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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices are steady in all regions. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower. Current supplies and offerings are generally moderate for trade needs. Retail and food service demand are moderate to fairly good. On the West Coast food service demand is moderate to light. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are moderate with mixed breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are sufficient; demand is moderate.

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 3 cents lower Extra Large and Large, and 7 cents lower for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is fully steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to slightly higher. The undertone is slightly improved. Demand is moderate to fairly good on moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	102-111	105-108
LARGE	101-110	103-106
MEDIUM	96-105	98-101

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	109-117	110-112
LARGE	107-115	108-110
MEDIUM	102-110	103-105

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	80-90	84
MEDIUM	71-75	73
SMALL	55-61	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Next week's asking prices are 2 cents lower for Extra Large and Large, 4 cents lower for Medium. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are mixed. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to slightly higher. The undertone is slightly improved. Offerings are moderate on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	120.5-129	122-125
LARGE	112.5-121	114-117
MEDIUM	104.5-113	106-109

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower on larger sizes and Mediums. Retail and food service demand is moderate to instances good. Offerings are mostly moderate for immediate needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are fully sufficient; demand is light to moderate. Spent fowl offerings are light to moderate for the light to moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	113.5-143	115-118
LARGE	111-133	113-116
MEDIUM	104-122	105-109

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices of next week's deliveries are trending lower. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are mixed, mostly moderate for needs. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are fully sufficient; breaker continue to adjust after winter weather earlier this week. Light type fowl offerings are light to moderate for the light to moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	113-131	114-118
LARGE	107-121	112-116
MEDIUM	99-112	104-106

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

NEW YORK Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Current offerings are mostly moderate for trade needs. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	121-125
LARGE	119-123
MEDIUM	107-111

WESTERN Prices are steady. Next week's asking prices are steady for Jumbo, 3 cents lower for Extra Large, 2 cents lower for Large, 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Demand and offerings remain moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are steady for Jumbo, 3 cents lower for Extra Large, 2 cents lower for Large and 3 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate, while food service demand is reported as moderate to light. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.16.

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	172
EXTRA LARGE	156
LARGE	145
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	154-166
EXTRA LARGE	138-146
LARGE	122-134
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 and white prices are slightly lower with yolk too few to report. The undertone is mostly steady for whole egg and whites and steady to weak for yolk. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy. Spot demand is slightly improved with schedules somewhat mixed this week after some weather disruptions in many areas of the country. Market activity is slow to moderate. Schedules are full-time to overtime for next week.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Dec Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	58.00 - 66.00	7	62.29	64.00 - 66.00	10	65.60	56	74.12
Whites	73.00 - 74.00	4	73.25	TFEWR			40	90.99
Yolk	TFEWR			TFEWR			6	60.92

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are lower with whites and yolk prices steady. The undertone is steady. Demand outside of normal contractual agreements is light to moderate on all frozen products. Offerings are light to mostly moderate, lightest for whites. Floor stocks are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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

Trucklot	Current Week			Last Week			Dec Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole	82.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 85.00		84.00 - 92.00	85.00 - 89.00		95.38	98.38
Whites	105.00 - 117.00	110.00 - 112.00		105.00 - 117.00	110.00 - 115.00		112.13	114.38
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	82.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 86.00		82.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 86.00		85.50	86.88
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	80.00 - 86.00	82.00 - 83.00		80.00 - 86.00	81.00 - 83.00		83.13	83.88

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week			Last Week			Dec Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole	86.00 - 88.00			88.00 - 90.00			98.00	101.00
Whites	112.00 - 114.00			112.00 - 114.00			114.50	115.13
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	88.00 - 93.00			88.00 - 93.00			90.50	92.50
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	88.00 - 93.00			88.00 - 93.00			90.50	92.50

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

Prices of dried egg products are steady to lower on whole and yolk, steady on albumen and blends. The undertone is lower on whole, steady on the balance. Offerings and floor stocks are light to moderate, lightest on albumen. Demand is light to moderate. Trading is centered on existing contracts as sellers monitor market developments. Inquiries increased to secure product for 2014. 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			Dec Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole	2.90 - 3.40	3.00 - 3.10		2.95 - 3.40	3.15 - 3.20		3.28	3.32
Yolk	1.65 - 1.90	1.70 - 1.75		1.65 - 1.95	1.70 - 1.75		1.83	1.86
Albumen ^{2/}	7.80 - 8.85	8.20 - 8.30		7.80 - 8.85	8.30 - 8.40		8.53	8.68
Blends ^{3/}	2.70 - 2.75			2.70 - 2.75			2.81	2.81

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

W/E 4-Jan-2014 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,325,725	30,167	14,214	6,986	2,751	4,262
PW	1,253,935	28,691	13,724	6,601	2,461	3,919
LY	1,299,735	29,055	14,098	7,363	2,975	4,365
% PW	6%	5%	4%	6%	12%	9%
% LY	2%	4%	1%	-5%	-8%	-2%
2013	1,325,725	30,167	14,214	6,986	2,751	4,262
2012	1,299,735	29,055	14,098	7,363	2,975	4,365
% YTD	2%	4%	1%	-5%	-8%	-2%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	41.96	42.21	42.22
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.75	39.09	38.87

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	858,787	64.8%	21,454	71.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	835,855	66.7%	20,495	71.4%
LAST YEAR	828,662	63.8%	19,242	66.2%

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 steady to slightly higher. The undertone is slightly improved. Demand is moderate to fairly good on moderate offers. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Schedules are mixed.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	58-60	
CHECKS	39-48	39-45
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. Offerings are fully sufficient for immediate trade needs. Demand is light to moderate. Breakers in the Northeast continue to make adjustments due to severe winter conditions earlier in the week causing some transportation issues. Market activity is slow to instances moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 04-Jan-2014 increased 9 percent from the previous week but decreased 7 percent from the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	53-61	-
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	41-48	44-46
EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV		

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for January 3, 2014 - January 9, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 142.75 FUTURE LOADS 52.25 TOTAL LOADS 195.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	5.00	GNR W XL	--	85.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GNR W 1	85.00	--	86.00	88.20	71.50	--	33.00	GNR W 1	--	84.27	--	--	--	--	21.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	68.40	--	10.00	GNR BR 1	--	180.00	--	--	--	--	6.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	6.00	GL W J	122.12	123.00	--	134.75	--	136.66	9.25
GL W J	--	--	--	--	115.80	--	5.00	GL W XL	89.40	100.02	--	109.00	--	108.52	28.25
GL W XL	93.50	106.00	96.50	98.91	90.23	--	39.75	GL W LG	90.00	94.26	--	103.33	--	97.60	37.25
GL W LG	85.00	95.00	87.00	88.79	80.71	91.00	46.75	GL W MD	71.65	83.80	76.75	--	96.00	90.97	16.75
GL W MD	78.75	82.50	81.38	85.20	71.65	75.00	21.00	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	195.25	205.00	.25
GL W SM	70.00	73.00	67.20	70.00	72.00	80.25	6.50	GL BR LG	--	109.00	--	--	195.25	205.00	1.25
GL BR XL	--	--	183.00	186.00	--	--	1.00								
GL BR LG	--	187.00	--	--	178.00	184.00	2.50								
GL BR MD	--	--	94.00	100.00	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	50.21	56.71	14.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	1.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	54.00	--	--	--	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.

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	116.00	114.00	105.00
SOUTHEAST	116.50	114.50	107.00
MIDWEST	106.50	104.50	99.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	123.50	115.50	107.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	116.00	112.23	104.85

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending steady for the moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient. Processing schedules are normal following the holiday. Movement of finished product sales is moderate. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity is light to moderate with the majority of interest being in the Northeast region.

(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.

U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

W/E 28-Dec-13 (Preliminary)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	896	706	1,602
Last Week	1,728	1,360	3,088
Same week yr ago	1,368	1,130	2,498
To-date/2013*	75,635	76,340	151,975
To-date/2012*	76,889	81,276	158,165

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	136	0	136
Last Week	629	0	629
Same week yr ago	100	0	100
To-date/2013*	17,148	0	17,148
To-date/2012*	14,153	36	14,189

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,032	706	1,738
Last Week	2,357	1,360	3,717
Same week yr ago	1,468	1,130	2,598
To-date/2013*	92,783	76,340	169,123
To-date/2012*	91,042	81,312	172,354

*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 Dec 21, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	0	48	5,256	1,653
Frozen	0	0	40	0
Dried	0	24	246	341
Total	0	72	5,542	1,994

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

Week Ending Dec 21, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	11	80	9,593	10,987
Frozen	12	22	1,387	1,203
Dried	0	0	50	50
Total	23	102	11,030	12,240

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

Week Ending Dec 21, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	9,060	6,690	181,207	129,162
Large	24,550	18,490	402,091	263,336
Medium	800	800	29,334	31,135
Ungraded	9,684	9,660	557,161	309,314
Misc	0	720	3,720	4,560
Total	44,094	36,360	1,173,513	737,507

/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

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Dec 28, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	93	0	5,349	1,653
Frozen	0	0	40	0
Dried	112	0	357	341
Total	205	0	5,746	1,994

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

Week Ending Dec 28, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Liquid	9	60	9,602	11,047
Frozen	13	0	1,399	1,203
Dried	0	0	50	50
Total	22	60	11,051	12,300

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

Week Ending Dec 28, 2013	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2013	2012 /1	2013 /2	2012
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	9,356	5,280	190,563	134,442
Large	11,110	10,140	413,200	273,476
Medium	800	0	30,134	31,135
Ungraded	1,500	720	558,661	310,034
Misc	0	0	3,720	4,560
Total	22,766	16,140	1,196,278	753,647

/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

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

	(INCL. GOV'T STOCKS)		(IN THOUSANDS)
	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS
AM 01/06/14	2,622	79,312	53,459
AM 12/01/13	2,674	70,963	51,420
CHG	-52	8349	2039
PCT CHG	-2%	12%	4%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2013 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2014 are:

Frozen Eggs	30	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	235	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	751	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS January 7, 2014

Prices paid per dozen Grade A brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
Maine	222	218	143	110
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	215-219	211-215	136-140	103-107
Mostly	217-218	213-214	138-139	105-106
Rhode Island	-	-	-	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-
Vermont	222-225	218-220	143	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-

MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGGS

As of December 31, 2013

Report Delayed.
Will be Released as Soon as all Information is Received.