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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Regional prices are 3 to 7 cents higher on all sizes. New York prices are steady with a mostly steady undertone. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate for trade needs. In the Northeast supplies are light to moderate on Extra Large and Medium, moderate on Large. Retail and food service demand are light to moderate however moderate to instances good in the South Central and Midwest region. Market activity is slow to moderate. Breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl offerings are moderate to heavy; processing schedules are increased slightly.

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 6 cents higher for all sizes. Daily producer prices are 1 cent higher. The undertone is fully steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher. The undertone is fully steady. Demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	122-131	125-128
LARGE	121-130	123-126
MEDIUM	110-119	112-115

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	129-137	130-132
LARGE	127-135	128-130
MEDIUM	116-124	117-119

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	104-114	108
MEDIUM	93-97	95
SMALL	71-77	

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

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are 7 cents higher for Extra Large, Large, and Medium. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to at times slow as industry accesses fill-in needs post-Holiday. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher. The undertone is fully steady. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate demand. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	135.5-144	137-140
LARGE	132.5-141	134-137
MEDIUM	121.5-130	123-126

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 3 to 4.5 cents higher for Extra Large, up 3 to 4 cents for Large and Mediums. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate with larger sizes in the lightest position for trade purposes. Demand into retail and food service channels is seasonal, light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Breaking stock offerings in the Eastern region are light to moderate; demand is moderate. Light type fowl offerings are moderate to heavy for slightly increased processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	126-145	128-131
LARGE	122-139	126-129
MEDIUM	116-133	119-123

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 4 cents higher on Extra Large, Large and Medium. The undertone is mostly steady. Supplies are light to moderate on Extra Large and Medium, moderate on Large. Offerings are light. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light to moderate for a moderate demand. Light hen offerings are moderate to heavy for increased processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	126-143	129-131
LARGE	120-134	125-129
MEDIUM	108-121	113-115

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

NEW YORK Prices are steady with a mostly steady undertone. Supplies are moderate on Large, light to moderate on Extra Large and Medium. Offerings are light. Demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	135-139
LARGE	133-137
MEDIUM	121-125

WESTERN Prices are 5 cents higher for Jumbo and 6 cents higher on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady to higher. Retail demand is light to moderate with food service movement moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are 5 cents higher for Jumbo and 6 cents higher on the remainder of sizes. Trade sentiment is steady to higher. Offerings are moderate. Retail demand is light to moderate with food service movement moderate. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price \$1.35.

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	180
EXTRA LARGE	174
LARGE	167
MEDIUM	155

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	8.9	10.1	15.2	6.4	21.3	3.6	65.5
	% Change	20.9%	3.4%	4.9%	-18.9%	-3.9%	11.3%	0.9%
Extra Large	This Week	25.4	22.7	36.8	20.9	47.9	8.0	161.8
	% Change	10.1%	13.9%	12.7%	-0.2%	1.5%	1.5%	6.6%
Large	This Week	45.7	132.3	93.5	82.7	84.0	50.1	488.3
	% Change	-10.6%	9.5%	-5.1%	-1.1%	6.0%	5.5%	1.6%
Medium	This Week	13.0	17.6	36.8	22.8	43.7	11.0	144.9
	% Change	-15.3%	3.2%	-7.3%	-0.9%	9.3%	5.3%	-0.4%
Small	This Week	3.7	2.2	4.2	3.7	0.9	2.5	17.2
	% Change	-10.6%	-23.7%	45.3%	-0.8%	-2.1%	61.9%	6.8%
Miscellaneous	This Week	2.9	11.0	26.6	10.7	5.1	1.4	57.8
	% Change	-30.6%	38.3%	3.0%	-13.7%	-24.5%	-29.6%	-2.4%
Ungraded	This Week	3.9	8.4	67.5	9.6	21.1	11.0	121.5
	% Change	-20.7%	-2.9%	-7.8%	-37.4%	29.6%	-10.3%	-7.0%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	103.5	204.4	280.5	156.9	223.9	87.8	1,057.0
	% Change	-6.0%	9.2%	-2.3%	-6.1%	5.4%	3.2%	0.8%

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,057.0	0.8%
Breaking Stock	302.6	3.6%
Total Shell Egg	1,359.6	1.4%

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	9.7	26.9	6.1	2.3	9.1	0.5	54.6
	% Change	13.1%	-1.7%	-13.6%	-43.5%	45.1%	19.5%	1.6%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	2.2	21.7	4.0	3.1	2.1	33.1
	% Change	0.0%	43.1%	-1.9%	-40.2%	108.8%	-61.6%	-11.4%
Total Specialty	This Week	9.7	29.1	27.8	6.3	12.2	2.6	87.7
	% Change	13.1%	0.7%	-4.8%	-41.4%	57.2%	-56.0%	-3.8%

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

Large:	21.4%
Ungraded:	78.8%
Total:	43.1%

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 May 30, 2014 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending May 23, 2014 were 187,411 cases which was 9 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	152,257	35,154	187,411

% change from the prior week..... +13 -5 +9
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK**

Breaking stock prices are steady to higher. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Demand is moderate on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. 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	109-112	109-111
Checks	91-102	93-98
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 May 12, 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	Unavailable	Unavailable	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 May 23, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 29.50 FUTURE LOADS 3.00 TOTAL LOADS 32.50

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	--	--	102.00	104.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	132.50	--	--	--	136.00	141.00	2.00
GL W XL	119.00	125.00	--	117.00	115.21	122.00	6.00	GL W XL	125.00	128.00	--	--	--	133.00	4.25
GL W LG	--	--	111.67	115.33	115.00	121.14	15.75	GL W LG	123.00	126.64	--	133.00	--	129.00	12.00
GL W MD	--	--	--	--	102.73	--	2.75	GL W MD	--	--	--	116.00	--	116.00	2.75
GL W SM	--	--	79.00	82.00	--	--	2.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	81.00	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	112.00	115.00	--	--	1.00								

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)

National Trading for May 20, 2014 - May 26, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 115.50 FUTURE LOADS 16.75 TOTAL LOADS 132.25

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	100.50	--	102.00	104.00	108.00	--	12.00	GNR W 1	--	113.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W J	--	--	113.00	115.50	122.70	--	7.00	GL W J	127.53	135.61	--	--	136.33	140.16	11.25
GL W XL	119.00	125.31	114.00	117.61	114.99	122.00	29.75	GL W XL	125.00	127.41	--	--	--	133.25	15.75
GL W LG	109.50	119.75	110.67	115.15	114.05	118.91	49.00	GL W LG	120.22	125.01	--	132.14	--	128.27	40.50
GL W MD	--	109.00	96.50	99.31	102.50	106.00	10.00	GL W MD	103.70	110.00	--	116.00	--	114.20	8.00
GL W SM	--	--	79.00	82.00	--	--	3.00	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	81.00	--	1.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	128.50	--	.25	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	145.50	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	118.00	--	.75	GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	133.00	.75
GL BR LG	--	--	112.00	115.00	118.00	--	1.50	GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	133.00	.50
GL BR MD	--	--	99.00	105.00	--	--	1.00	NRBS - 42	--	105.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	119.00	108.00	109.50	10.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	112.00	--	--	1.00								
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	93.50	94.00	4.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	95.00	102.00	--	--	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)		
	05/19/14	05/12/14	05/20/2013
Pacific w/out Denver	87	46	55
Los Angeles	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market is steady on small, higher on the balance. 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	149.89
Large	145.24
Medium	137.86
Small	114.00

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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