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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional New York and regional prices are steady with a steady undertone. Current offerings and supplies are light to moderate for trade needs. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate to good and best in areas affected by severe winter weather in the South Central region. Market activity is moderate while moderate to active in the Western region. Breaking stock supplies are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Spent fowl offerings are light; demand is seasonally light to fair.

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 steady. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to lower. Demand is light to moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	149-158	152-155
LARGE	148-157	150-153
MEDIUM	105-114	107-110

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	156-164	157-159
LARGE	154-162	155-157
MEDIUM	111-119	112-114

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	130-140	134
MEDIUM	87-91	89
SMALL	64-70	

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

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is fairly good to good with best movement into areas affected by severe winter weather over the weekend. Food service demand is moderate to good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to lower. Demand is light to moderate for the moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	161.5-170	163-166
LARGE	161.5-170	163-166
MEDIUM	113.5-122	115-118

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

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are unchanged with a steady undertone. Current offerings are light to moderate for trading purposes. Retail and food service demand are moderate to good. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to adequate for the light demand. Spent fowl offerings are light; demand is seasonally light to fair.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	161-177	163-166
LARGE	160-177	161-164
MEDIUM	111.5-129	112-116

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices are unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is mostly steady. Supplies are moderate for needs. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to adequate for a light demand. Offerings of light type hens are light for reduced processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	152-166	155-159
LARGE	149-163	154-158
MEDIUM	108-121	113-115

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

**NEW YORK** Prices are steady on Medium and larger sizes. The undertone is mostly steady. Supplies are moderate for trading purposes. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	163-167
LARGE	161-165
MEDIUM	120-124

**WESTERN** Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail demand is moderate to good, mostly fairly good to good. Food movement is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

**CALIFORNIA** Benchmark prices are unchanged on all sizes. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail demand is moderate to good, mostly fairly good to good. Food service movement is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Small benchmark price \$1.25.

**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	178
EXTRA LARGE	195
LARGE	192
MEDIUM	145

**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>10.6</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>59.7</b>
	% Change	22.7%	13.5%	-12.6%	21.8%	-5.0%	3.0%	4.3%
<b>Extra Large</b>	This Week	<b>30.3</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>30.0</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>23.6</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>127.8</b>
	% Change	1.4%	41.3%	2.3%	3.7%	-17.3%	23.8%	3.9%
<b>Large</b>	This Week	<b>62.3</b>	<b>112.6</b>	<b>160.5</b>	<b>103.3</b>	<b>70.2</b>	<b>44.6</b>	<b>553.5</b>
	% Change	15.1%	21.7%	7.7%	16.3%	7.4%	-8.5%	11.0%
<b>Medium</b>	This Week	<b>12.8</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>24.4</b>	<b>28.1</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>141.2</b>
	% Change	1.4%	12.3%	-7.4%	-9.3%	2.0%	19.8%	-1.0%
<b>Small</b>	This Week	<b>3.6</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>17.9</b>
	% Change	130.4%	-1.3%	-2.6%	-16.5%	4.2%	-8.3%	7.1%
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	This Week	<b>2.0</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>68.3</b>
	% Change	48.5%	17.5%	0.3%	-2.0%	18.6%	2.7%	5.0%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	<b>18.4</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>78.7</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>139.2</b>
	% Change	11.6%	-16.4%	-3.2%	59.5%	-46.3%	-44.4%	-6.6%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	This Week	<b>140.1</b>	<b>189.2</b>	<b>361.2</b>	<b>191.1</b>	<b>145.4</b>	<b>80.6</b>	<b>1,107.5</b>
	% Change	12.3%	18.8%	0.9%	11.5%	-4.5%	-7.0%	<b>5.3%</b>

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,107.5	5.3%
Breaking Stock	232.1	-9.8%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,339.6</b>	<b>2.3%</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	9.4	21.4	6.3	3.1	3.0	1.0	44.1
	% Change	1.7%	12.3%	35.3%	-6.7%	39.8%	-7.3%	11.9%
<b>Ungraded</b>	This Week	0.0	0.0	23.1	4.9	0.5	2.0	30.5
	% Change	0.0%	-100.0%	-4.0%	35.9%	-21.7%	-52.3%	-15.3%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	This Week	9.4	21.4	29.5	8.0	3.4	3.0	74.6
	% Change	1.7%	-5.2%	2.4%	15.7%	26.2%	-43.2%	-1.1%

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

<b>Large:</b>	<b>22.3%</b>
<b>Ungraded:</b>	<b>71.9%</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>42.6%</b>

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 December 13, 2013 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 06, 2013 were 161,665 cases which was 21 percent below the prior week and 20 percent below estimates.

**CARTONED      LOOSE      TOTAL**

Cases purchased  
present week ..... 140,849    20,816    161,665

% change from the  
prior week ..... -22      -14      -21  
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. Trade sentiment is steady to lower. Demand is light to moderate on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow.

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      96-98  
Checks      79-88      79-85  
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 Nov 25, 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**  
1.90    1.90    1.74    1.26

**DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for December 6, 2013

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

**CURRENT LOADS 28.00 FUTURE LOADS 13.00 TOTAL LOADS 41.00**

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	129.00	--	130.00	132.00	--	--	12.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00
GNR W 3	--	--	89.00	91.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	131.75	127.00	--	--	--	142.07	4.75
GL W J	113.00	--	--	--	124.00	--	2.00	GL W XL	136.82	--	--	--	--	151.55	2.75
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	134.50	--	2.00	GL W LG	130.00	138.00	--	--	--	138.80	5.75
GL W LG	--	--	124.00	--	124.00	130.00	6.75	GL W MD	105.80	--	--	--	--	110.33	3.75
GL W MD	--	--	92.00	94.00	97.00	--	3.50	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	79.00	--	1.00
GL W SM	--	--	78.00	81.00	78.00	80.00	2.75								
GL BR MD	--	--	97.00	99.00	--	--	0.25								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	102.50	86.00	--	2.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	86.75	93.00	2.00								

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

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for December 2, 2013 - December 6, 2013

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

**CURRENT LOADS 145.50 FUTURE LOADS 62.75 TOTAL LOADS 208.25**

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	129.00	138.67	127.00	129.75	--	--	57.00	GNR W 1	--	139.70	--	--	--	--	29.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	117.00	--	1.00	GNR W 3	--	96.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR W 3	--	--	89.00	91.00	87.00	--	2.00	GL W J	130.62	127.00	--	--	--	139.89	14.50
GNR BR 1	--	157.00	175.75	174.00	--	--	4.00	GL W XL	139.25	145.50	--	--	--	147.19	24.50
GL W J	113.00	--	--	--	122.35	--	10.75	GL W LG	138.38	144.90	--	139.00	--	139.08	52.75
GL W XL	138.73	145.67	134.33	139.64	133.10	--	43.50	GL W MD	105.44	129.00	--	--	--	108.85	11.75
GL W LG	138.00	148.33	127.00	132.20	126.90	129.75	80.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	79.00	--	1.00
GL W MD	--	97.00	93.40	95.00	95.00	--	11.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	146.50	0.25
GL W SM	--	82.00	76.83	79.50	77.64	80.00	9.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	195.50	205.00	0.25
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	128.50	--	0.25	GL BR LG	--	--	193.50	--	195.50	207.00	2.00
GL BR LG	--	--	137.00	139.00	197.00	--	1.50								
GL BR MD	--	--	97.00	99.00	80.00	--	1.25								
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	100.00	--	3.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	90.00	97.00	86.00	--	6.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	84.00	88.00	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	90.75	--	83.50	90.31	4.00								

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)		
	12/2/13	11/25/13	12/3/2012
Pacific w/out Denver	39	43	107
Los Angeles	0	0	0

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies 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	177.67
Large	177.67
Medium	129.86
Small	105.00

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

(price cents per carton delivered to first receivers)

	Price Range	Mostly
<b>Extra Large</b>	doz. 261 - 320	275 - 310
	1/2 doz. 180 - 198	181 - 189
<b>Large</b>	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)