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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are steady. Regional prices are 1 cent higher on Large, steady on the balance in the Northeast and Western regions, 1 cent higher on Large and Extra Large in the Midwest and South Central regions, higher on Extra Large, Large and Mediums in the Southeast region. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Offerings are generally moderate, while supplies are moderate to heavy in the Western regions for trading purposes. Retail and distributive demand is in a full range, mostly moderate. Breaking stock offerings and supplies are light to moderate; demand is moderate. Light type fowl offerings are adequate for the 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 are 1 cent higher for Extra Large and Large, and steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are moderate. Supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	160-169	163-166
LARGE	159-168	161-164
MEDIUM	142-151	144-147

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	167-175	168-170
LARGE	165-173	166-168
MEDIUM	148-156	149-151

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	141-151	145
MEDIUM	124-128	126
SMALL	73-79	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher for Large, and unchanged for Extra Large and Medium. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady with a steady undertone. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	172.5-181	174-177
LARGE	172.5-181	174-177
MEDIUM	155.5-164	157-160

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 7 to 11.5 cents higher on Extra Large, up 10 to 14.5 cents on Large, 10 to 13 cents higher on Mediums. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is fairly good to good, while food service demand remains moderate. Offerings are mostly moderate for current trading purposes. Market activity is moderate. In the Eastern region, breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is moderate. Light type fowl offerings are adequate for normal processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	166-182	168-171
LARGE	165-182	166-169
MEDIUM	147.5-165	148-152

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 1 cent higher on Large, unchanged on Extra Large and Medium. The undertone is steady to cautiously steady. Supplies are mixed, but mostly moderate. Offerings are moderate for needs. Retail and distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock demand and offerings are moderate. Light hen offerings are light to moderate for normal processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	162-176	165-169
LARGE	159-173	164-168
MEDIUM	140-153	145-147

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, but some caution is noted. Supplies and offerings are mostly moderate for present needs. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	173-177
LARGE	171-175
MEDIUM	152-156

WESTERN Prices are 1 cent higher for Large and unchanged on the balance of sizes. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Offerings are moderate with demand light to mostly moderate. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are 1 cent higher for Large with the balance of prices unchanged. The undertone is steady to barely steady. Demand is light to mostly moderate with limited feature activity noted. Offerings are moderate. Floor stocks are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow.

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	187
EXTRA LARGE	210
LARGE	208
MEDIUM	187

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	12.1	10.8	20.0	10.8	20.0	3.3	76.9
	% Change	0.5%	6.6%	-9.9%	23.9%	-6.1%	-19.6%	-1.9%
Extra Large	This Week	36.6	22.5	36.2	16.3	54.0	8.4	173.9
	% Change	34.6%	33.4%	-9.3%	-9.9%	-3.1%	-3.2%	4.5%
Large	This Week	70.0	127.0	179.4	112.6	91.1	74.6	654.7
	% Change	15.1%	1.2%	6.9%	-15.9%	-9.5%	-5.1%	-1.9%
Medium	This Week	12.3	20.0	37.4	29.3	40.3	12.3	151.6
	% Change	15.1%	22.6%	2.8%	38.6%	-2.6%	24.6%	11.7%
Small	This Week	2.3	2.6	2.4	4.0	0.9	1.9	14.0
	% Change	13.7%	-40.0%	-61.8%	27.6%	-31.4%	-12.7%	-26.6%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.7	12.1	24.1	15.0	7.6	1.8	63.4
	% Change	-7.4%	-3.9%	-2.1%	-6.3%	18.8%	25.5%	-1.0%
Ungraded	This Week	12.6	7.2	59.7	18.9	21.8	14.1	134.2
	% Change	-0.2%	-34.3%	4.3%	2.5%	-14.5%	9.0%	-2.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	148.6	202.1	359.1	206.9	235.8	116.4	1,268.8
	% Change	15.8%	2.8%	1.4%	-5.7%	-6.6%	-1.2%	0.0%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,268.8	0.0%
Breaking Stock	220.1	-6.5%
Total Shell Egg	1,488.9	-1.0%

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	9.3	28.6	6.5	2.2	5.8	0.5	52.9
	% Change	-12.4%	1.9%	-17.7%	-5.2%	-4.0%	-3.8%	-4.6%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	2.9	22.0	7.3	3.2	0.9	36.2
	% Change	0.0%	14.9%	2.2%	92.8%	9.6%	-44.8%	12.2%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.3	31.5	28.6	9.5	9.0	1.4	89.1
	% Change	-12.4%	2.9%	-3.2%	55.3%	0.4%	-34.3%	1.5%

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

Large:	21.4%
Ungraded:	71.8%
Total:	41.9%

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 April 11, 2014 will increase by 2 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 04, 2014 were 165,398 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

CARTONED LOOSE TOTAL

Cases purchased
present week 144,341 21,057 165,398

% change from the
prior week +2 -1 +2
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK

Prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. 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 118-120
Checks 101-112 103-108
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 31, 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 April 4, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 14.75 FUTURE LOADS TOTAL LOADS 14.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GL W J	--	--	--	--	126.00	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	139.00	145.88	2.00
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	132.50	130.50	2.00	GL W XL	148.25	--	--	158.50	--	157.93	2.75
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	108.00	--	2.00	GL W LG	147.25	--	--	--	--	156.50	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	124.00	--	.50	GL W MD	--	117.00	--	--	--	145.00	2.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	124.00	--	1.25	GL BR XL	--	139.00	--	--	--	--	.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	121.00	127.00	119.00	--	5.00	GL BR LG	--	136.30	--	--	--	--	1.25

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for March 31, 2014 - April 4, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 70.50 FUTURE LOADS 35.00 TOTAL LOADS 105.50

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	137.50	144.00	138.00	140.20	--	--	15.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	152.00	154.00	122.44	--	10.00	GL W J	131.75	125.00	--	--	141.67	148.21	12.50
GL W XL	--	165.00	145.00	147.50	139.14	160.88	16.25	GL W XL	145.02	158.00	--	158.50	--	152.47	13.00
GL W LG	--	164.00	140.50	144.00	163.08	155.00	33.00	GL W LG	140.25	160.85	--	--	--	149.70	27.00
GL W MD	--	144.00	122.40	125.00	114.50	140.00	19.00	GL W MD	117.00	142.89	--	--	--	138.00	11.25
GL W SM	--	--	89.00	91.67	--	--	3.00	GL BR XL	--	139.00	--	--	--	163.00	1.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	136.00	--	1.25	GL BR LG	--	136.30	--	--	--	163.00	1.75
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	129.11	--	2.25								
NRBS - 50	--	--	116.64	124.57	--	--	1.75								
NRBS - 48	--	--	122.40	127.40	117.83	131.50	11.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	101.00	107.00	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.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-FROZEN EGGS

Selected Centers (In Thousands of Pounds)

	03/31/14	03/24/14	04/01/2013
Pacific w/out Denver	58	46	87
Los Angeles	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on all sizes. Supplies are moderate. 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	182.22
Large	182.22
Medium	165.86
Small	116.00

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

www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome