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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional prices are 6 cents lower on Jumbo, 4 to 10 cents lower on Extra Large, 8.5 to 10 cents lower on Large and 4 to 8 cents lower on Medium and Small. New York prices are steady. Offerings are light to instances heavy, mostly moderate to heavy. Demand into retail and food service channels is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock supplies are moderate for the light demand. Spent hen 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 lower for Extra Large and Large, and 6 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady and attempting to settle. Retail and food service demand is light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand and offerings are light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	97-106	100-103
LARGE	96-105	98-101
MEDIUM	77-86	79-82

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104-112	105-107
LARGE	102-110	103-105
MEDIUM	83-91	84-86

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	78-88	82
MEDIUM	59-63	61
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 7 cents lower for Extra Large, 10 cents lower for Large, and 4 cents lower for Medium. The undertone steady. Demand is reported as seasonally moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand and offerings are light. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	113.5-122	115-118
LARGE	108.5-117	110-113
MEDIUM	83.5-92	85-88

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 8.5 to 9 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, down 4 to 8 cents for Mediums. The undertone is steady. Demand into the retail and food service channels is light to mostly moderate. Current offerings are moderate to heavy for trade requirements. Market activity is moderate to slow. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are sufficient for the moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are at least moderate; processing schedules are generally normal.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109.5-131	111-114
LARGE	108-130	109-112
MEDIUM	82.5-100	83-87

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are 4 to 7 cents lower on Extra Large, 9 cents lower on Large and 5 cents lower on Medium. The undertone is steady. Supplies vary by plant and range light to instances heavy, but generally moderate for trade needs. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are sufficient for current breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are sufficient for a light to moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	108-126	108-112
LARGE	102-116	107-111
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 unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Supplies are mixed, but mostly moderate for trading purposes. Retail demand is light. Distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	116-120
LARGE	114-118
MEDIUM	95-99

**WESTERN** Prices are 6 cents lower for Jumbo, 7 cents lower for Extra Large, 10 cents lower for Large and 4 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Offerings are moderate to instances heavy. Demand is light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are 6 cents lower for Jumbo, 7 cents lower for Extra Large, 10 cents lower for Large and 4 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Demand is light to moderate with offerings moderate to instances heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to 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	150
EXTRA LARGE	145
LARGE	139
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>8.4</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>52.5</b>
	% Change	-12.6%	-1.1%	-6.1%	7.0%	18.9%	-16.4%	-1.4%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	<b>25.2</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>31.6</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>131.7</b>
	% Change	-2.2%	-12.1%	-20.5%	10.5%	6.8%	-10.7%	-6.0%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>43.1</b>	<b>111.8</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>105.2</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>52.9</b>	<b>479.4</b>
	% Change	2.1%	0.8%	-7.4%	1.1%	8.6%	4.3%	0.3%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	<b>16.5</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>43.7</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>146.6</b>
	% Change	25.3%	-2.4%	-8.3%	-3.7%	14.1%	-30.2%	-2.0%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	<b>2.1</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>14.5</b>
	% Change	-27.0%	56.1%	-41.0%	101.5%	-6.3%	30.0%	6.0%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	<b>3.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>22.8</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>67.4</b>
	% Change	-15.0%	-22.3%	-10.3%	-1.1%	34.4%	-38.5%	-8.1%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>9.7</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>136.5</b>
	% Change	-5.6%	10.9%	-7.5%	7.4%	-21.4%	-46.3%	-9.1%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	<b>108.1</b>	<b>186.5</b>	<b>307.9</b>	<b>205.1</b>	<b>140.7</b>	<b>80.3</b>	<b>1,028.6</b>
	% Change	0.5%	-1.6%	-9.8%	2.6%	8.3%	-10.8%	-2.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,028.6	-2.8%
Breaking Stock	253.0	-2.8%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,281.6</b>	<b>-2.8%</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	8.2	26.2	3.8	1.7	3.9	1.7	<b>45.5</b>
	% Change	-15.5%	3.8%	-27.3%	5.7%	6.4%	26.3%	-2.8%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	6.9	25.6	5.8	2.6	4.3	<b>45.1</b>
	% Change	0.0%	-1.7%	-5.8%	15.0%	-3.0%	5.4%	-1.7%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	<b>8.2</b>	<b>33.1</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>90.6</b>
	% Change	<b>-15.5%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>-9.3%</b>	<b>12.8%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>-2.3%</b>

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

Large: 22.6%  
Ungraded: 59.8%  
Total: 41.1%

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 September 20, 2013 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 13, 2013 were 159,737 cases which was 9 percent below the prior week and 10 percent below estimates.

**CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL**

Cases purchased  
present week ..... 138,291 21,446 59,737

% change from the  
prior week ..... -10 -3 -9  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand and offerings are light. 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 78-80  
Checks 61-70 61-67  
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 Sep 2, 2013

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

**EX**  
**GRADE A LRG LRG MED SMALL**  
Unavailable

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

**EX**  
**GRADE A LRG LRG MED SMALL**  
1.96 1.96 1.80 1.32

**DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for September 13, 2013

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

**Current Loads 30.25 Future Loads 16.00 Total Loads 46.25**

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	--	--	83.00	85.00	--	--	9.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00
GL W J	--	--	--	--	93.00	--	.25	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	108.50	.25
GL W XL	--	--	94.00	96.00	87.03	--	16.00	GL W XL	--	101.00	--	--	--	101.97	9.00
GL W LG	--	--	92.00	93.00	81.78	--	12.00	GL W LG	--	--	--	99.25	--	94.70	8.00
GL W MD	--	--	70.00	73.00	61.00	--	3.25	GL W MD	65.67	--	--	78.00	--	74.36	3.75
GL W SM	--	--	--	--	56.00	58.50	.50	GL BR LG	131.00	--	--	--	--	136.00	.75
NRBS - 45	--	79.00	--	--	75.00	--	1.00	NRBS - 39	64.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 39	--	48.00	--	--	44.00	84.00	2.00								

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

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for September 9, 2013 - September 13, 2013

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

**Current Loads 114.00 Future Loads 43.75 Total Loads 157.75**

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	84.50	91.50	86.00	87.75	--	--	16.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00
GNR BR 1	--	127.00	--	129.00	--	--	4.00	GL W J	101.50	107.75	--	--	110.00	109.35	8.75
GL W J	--	--	--	--	93.02	--	7.00	GL W XL	94.75	100.06	--	--	101.25	102.12	21.50
GL W XL	95.00	99.13	93.20	93.83	87.17	--	50.25	GL W LG	87.50	93.75	--	97.79	--	94.98	28.75
GL W LG	84.00	--	89.90	91.79	80.98	--	48.50	GL W MD	63.89	--	--	76.55	--	74.21	10.25
GL W MD	--	85.00	79.00	83.70	69.35	--	16.75	GL W SM	47.00	--	--	62.00	--	--	1.00
GL W SM	--	--	54.50	57.50	56.00	58.50	2.50	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	126.00	.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	110.00	--	.25	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	138.50	1.00
GL BR XL	122.00	--	125.00	128.00	--	--	2.00	GL BR LG	131.00	--	--	--	--	136.00	.75
NRBS - 48	--	70.00	--	--	65.00	80.67	8.75	NRBS - 39	64.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 45	--	79.00	--	84.00	75.00	--	3.00								
NRBS - 42	--	58.00	--	--	55.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 39	--	57.00	--	--	53.43	84.00	4.50								

Weighted average prices are listed for various classes priced by origin and/or destination f or 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)		
	09/9/13	09/2/13	09/10/2012
Pacific w/out Denver	58	57	108
Los Angeles	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on small, lower on the balance. Supplies are moderate. Retail demand is moderate.

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	133.04
Large	129.94
Medium	100.86
Small	83.00

**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:

[www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome)