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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are unchanged. Remaining regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher. Demand into all channels ranges moderate to good while light to moderate in the Northeast region. Offerings are light to moderate for present trade needs. Market activity is at a full range, mostly moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl offerings are moderate to heavy; processing schedules are increased due Saturday operations.

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 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 9 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate but trending more toward moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to mostly higher. Offerings are light on good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	109-118	112-115
LARGE	108-117	110-113
MEDIUM	99-108	101-104

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-124	117-119
LARGE	114-122	115-117
MEDIUM	105-113	106-108

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	103-113	107
MEDIUM	90-94	92
SMALL	58-64	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady. Next week's asking prices are 15 cents higher for Extra Large, 13 cents higher for Large, and 9 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate to good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to mostly higher. Demand is good on light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	129.5-138	131-134
LARGE	121.5-130	123-126
MEDIUM	108.5-117	110-113

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady with a steady undertone. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sizes and Mediums. Retail demand is fairly good, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to mostly moderate for trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are light; demand is moderate to good. Spent fowl offerings are moderate to heavy for the moderate demand.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	115.5-137	121-124
LARGE	111.5-128	119-122
MEDIUM	102-118	109-113

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. The undertone is steady. Supplies are mostly light to moderate on larger sizes, light on Medium. Offerings remain light. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen offerings are moderate to heavy for normal to over-time processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	117-138	120-124
LARGE	111-125	116-120
MEDIUM	105-118	110-112

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 light to moderate. Offerings are light. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is usually moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	136-140
LARGE	134-138
MEDIUM	128-132

WESTERN Asking prices for next week are unchanged on Jumbo, 14 cents higher for Extra Large, 12 cents higher for Large and 9 cents higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail and institutional demand is moderate to fairly good with limited ad activity noted. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are unchanged for Jumbo, 14 cents higher for Extra Large, 12 cents higher for Large and 9 cents higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate to fairly good into retail and institutional accounts. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Small benchmark price \$1.23.

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	179
EXTRA LARGE	166
LARGE	161
MEDIUM	143

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	161-173
EXTRA LARGE	144-156
LARGE	138-150
MEDIUM	123-131

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 too few to report and yolk prices steady. The undertone is steady to higher for whole egg, higher for whites and steady to lower for yolk. Demand is good for whole egg and whites and light for yolk. Whole egg offerings are light with offerings of liquid whites light and short of current needs. Yolk offerings are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate to slow. Schedules are usually full-time 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 Whites	61.00 - 65.00	10	62.00	60.00 - 64.00	19	62.05	56	74.12
Yolk	TFEWR			78.00 - 94.00	7	91.57	40	90.99
	61.50 - 62.00	4	61.88	TFEWR			6	60.92

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg and sugared yolk prices are lower with whites steady to higher and salted yolk prices steady to lower. The undertone is mostly steady for whole egg, higher for whites and lower for frozen yolk products. Offerings are light to moderate for whole egg, light for whites and moderate for yolk. Demand continues moderate for whole egg, good for whites and light to moderate for yolk. 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 Whites	80.00 - 87.00	83.00 - 86.00	81.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 86.00	95.38	98.38
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	107.00 - 120.00	110.00 - 117.00	105.00 - 120.00	110.00 - 117.00	112.13	114.38
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	79.00 - 87.00	82.00 - 85.00	81.00 - 89.00	84.00 - 86.00	85.50	86.88
	77.00 - 84.00	79.00 - 82.00	77.00 - 86.00	80.00 - 82.00	83.13	83.88

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Dec Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole Whites	86.00 - 88.00		86.00 - 88.00		98.00	101.00
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	112.00 - 120.00	112.00 - 117.00	112.00 - 120.00	112.00 - 117.00	114.50	115.13
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	83.00 - 88.00		88.00 - 93.00		90.50	92.50
	83.00 - 88.00		88.00 - 93.00		90.50	92.50

