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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are 5 cents higher on larger sizes, 4 cents higher on Medium. Remaining regional prices are 16 cents higher on Jumbo, 4 to 18 cents higher on Extra Large, 2.5 to 16 cents higher on Large, steady to 3 cents higher on Medium and Small. The undertone is firm. Supplies and offerings are light to moderate for trade needs. Retail and food service demand range moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock offerings are very light to moderate for the moderate to good demand. Spent fowl offerings are at least sufficient; demand is mostly 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 are 16 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 2 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 9 cents higher for Large, 4 cents higher for Medium, and 2 cents higher for Small. The undertone is fully steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies and offerings are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are sharply higher. The undertone is higher. Demand is moderate to good on very light offerings. Supplies are light. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	138-147	141-144
LARGE	137-146	139-142
MEDIUM	104-113	106-109

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	145-153	146-148
LARGE	143-151	144-146
MEDIUM	110-118	111-113

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	128-138	132
MEDIUM	90-94	92
SMALL	60-66	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 13 cents higher for Extra Large, 16 cents higher for Large, and 3 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is firm. Retail demand is usually reported as fairly good to good. Food service is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are sharply higher. The undertone is higher. Demand is moderate to good for the very light offerings. Supplies are light. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	151.5-160	153-156
LARGE	150.5-159	152-155
MEDIUM	115.5-124	117-120

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 4 to 5 cents higher for Extra Large, up 2.5 to 6 cents for Large, steady to 1.5 cents higher for Mediums. The undertone is firm. Retail demand is good and weather generated. Food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to instances moderate for current needs. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is mostly moderate to good. Spent hen offerings are moderate to heavy for normal processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	139.5-158	152-155
LARGE	135.5-156	150-153
MEDIUM	115-131	117-121

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 13 to 14 cents higher on Extra Large, 14 cents higher on Large and 2 cents higher on Medium. The undertone is higher. Current supplies and offerings are light to moderate for needs. Demand into all channels ranges light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock supplies in the Eastern region are very light to moderate for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are moderate to heavy for usually normal processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	142-159	143-147
LARGE	136-150	141-145
MEDIUM	112-129	121-123

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

NEW YORK Prices are 5 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 4 cents higher Medium. The undertone is higher. Supplies and offerings are light to moderate. Demand is light to fairly good, mostly moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	161-165
LARGE	159-163
MEDIUM	132-136

WESTERN Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 16 cents higher for Jumbo, 18 cent higher for Extra Large, 16 cents higher for Large, and 2 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is higher. Offerings and supplies remain light on moderate to mostly good demand. Market activity is active.

CALIFORNIA Prices are 16 cents higher for Jumbo, 18 cents higher for Extra Large, 16 cents higher for Large and 2 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is higher. Offerings and supplies are light with demand moderate to mostly good. Market activity is active. Small benchmark price \$1.27.

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	195
EXTRA LARGE	193
LARGE	187
MEDIUM	147

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY:

Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing (30-dozen cases in thousands) ^{1/}
(Includes Conventional and Specialty)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Jumbo	This Week	7.5	8.7	19.4	7.9	15.0	4.0	62.5
	% Change	-14.5%	-1.6%	2.0%	0.1%	6.8%	5.6%	0.3%
Extra Large	This Week	25.6	18.1	26.0	20.1	29.3	4.5	123.6
	% Change	-16.3%	-10.2%	-26.4%	22.1%	-21.0%	13.8%	-13.9%
Large	This Week	40.3	87.3	92.8	56.0	53.9	46.7	376.9
	% Change	-10.4%	-8.5%	2.0%	-11.1%	-9.3%	-6.2%	-6.6%
Medium	This Week	21.7	17.5	41.8	20.6	21.1	5.9	128.6
	% Change	24.6%	-9.5%	8.2%	-14.0%	-21.8%	-42.1%	-5.8%
Small	This Week	9.2	3.2	8.7	4.7	0.5	1.8	28.1
	% Change	69.1%	-21.7%	61.6%	9.5%	206.7%	4.5%	33.0%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.6	10.2	25.5	19.2	5.5	0.7	63.6
	% Change	12.3%	-33.8%	-15.3%	-8.0%	-45.4%	-73.5%	-21.6%
Ungraded	This Week	9.2	12.9	58.5	14.7	8.9	6.6	110.8
	% Change	64.2%	13.4%	-13.2%	-17.2%	-3.8%	-35.0%	-8.9%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	116.0	157.9	272.7	143.3	134.2	70.1	894.1
	% Change	0.9%	-9.6%	-4.9%	-7.1%	-14.6%	-14.5%	-7.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	894.1	-7.8%
Breaking Stock	224.7	-11.2%
Total Shell Egg	1,118.8	-8.5%

