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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are 3 cents higher on all sizes. Regional prices are unchanged on Jumbo, 3 to 19 cents higher on Extra Large, 2.5 to 17 higher on Large and 3.5 to 17 higher on Medium and Small. Current offerings and supplies are light to moderate for trade needs. Demand into all channels is moderate to good. Market activity is moderate while moderate to active in the Midwest. Breaking stock offerings are light to short; demand is good to very good. Spent hen offerings are moderate to heavy with slightly increased processing schedules.

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 15 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 16 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 3 cents higher for Large and Medium. The undertone is firm. Demand is moderate to good on light offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is higher. Offerings are light to short of current needs on good to very good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

| DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| EXTRA-LARGE | 138-147 | 141-144 |
| LARGE | 137-146 | 139-142 |
| MEDIUM | 121-130 | 123-126 |

| DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 145-153 | 146-148 |
| LARGE | 143-151 | 144-146 |
| MEDIUM | 127-135 | 128-130 |

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--------|---------|--------|
| LARGE | 122-132 | 126 |
| MEDIUM | 106-110 | 108 |
| SMALL | 65-71 | |

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 15 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 17 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is higher. Demand ranges moderate to good. Offerings remain light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. All breaking stock prices are higher. The undertone is higher. Demand is good to very good for the light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

| DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 150.5-159 | 152-155 |
| LARGE | 148.5-157 | 150-153 |
| MEDIUM | 130.5-139 | 132-135 |

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 3 to 5 cents higher for Extra Large, up 2.5 to 3 cents for Large, 3.5 to 5 cents higher for Mediums. The undertone is firm. Demand into retail and food service channels is moderate to good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate for immediate trade requirements. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock floor stocks in the Eastern region are light to moderate for normal to less than normal breaking schedules. Spent fowl offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to moderate.

| DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------------------|-----------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 138.5-154 | 147-150 |
| LARGE | 134.5-152 | 145-148 |
| MEDIUM | 116-135 | 128-132 |

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 13 cents higher on Extra Large, 12 cents higher on Large and 15 cents higher on Medium. The undertone is firm. Supplies are moderate for current trading purposes. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail and distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are light to instances moderate; demand is moderate to good. Light type hen offerings are moderate to heavy for normal to overtime processing schedules.

| DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE: | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 145-160 | 146-149 |
| LARGE | 139-153 | 144-148 |
| MEDIUM | 122-135 | 127-129 |

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

NEW YORK Prices are 3 cents higher on all sizes. The undertone is firm. Current supplies are moderate for trade needs. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is mostly moderate. Market activity is moderate.

| DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR: | RANGE |
|--------------------------|---------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 159-163 |
| LARGE | 157-161 |
| MEDIUM | 140-144 |

WESTERN Prices are unchanged for Jumbo, 19 cents higher for Extra Large, 17 cents higher for Large and 16 cents higher for Medium and Small. Demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are unchanged for Jumbo, 19 cents higher for Extra Large, 17 cents higher for Large and 16 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is higher. Demand is moderate into both retail and food service accounts. Offerings are light to instances moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.47.

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 | 185 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 193 |
| LARGE | 186 |
| MEDIUM | 167 |

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 | 13.5 | 9.8 | 20.5 | 9.9 | 17.7 | 4.1 | 75.5 |
| | % Change | 8.5% | -1.1% | 6.5% | 7.0% | -0.7% | -3.5% | 3.6% |
| Extra Large | This Week | 28.5 | 19.6 | 34.8 | 16.0 | 56.2 | 6.6 | 161.6 |
| | % Change | 14.3% | -18.1% | -13.7% | -12.6% | 21.0% | 1.4% | 0.8% |
| Large | This Week | 53.7 | 125.7 | 147.1 | 116.8 | 89.3 | 66.7 | 599.2 |
| | % Change | -2.2% | -9.7% | 1.9% | 8.7% | 15.7% | 5.5% | 2.2% |
| Medium | This Week | 12.4 | 17.0 | 42.3 | 21.3 | 33.0 | 8.5 | 134.5 |
| | % Change | -11.6% | 8.1% | 9.9% | -11.2% | 9.7% | 27.6% | 4.3% |
| Small | This Week | 1.6 | 2.9 | 7.4 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 15.9 |
| | % Change | 26.6% | 20.3% | 8.1% | -42.1% | -15.2% | 66.7% | 1.6% |
| Miscellaneous | This Week | 3.2 | 10.9 | 24.9 | 15.2 | 5.3 | 1.7 | 61.1 |
| | % Change | 0.9% | 3.2% | -0.9% | -4.8% | -8.9% | -39.1% | -3.5% |
| Ungraded | This Week | 11.5 | 10.2 | 70.3 | 13.4 | 23.9 | 7.6 | 136.7 |
| | % Change | 3.2% | 8.2% | 4.2% | -1.0% | 2.2% | -0.3% | 3.2% |
| Total Shell Egg | This Week | 124.4 | 196.0 | 347.3 | 194.3 | 226.5 | 96.1 | 1,184.5 |
| | % Change | 2.0% | -7.1% | 1.6% | 1.5% | 12.1% | 4.9% | 2.1% |

| Totals | Cases | Percent Change |
|------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Shell Egg | 1,184.5 | 2.1% |
| Breaking Stock | 242.9 | 1.8% |
| Total Shell Egg | 1,427.4 | 2.1% |

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 | 10.2 | 26.3 | 6.5 | 1.5 | 6.0 | 0.5 | 51.0 |
| | % Change | 4.3% | -11.1% | -13.0% | -60.1% | 11.5% | -17.2% | -9.8% |
| Ungraded | This Week | 0.0 | 1.8 | 23.8 | 5.3 | 1.1 | 1.7 | 33.6 |
| | % Change | 0.0% | -2.7% | -0.2% | 4.6% | 211.4% | -16.8% | 1.6% |
| Total Specialty | This Week | 10.2 | 28.1 | 30.2 | 6.8 | 7.1 | 2.2 | 84.6 |
| | % Change | 4.3% | -10.6% | -3.2% | -22.9% | 23.7% | -16.9% | -5.6% |

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

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Large: | 20.4% |
| Ungraded: | 70.3% |
| Total: | 40.3% |

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 March 28, 2014 will decrease by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 21, 2014 were 169,677 cases which was 1 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased
present week.. 144,850 24,827 169,677

% change from the
prior week..... +1 +5 +1
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 higher. Trade sentiment is higher. Offerings are light to short of current needs on good to very good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are full-time to shortened. 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 111-114
Checks 94-103 94-100
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 Mar 10, 2014

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 March 21, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 21.25 FUTURE LOADS 7.50 TOTAL LOADS 28.75

| 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 | -- | -- | 125.00 | 127.00 | -- | -- | 1.00 | GL W XL | 152.50 | 162.00 | -- | -- | -- | 161.00 | 2.75 |
| GL W XL | 138.00 | 151.00 | 134.00 | 153.00 | 139.27 | -- | 5.75 | GL W LG | -- | 150.00 | -- | -- | -- | 154.86 | 8.50 |
| GL W LG | -- | -- | 132.00 | 138.00 | 135.31 | -- | 13.00 | GL W MD | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 147.50 | 3.00 |
| GL W MD | -- | -- | -- | -- | 130.00 | -- | 3.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GL W SM | 83.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | 148.00 | 150.00 | -- | -- | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | 120.00 | 127.00 | -- | -- | 2.00 | | | | | | | | |

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for March 17, 2014 - March 21, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 99.25 FUTURE LOADS 29.25 TOTAL LOADS 128.50

| 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 | 112.00 | 123.80 | 121.25 | 119.00 | 123.00 | -- | 16.00 | GNR W 1 | -- | 130.50 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 2.00 |
| GL W J | -- | -- | 127.00 | 129.00 | 120.67 | -- | 4.00 | GL W J | -- | 129.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3.00 |
| GL W XL | 138.00 | 149.14 | 133.13 | 142.06 | 133.93 | -- | 34.50 | GL W XL | 150.00 | 152.50 | -- | 160.00 | -- | 156.13 | 20.00 |
| GL W LG | 127.50 | 142.00 | 124.00 | 125.89 | 133.68 | -- | 57.50 | GL W LG | -- | 139.89 | -- | -- | -- | 147.96 | 40.50 |
| GL W MD | -- | -- | 104.29 | 103.25 | 115.84 | 118.25 | 18.50 | GL W MD | 113.00 | 127.50 | 110.00 | 122.25 | -- | 133.86 | 12.00 |
| GL W SM | 81.67 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 3.00 | GL BR XL | -- | -- | -- | -- | 178.00 | 187.00 | .25 |
| GL BR LG | -- | -- | 158.00 | 160.00 | 198.50 | -- | 5.00 | GL BR LG | -- | -- | -- | -- | 178.00 | 184.20 | 3.25 |
| NRBS - 48 | -- | -- | 118.00 | 127.00 | -- | 125.50 | 8.00 | | | | | | | | |

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)

| | 03/17/14 | 03/10/14 | 03/18/2013 |
|----------------------|----------|----------|------------|
| Pacific w/out Denver | 49 | 48 | 129 |
| Los Angeles | 0 | 0 | 0 |

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is higher on all sizes. Supplies are light. Retail demand is moderate.

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 | 168.29 |
| Large | 165.96 |
| Medium | 150.69 |
| Small | 110.00 |

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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