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Prices of dried egg products are higher for albumen, lower on whole, steady to lower on yolk, steady to higher on blends. The undertone is steady to higher on albumen, steady on whole and blends, while lower on yolk. Demand is light to moderate on whole and yolk, moderate to good on albumen. Offerings are light to moderate and confidently held. Trading continues to be based on existing commitments as albumen inquires increased. Floor stocks are usually light to moderate. 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 Yolk	2.84 - 3.25	3.00 - 3.05	2.85 - 3.50	3.00 - 3.10	3.28	3.32
Albumen ^{2/}	1.48 - 1.85	1.60 - 1.65	1.50 - 1.85	1.65 - 1.70	1.83	1.86
Blends ^{3/}	8.40 - 9.00	8.60 - 8.65	8.25 - 8.99	8.50 - 8.60	8.53	8.68
	2.70 - 2.75		2.49 - 2.75	2.60 - 2.65	2.81	2.81

^{2/} Spray Dried, ^{3/} Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 18-Jan-2014 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,398,775	30,107	16,234	8,242	2,957	4,306
PW	1,377,985	31,245	15,198	7,644	3,200	4,398
LY	1,372,586	32,627	14,406	6,940	3,256	4,603
% PW	2%	-4%	7%	8%	-8%	-2%
% LY	2%	-8%	13%	19%	-9%	-6%
2013	4,102,485	91,520	45,647	22,871	8,908	12,966
2012	4,094,321	95,868	42,464	20,957	9,714	13,774
% YTD	0%	-5%	7%	9%	-8%	-6%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.10	42.44	42.67
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.02	39.25	39.32

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	828,542	59.2%	19,742	65.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	810,332	58.8%	19,817	63.4%
LAST YEAR	789,203	57.5%	20,432	62.6%

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 Prices are steady. The undertone is steady to mostly higher. Offerings are light on good demand. Schedules are usually full-time. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	69-71	
CHECKS	52-61	52-58
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 higher. Supplies are light to usually moderate. Offerings are light. Demand is moderate to good. Market activity is slow to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 18-Jan-2014 decreased 5 percent from the previous week but increased 2 percent from the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	66-71	67
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	55-62	57-59
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 17, 2014 - January 23, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 125.50 FUTURE LOADS 49.00 TOTAL LOADS 174.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST				
GNR W XL	--	111.75	--	--	--	--	24.00	GNR W XL	--	115.40	--	--	--	--	--	13.00
GNR W 1	103.00	110.16	101.67	104.25	94.17	106.00	70.00	GNR W 1	--	112.35	--	--	--	--	--	23.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	3.00	GNR BR 1	--	191.00	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	118.00	120.00	120.00	--	4.00	GL W J	--	126.00	--	147.50	--	145.00	--	3.00
GL W XL	--	124.36	113.23	122.45	117.84	140.00	40.50	GL W XL	--	123.78	--	143.75	--	135.64	--	21.00
GL W LG	--	124.90	102.50	108.33	113.92	108.00	54.50	GL W LG	108.00	120.24	--	136.13	--	131.88	--	40.25
GL W MD	--	98.25	97.33	103.00	95.13	95.00	19.50	GL W MD	101.00	100.00	--	110.00	--	111.11	--	15.75
GL W SM	73.00	--	71.50	73.50	69.00	70.00	5.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	199.00	201.00	--	.50
GL BR XL	--	--	186.00	188.00	--	--	1.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	199.00	206.45	--	2.75
GL BR LG	--	--	186.00	188.00	188.00	--	3.25									
GL BR MD	--	--	94.50	100.50	--	--	1.00									
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	65.00	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	122.00	118.00	111.00
SOUTHEAST	122.50	120.50	111.00
MIDWEST	113.50	111.50	102.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	132.50	124.50	111.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	123.12	118.89	109.07

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending steady for the mostly moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate to heavy. Processing schedules increased due to some Saturday operation.. Movement of finished product sales is moderate. Market activity is light to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Retail activity was light.