SPECIALTY SHELL EGG INVENTORY ^{2/}

Stocks on Hand to be Marketed (30-dozen cases in thousands)

		Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Southwest	Northwest	6-Area Total
Large	This Week	6.8	19.6	6.5	3.8	7.4	1.2	45.3
	% Change	-5.1%	-18.6%	-0.6%	50.4%	-9.9%	-43.1%	-10.5%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	3.5	27.5	3.7	1.5	1.1	37.4
	% Change	0.0%	-5.2%	-2.2%	3.6%	88.9%	671.4%	2.7%
Total Specialty	This Week	6.8	23.0	34.1	7.5	8.9	2.2	82.6
	% Change	-5.1%	-16.9%	-1.9%	22.9%	-1.0%	2.8%	-5.0%

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

Large:	20.5%
Ungraded:	67.4%
Total:	41.7%

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 February 21, 2014 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 14, 2014 were 197,593 cases which was 12 percent above the prior week and 12 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week	173,552	24,041	197,593

% change from the prior week..... +12 +13 +12
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

All prices are sharply higher. Trade sentiment is higher. Demand is moderate to good on very light offerings. Schedules are full-time. Supplies are light. 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	86-88	
Checks	70-79	70-76
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 Feb 3, 2014

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

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A	Unavailable				

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

	EX	LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
GRADE A	1.90	1.90	1.74	1.26	

DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for February 17, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 26.50 FUTURE LOADS 5.50 TOTAL LOADS 32.00

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	--	--	126.00	128.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	127.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	145.00	147.00	112.00	--	2.00	GL W XL	155.50	156.00	--	167.00	--	167.63	5.00
GL W XL	--	--	136.00	150.25	145.80	--	8.50	GL W LG	144.50	153.60	--	--	--	158.95	10.00
GL W LG	--	--	130.00	135.00	140.94	--	12.00	GL W MD	--	130.00	--	--	--	118.50	2.50
GL W MD	--	--	102.50	104.00	106.00	--	3.50								
GL W SM	78.00	--	75.00	78.00	--	--	2.00								

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for February 11, 2014 - February 17, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 142.00 FUTURE LOADS 49.50 TOTAL LOADS 191.50

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	--	127.25	112.00	114.00	--	127.50	39.00	GNR W 1	--	138.73	--	--	--	--	18.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	90.00	--	18.00	GL W J	135.63	127.00	--	--	--	150.60	7.00
GNR BR 2	--	140.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W XL	155.50	147.50	--	156.00	--	148.33	24.75
GL W J	--	--	145.00	147.00	122.50	--	6.00	GL W LG	144.50	151.40	--	135.75	--	145.11	51.00
GL W XL	--	148.40	124.46	136.93	132.01	145.00	46.25	GL W MD	88.00	116.25	--	--	107.00	111.29	17.00
GL W LG	--	145.05	124.94	121.82	134.10	137.41	72.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	73.00	--	1.00
GL W MD	--	101.67	100.50	102.50	96.12	--	19.50	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	194.25	214.25	1.25
GL W SM	78.00	--	75.50	78.50	--	--	5.00	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	194.25	203.25	2.25
GL BR XL	--	195.00	195.00	199.00	--	--	3.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	192.00	195.00	--	--	2.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	73.00	75.00	2.00								

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)

	02/10/14	02/03/14	02/11/2013
Pacific w/out Denver	8	16	73
Los Angeles	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on all sizes. Supplies are light. 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	176.58
Large	175.03
Medium	139.12
Small	103.00

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 - 360	275 - 310
1/2 doz.	180 - 195	181 - 189
Large		
doz.	230 - 350	265 - 300
1/2 doz.	171 - 190	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

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