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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 on all sizes. Supplies and offerings range light to moderate for trade needs. Retail demand is moderate to fairly good while light to moderate in the Northeast. Distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate while slow to moderate in the South Central and West Coast regions. Breaking stock supplies are moderate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Spent hen offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to 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 prices for next week are 3 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 2 cents higher for Medium. Daily producer prices are 1 cent higher for Large and steady for Medium and Small. 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 higher. The undertone is steady to higher. Demand is fairly good on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is 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	106-116	110
MEDIUM	94-98	96
SMALL	72-78	

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 4 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 3 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand is moderate to at times fairly good, while food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light to moderate on the larger sizes and moderate to available for Medium. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to slow. All breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady to higher. Demand is fairly good for the light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is 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 steady. The undertone is fully steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sizes and Medium. Current offerings are light to moderate for trade needs. Retail and food service demand is moderate to instances fairly good. Market activity is moderate. Offerings of breaking stock in the Eastern region are light to moderate for a moderate to fairly good demand. Spent hen 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 steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on all sizes. The undertone is fully steady. Current supplies and offerings are light to moderate for trading requirements. Retail demand is light to moderate. Distributive demand is moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are moderate for the moderate to fairly good demand. Light type hen offerings are moderate to heavy; demand is light to moderate.

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 unchanged on all sizes. The undertone is fully steady. Supplies are light to moderate for needs. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Offerings are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	138-142
LARGE	136-140
MEDIUM	123-127

WESTERN Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 2 cents higher for Jumbo, 3 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 2 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady to occasionally higher. Retail demand continues light to fairly good, mostly moderate with loose egg sales moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 2 cents higher for Jumbo, 3 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 2 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady to instances higher. Retail demand ranges light to fairly good, mostly moderate with institutional movement moderate. Offerings are moderate for the larger sizes and moderate to more available for Medium. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. 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

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	162-174
EXTRA LARGE	152-164
LARGE	144-156
MEDIUM	135-143

WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS

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

LIQUID EGGS

Liquid whole egg prices are higher with whites too few to report and yolk prices steady to lower. Trade sentiment is higher for whole egg and whites and steady for yolk. Offerings are light for whole egg and whites and light to moderate for yolk. Demand is good for all liquid products. All contractually based liquid products were reported as well cleared, limiting spot trading this week. Market activity is moderate to active.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			May Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole Whites	97.00 - 106.00	16	98.75	96.00 - 104.00	18	98.11	86	98.14
Yolk	TFEWR			TFEWR			42	125.83
Yolk	55.00 - 70.00	5	64.50	TFEWR			19	66.00

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are mixed with whites and sugared yolk steady to higher and salted yolk prices steady. Trade sentiment is steady to higher for whole egg and whites and mostly steady for frozen yolk products. Offerings are light to moderate for whole egg, light for whites and moderate for yolk products. Demand is fairly good to good for whole egg, good for whites and moderate for yolk. Supplies are light for whole egg and whites and light to moderate for sugared and salted yolk. Market activity is moderate to active.

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

Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		May Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole Whites	115.00 - 130.00	122.00 - 125.00	120.00 - 125.00	122.00 - 125.00	121.13	118.90
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	145.00 - 165.00		143.00 - 165.00	145.00 - 165.00	152.25	141.60
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	80.00 - 88.00	83.00 - 88.00	79.00 - 88.00	83.00 - 88.00	83.88	84.00
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	80.00 - 85.00		80.00 - 85.00	80.00 - 83.00	82.50	80.70

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Last Week		May Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole Whites	122.00 - 124.00		120.00 - 125.00		122.25	120.40
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	143.00 - 175.00	145.00 - 165.00	135.00 - 165.00	145.00 - 165.00	149.75	139.00
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	83.00 - 88.00		83.00 - 88.00		85.50	86.50
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	83.00 - 88.00		83.00 - 88.00		85.50	86.50

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.

DRIED EGGS

Prices for dried egg products are higher for albumen, mixed for whole, steady for yolk and blends. The undertone is higher on albumen, steady on the balance. Offerings are mostly light to moderate. Demand is good to very good on albumen and whole, moderate on blends and yolk. Supplies are light to very light on albumen and whole, light to moderate on the remaining products. Inquiries increased with limited spot orders as buyers and producers monitor the current market. Market activity is moderate.

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

Class	Current Week		Last Week		May Averages	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole Yolk	3.99 - 4.60	4.10 - 4.20	4.05 - 4.35	4.10 - 4.20	4.17	4.04
Albumen ^{2/}	1.54 - 1.75	1.60 - 1.65	1.54 - 1.75	1.55 - 1.65	1.66	1.61
Blends ^{3/}	14.20 - 17.00	14.50 - 15.00	13.50 - 16.00	14.25 - 14.75	14.98	13.48
Blends ^{3/}	3.20 - 3.25		3.20 - 3.25		3.19	3.11

^{2/} Spray Dried; ^{3/} Whole plus sweetener.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 24-May-2014 (Lbs. in Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,529,413	35,050	17,573	8,330	2,804	4,551
PW	1,518,258	34,265	16,532	8,342	2,925	4,502
LY	1,421,601	32,948	14,778	7,716	2,729	4,239
% PW	1%	2%	6%	0%	-4%	1%
% LY	8%	6%	19%	8%	3%	7%
2014	29,759,737	653,230	339,407	170,445	58,728	91,503
2013	28,921,460	669,188	303,438	155,477	58,314	92,095
% YTD	3%	-2%	12%	10%	1%	-1%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.83	41.92	41.98
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.85	38.95	39.00

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	894,998	58.5%	22,212	63.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	905,508	59.6%	22,545	65.8%
LAST YEAR	869,752	61.2%	21,975	66.7%

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 All prices are higher. The undertone is steady to higher. Demand is fairly good on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	110-114	
CHECKS	92-103	94-99
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 higher. Supplies are moderate for needs. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Market activity is moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection for week ending 24-May-2014 were 11 percent higher than the previous week and 26 percent higher than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	108-115	113-115
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	93-102	
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 May 23, 2014 - May 29, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 125.75 FUTURE LOADS 16.00 TOTAL LOADS 141.75

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	--	--	102.00	104.50	110.00	--	9.00	GNR W 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	110.00	112.00	--	--	1.00	GL W J	132.50	137.00	--	--	136.00	141.00	3.00
GL W J	--	--	116.00	118.00	124.00	--	2.00	GL W XL	125.00	129.61	--	--	--	135.51	22.75
GL W XL	119.44	123.67	115.52	118.03	118.23	122.33	38.75	GL W LG	123.00	127.29	--	133.00	--	129.55	33.50
GL W LG	--	126.00	111.05	116.17	115.08	120.55	41.25	GL W MD	103.54	110.38	--	116.00	--	116.00	8.00
GL W MD	--	--	97.20	99.70	100.78	--	11.75	GL W SM	--	--	--	--	81.00	--	1.00
GL W SM	--	--	82.33	85.33	81.19	88.00	11.75	NRBS - 45	--	116.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL BR LG	--	--	112.00	115.00	116.00	--	2.00	NRBS - 39	106.00	111.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	121.00	109.47	111.00	18.00								
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	105.80	112.00	6.00								
NRBS - 39	--	--	95.00	--	97.00	102.86	1.75								

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.

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	130.00	127.00	114.00
SOUTHEAST	129.50	127.50	121.00
MIDWEST	126.50	124.50	113.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	138.50	135.50	124.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	131.50	128.99	118.54

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending generally steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Movement of finished product sales is moderate. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(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 24-May-14 (Preliminary)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	1,684	1,386	3,070
Last Week	1,781	1,589	3,370
Same week yr ago	1,586	1,531	3,117
To-date/2014*	32,504	30,800	63,304
To-date/2013*	34,841	30,003	64,844

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
-----Thousands-----			
Head	509	0	509
Last Week	562	0	562
Same week yr ago	580	0	580
To-date/2014*	8,286	0	8,286
To-date/2013*	8,323	0	8,323

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	2,193	1,386	3,579
Last Week	2,343	1,589	3,932
Same week yr ago	2,166	1,531	3,697
To-date/2014*	40,790	30,800	71,590
To-date/2013*	43,164	30,003	73,167

*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 May 17, 2014	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Liquid	140	0	2,704	664
Frozen	0	0	39	40
Dried	0	0	196	56
Total	140	0	2,939	760

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

Week Ending May 17, 2014	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Liquid	55	149	2,453	3,881
Frozen	0	78	537	630
Dried	0	0	46	0
Total	55	227	3,036	4,511

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

Week Ending May 17, 2014	Year-To-Date*			
Type	2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	3,960	4,140	65,167	40,505
Large	15,180	3,880	146,891	78,280
Medium	750	510	7,722	12,783
Ungraded	19,903	7,008	348,731	88,208
Misc	720	0	14,520	0
Total	40,513	15,538	583,031	219,776

/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 other Poultry LBS
AM 05/26/14	2,664	155,725	47,026
AM 05/01/14	2,616	148,268	49,495
CHG	48	7457	-2469
PCT CHG	2%	5%	-5%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS May 27, 2014

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

	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
Maine	177	171	146	111
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	170-174	164-168	139-143	102-106
Mostly	172-173	166-167	141-142	104-105
Rhode Island	176-180	170-174	145-149	113-114
Mostly	176	170	145	113
Vermont	177-179	171	146	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-

EGG PRODUCTS**Shell Eggs Broken Up 4 Percent from Last Year**

Shell eggs broken totaled 186 million dozen during April 2014, up 4 percent from April a year ago, and 2 percent above the 183 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2014 through April, shell eggs broken totaled 704 million dozen, up 2 percent from the comparable period in 2013. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2014 was 916 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2013.

Data presented in this report were compiled from Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection reports. The best available data at the time of publication were used.

April 2013 2013 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays. April 2014 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Source: USDA/NASS