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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York and regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher. Supplies and offerings are light to moderate for trade needs. Offerings are mixed on Mediums in the Southeast region. Demand into retail and food service channels continues to range moderate to good. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Breaking stock Offerings are very light to light; schedules are full-time to reduced. Spent fowl 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 for next week are 11 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 10 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate at best. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate and increasing. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are very light and held confidently on fairly good to good demand. Supplies are light. Market activity is slow.

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	130-140	134
MEDIUM	96-100	98
SMALL	62-68	

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 11 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 7 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to instances active. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are very light for the fairly good to good demand. Supplies are light. Market activity is slow.

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 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 to good, while distributive demand remains moderate. Offerings are light to moderate on heavier weight eggs, while mixed on Mediums for needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are light for the generally moderate to good demand. Spent fowl offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to moderate.

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 steady with a steady undertone. Demand is light to instances good, usually moderate. Supplies and offerings are light to moderate for trade needs. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are light with normal to reduced breaking schedules. Light type hen offerings are sufficient for the light to moderate demand.

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 steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is mixed, usually moderate. Supplies and offerings are light to moderate for immediate trade needs. 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 7 cents higher for Jumbo, 11 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 14 cents higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady to lower. Demand is in a range of light to good, mostly moderate to good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to active.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 7 cents higher on Jumbo, 11 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 14 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady to lower. Offerings are light to instances moderate. Demand ranges light to good, mostly moderate to good. Supplies are light. Market activity is moderate to 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

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	177-189
EXTRA LARGE	171-183
LARGE	164-176
MEDIUM	127-135

WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS

F.O.B. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

LIQUID EGGS

Liquid whole prices are steady to higher with whites and yolk too few to report. Trade sentiment is steady to higher for whole egg, higher for whites and steady to mostly lower for yolk. Offerings are light for whole egg, light to non-existent for whites and moderate to heavy for yolk. Demand is good to very good for whole egg and whites and usually light for yolk.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			Jan Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	73.00 - 75.00	7	74.43	TFEWR			54	62.72
Whites	TFEWR			TFEWR			33	87.00
Yolk	TFEWR			TFEWR			16	58.84

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg and white prices are higher with sugared yolk lower and salted yolk prices mixed. The undertone is firm for whole egg and whites and steady to lower on frozen yolk products. Offerings continue light to short of current needs for whole egg and whites and light to moderate for yolk. Demand is fairly good for whole egg, good to very good for whites and light to moderate for frozen yolk. Supplies are light for whole egg, very light for whites and moderate for yolk. Market activity is moderate.

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

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	91.00 - 99.00	93.00 - 95.00	82.00 - 90.00	84.00 - 85.00	85.30	95.38
Whites	115.00 - 130.00	119.00 - 124.00	111.00 - 125.00	114.00 - 115.00	112.70	112.13
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	77.00 - 85.00	78.00 - 80.00	83.00 - 86.00	81.00 - 83.00	84.60	85.50
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	73.00 - 82.00	75.00 - 76.00	77.00 - 80.00	77.00 - 78.00	81.80	83.13

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	93.00 - 95.00		88.00 - 90.00		87.70	98.00
Whites	115.00 - 130.00		115.00 - 117.00		114.90	114.50
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	81.00 - 86.00		83.00 - 88.00		88.50	90.50
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	81.00 - 86.00		83.00 - 88.00		88.50	90.50

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

Dried egg prices are higher for whole and albumen, steady to lower for yolk, steady to higher for blends. The undertone is higher on whole and albumen, steady on the balance. Demand is good on whole, very good on albumen, light on yolk and moderate on blends. Offerings are light and confidently held as floor stocks are at minimal working levels for albumen and whole dried products. Market activity is mostly moderate.

Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Current Week		Last Week		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	3.05 - 3.30	3.10 - 3.15	2.80 - 3.25	2.90 - 2.95	3.11	3.28
Yolk	1.38 - 1.75	1.50 - 1.55	1.48 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.65	1.71	1.83
Albumen ^{2/}	8.90 - 9.89	9.10 - 9.15	8.75 - 9.20	8.95 - 9.00	8.54	8.53
Blends ^{3/}	2.70 - 2.75		2.59 - 2.75	2.65 - 2.70	2.70	2.81

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

W/E 15-Feb-2014 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,348,504	29,464	15,642	7,810	2,815	4,038
PW	1,350,542	30,500	15,284	7,659	2,859	4,133
LY	1,371,608	32,283	14,009	7,112	2,928	4,419
% PW	0%	-3%	2%	2%	-2%	-2%
% LY	-2%	-9%	12%	10%	-4%	-9%
2014	9,536,213	209,598	109,088	54,126	20,509	29,789
2013	9,451,831	218,997	99,028	49,587	20,827	30,824
% YTD	1%	-4%	10%	9%	-2%	-3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.24	42.63	42.16
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.24	39.57	38.94

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	822,307	61.0%	19,222	65.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	823,213	61.0%	19,206	63.0%
LAST YEAR	795,313	58.0%	19,599	60.7%

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. Trade sentiment is usually steady. Offerings are very light and held confidently on fairly good to good demand. Supplies are light. Schedules full-time. Market activity is slow.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	90-92	
CHECKS	74-83	74-80
CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI		

EASTERN REGION Prices are higher. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light for trade needs. Breaking schedules are normal to reduced. Demand is mostly moderate to good. Market activity is slow to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending 15-Feb-2014 declined 9 percent from the previous week and 21 percent from the same week a year ago.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	86-92	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	74-81	
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 February 14, 2014 - February 20, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 157.75 FUTURE LOADS 50.25 TOTAL LOADS 208.00

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	127.00	138.38	126.75	129.25	--	133.00	41.00	GNR W 1	--	146.08	--	--	--	--	21.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	106.00	--	16.00	GL W J	145.25	127.00	147.00	--	--	156.50	11.00
GNR W 4	--	--	--	87.00	81.00	--	2.00	GL W XL	147.64	153.74	--	162.00	--	161.63	25.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W LG	141.38	149.86	--	--	--	157.02	55.00
GNR BR 2	--	140.00	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W MD	105.00	115.00	--	--	107.00	120.63	15.50
GL W J	--	--	145.00	147.00	125.72	--	10.00	GL BR LG	--	158.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W XL	--	151.59	137.33	146.74	139.45	134.00	46.25	GL BR MD	111.00	119.50	--	--	--	--	.75
GL W LG	--	153.60	131.83	135.73	135.97	149.69	78.75								
GL W MD	104.00	99.00	101.83	107.00	106.30	114.00	21.50								
GL W SM	78.00	--	75.00	78.00	--	--	4.00								
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	--	--	93.33	102.08	--	--	1.50								
NRBS - 39	--	--	96.50	101.50	--	--	4.00								
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	70.25	75.25	2.00								

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.

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	145.00	143.00	122.00
SOUTHEAST	153.50	151.50	119.00
MIDWEST	142.50	140.50	107.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	154.50	153.50	118.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	149.12	147.41	116.75

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales is light to moderate. Market activity is light to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity is light with the bulk of activity 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 15-Feb-14 (Preliminary)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,410	1,454	2,864
Last Week	1,636	1,524	3,160
Same week yr ago	1,310	1,433	2,743
To-date/2014*	10,858	10,077	20,935
To-date/2013*	11,164	10,309	21,473

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	315	0	315
Last Week	493	0	493
Same week yr ago	200	0	200
To-date/2014*	2,637	0	2,637
To-date/2013*	2,175	0	2,175

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	1,725	1,454	3,179
Last Week	2,129	1,524	3,653
Same week yr ago	1,510	1,433	2,943
To-date/2014*	13,495	10,077	23,572
To-date/2013*	13,339	10,309	23,648

*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 Feb 08, 2014	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Liquid	0	0	143	96
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	122	0
Total	0	0	265	96

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

Week Ending Feb 08, 2014	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Liquid	24	130	264	865
Frozen	50	4	252	209
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	74	134	516	1,074

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

Week Ending Feb 08, 2014	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	450	1,860	10,980	2,760
Large	300	270	18,650	1,680
Medium	30	930	372	1,743
Ungraded	10,800	720	24,872	7,529
Misc	1,440	0	1,440	0
Total	13,020	3,780	56,314	13,712

/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 Poultry LBS
AM 02/17/14	2,611	123,580	53,282
AM 02/01/14	2,602	103,794	52,676
CHG	9	19786	606
PCT CHG	0%	19%	1%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS February 18, 2014

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

	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
Maine	245	239	150	110
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	241-245	234-237	144-148	103-107
Mostly	243-244	235-236	146-147	105-106
Rhode Island	249-253	242-246	149-153	109-113
Mostly	249	242	149	109
Vermont	240	234-235	150	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

Commodity	Dec-31	Dec-31	Jan-31	Jan-31	January 31, 2014	
	2012	2013	2013	2014	Jan-31 2013	Dec-31 2013
Frozen Egg			(1,000 pounds)		(percent)	
Whites	2,714	3,474	3,225	4,128	128%	119%
Yolks	2,139	1,965	2,473	2,180	88%	111%
Whole and mixed	8,206	11,718	8,271	12,387	150%	106%
Unclassified	14,317	13,193	15,690	16,065	102%	122%
Total Frozen Eggs						
Source: USDA/NASS	27,376	30,350	29,659	34,760	117%	115%