	-6%	16%	1%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS May 28, 2013

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

	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
MAINE MOSTLY	174	168	130	98
NEW HAMPSHIRE MOSTLY	166-170	160-164	122-126	91-95
	168-169	162-163	124-125	93-94
RHODE ISLAND MOSTLY	176-180	170-174	132-136	97-101
	176	170	132	97
VERMONT MOSTLY	174-175	168-169	130-131	-
	-	-	-	-