(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

(Preliminary) (000's) U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

W/E 11-Jan-14	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,958	1,587	3,545
Last Week	1,374	1,297	2,671
Same week yr ago	1,730	1,595	3,325
To-date/2014*	3,332	2,884	6,216
To-date/2013*	3,460	3,190	6,650
W/E 18-Jan-14			
Head	1,755	1,488	3,243
Last Week	1,958	1,587	3,545
Same week yr ago	1,885	1,569	3,454
To-date/2014*	5,087	4,372	9,459
To-date/2013*	5,345	4,759	10,104

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

W/E 11-Jan-14	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	86	0	86
Last Week	425	0	425
Same week yr ago	344	0	344
To-date/2014*	511	0	511
To-date/2013*	600	0	600
W/E 18-Jan-14			
Head	458	0	458
Last Week	86	0	86
Same week yr ago	505	0	505
To-date/2014*	969	0	969
To-date/2013*	1,105	0	1,105

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

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

W/E 11-Jan-14	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	2,044	1,587	3,631
Last Week	1,799	1,297	3,096
Same week yr ago	2,074	1,595	3,669
To-date/2014*	3,843	2,884	6,727
To-date/2013*	4,060	3,190	7,250
W/E 18-Jan-14			
Head	2,213	1,488	3,701
Last Week	2,044	1,587	3,631
Same week yr ago	2,390	1,569	3,959
To-date/2014*	6,056	4,372	10,428
To-date/2013*	6,450	4,759	11,209

*The following revised to reflect corrections from w/e Jan 04, 2014,

Domestic	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head/To-date/2014*	1,374	1,297	2,671
Total U.S. & Canada			
To-date/2014*	1,799	1,297	3,096

*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 Jan 11, 2014	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Liquid	0	0	96	48
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	122	0
Total	0	0	218	48

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

Week Ending Jan 11, 2014	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Liquid	14	126	19	160
Frozen	3	52	9	57
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	17	178	28	217

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

Week Ending Jan 11, 2014	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,250	0	7,530	240
Large	7,150	750	14,500	1,290
Medium	0	0	342	813
Ungraded	0	1,200	480	3,360
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	9,400	1,950	22,852	5,703

/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 01/20/14	2,620	95,912	53,410
AM 01/01/14	2,598	75,937	53,540
CHG	22	19975	-130
PCT CHG	1%	26%	0%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS January 21, 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	220-224	216-220	140-144	103-107
Mostly	222-223	218-219	142-143	105-106
Rhode Island	221-225	217-221	142-146	109-113
Mostly	221	217	142	109
Vermont	222-223	218-220	143	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-

CHICKENS AND EGGS**December Egg Production Up 2 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 8.25 billion during December 2013, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 7.19 billion table eggs, and 1.06 billion hatching eggs, of which 986 million were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2013 averaged 351 million, up 2 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,353 eggs, up slightly from December 2012.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2014 totaled 350 million, up 2 percent from last year. The 350 million layers consisted of 295 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 52.3 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.02 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2014, averaged 75.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2013.

Egg-Type Chicks Up 5 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2013 totaled 38.9 million, up 5 percent from December 2012. Eggs in incubators totaled 38.0 million on January 1, 2014, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 354 thousand during December 2013, up 213 percent from December 2012.

Source: USDA/NASS

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

Commodity	Nov-30		Dec-31		December 31, 2013 as a Percent of	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	Dec-31 2012	Nov-30 2013
Frozen Egg						
		(1,000 pounds)			(percent)	
Whites	2,773	4,108	2,714	3,478	128%	85%
Yolks	2,018	1,823	2,139	1,965	92%	108%
Whole and mixed	8,217	11,620	8,206	11,692	142%	101%
Unclassified	14,243	12,203	14,317	13,200	92%	108%
Total Frozen Eggs	27,251	29,754	27,376	30,335	111%	102%

Source: USDA/NASS