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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices in New York are steady on all sizes. Regional prices are 4 cents higher on Jumbo, 13 to 55.5 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 4 to 22 cents higher on Medium and 4 cents higher on Small. The undertone is steady. Supplies are light to moderate for current needs. Offerings are light to instances moderate. Demand is in a full range of light to good, mostly moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate on the West Coast, moderate in all other areas. Breaking stock offerings are light for a light to moderate demand. Light type hen offerings are light to moderate for slightly reduced processing schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Daily producer prices are steady. Midwest delivered prices are 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, and 4 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is steady. Retail and food service demand is moderate. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Market activity is slow.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA-LARGE	204-213	207-210
LARGE	203-212	205-208
MEDIUM	133-142	135-138

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	211-219	212-214
LARGE	209-217	210-212
MEDIUM	139-147	140-142

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN
PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	185-195	189
MEDIUM	115-119	117
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 13 cents higher for Extra Large and Large, 4 cents higher for Medium. The undertone is steady. Demand is reported as moderate to fairly good. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light on light to moderate demand. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	216.5-225	218-221
LARGE	218.5-227	220-223
MEDIUM	137.5-146	139-142

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

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 13 to 55.5 cent higher on Extra Large and Large, up 4 to 22 cents on Medium. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Retail and food service demand is mostly moderate to fairly good following the holiday. Supplies are light to instances moderate for trade requirements. Market activity is mostly moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is light. Spent fowl offerings are light to adequate for slightly reduced processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	208.5-229	214-217
LARGE	204.5-228	212-215
MEDIUM	136-155	138-142

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are 13 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 4 cents higher on Medium. Trade sentiment is generally steady. Supplies vary, but are mostly light to moderate for needs Offerings are light. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock supplies are light to moderate for a light demand. Offerings of light hens are light to moderate for slightly reduced processing schedules.

DELIVERED TO WAREHOUSE:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	210-225	211-214
LARGE	204-218	209-213
MEDIUM	135-148	140-142

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. Trade sentiment is mostly steady. Supplies are light to moderate for current needs. Offerings are light. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	218-222
LARGE	216-220
MEDIUM	147-151

WESTERN Prices are 4 cents higher for Jumbo, 13 cents higher for Extra Large, 14 cents higher for Large and 4 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate to good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are 4 cents higher for Jumbo, 13 cents higher for Extra Large, 14 cents higher for Large and 4 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate to good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price $1.64.

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	245
EXTRA LARGE	269
LARGE	265
MEDIUM	184

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	**8.5**	**10.7**	**20.2**	**7.0**	**7.3**	**2.7**	**56.3**
	% Change	3.8%	0.4%	18.9%	-7.5%	-4.1%	-5.6%	4.7%
Extra Large	This Week	**20.3**	**25.7**	**34.5**	**13.9**	**29.9**	**5.0**	**129.2**
	% Change	-7.6%	11.1%	27.3%	-1.0%	0.9%	4.9%	7.2%
Large	This Week	**42.3**	**104.7**	**111.2**	**83.1**	**67.6**	**56.9**	**465.7**
	% Change	8.1%	7.6%	14.0%	19.3%	14.6%	-3.6%	10.5%
Medium	This Week	**23.8**	**14.3**	**38.6**	**31.3**	**27.0**	**8.1**	**143.2**
	% Change	-0.5%	0.9%	28.2%	32.4%	7.3%	-8.6%	13.7%
Small	This Week	**1.2**	**0.8**	**7.2**	**2.5**	**1.1**	**3.0**	**15.9**
	% Change	-18.2%	32.3%	18.7%	19.7%	4.6%	57.7%	19.8%
Miscellaneous	This Week	**2.6**	**15.5**	**26.7**	**25.4**	**3.3**	**1.4**	**74.8**
	% Change	-2.3%	20.6%	15.2%	29.1%	5.4%	6.2%	19.3%
Ungraded	This Week	**14.0**	**12.6**	**71.6**	**22.1**	**15.1**	**13.0**	**148.3**
	% Change	59.2%	14.2%	21.6%	-22.6%	-0.3%	21.5%	11.5%
Total Shell Egg	This Week	**112.7**	**184.3**	**310.0**	**185.2**	**151.3**	**90.0**	**1,033.4**
	% Change	6.2%	8.6%	19.3%	12.2%	7.5%	0.8%	**11.0%**

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,033.4	11.0%
Breaking Stock	256.8	11.3%
Total Shell Egg	**1,290.2**	**11.1%**

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	5.3	21.0	11.3	3.2	4.9	0.3	**46.0**
	% Change	-47.3%	-9.9%	8.3%	36.3%	-4.3%	-23.1%	-10.9%
Ungraded	This Week	0.0	0.8	28.1	7.1	4.7	2.7	**43.4**
	% Change	0.0%	4.0%	14.1%	-23.6%	119.6%	25.2%	11.4%
Total Specialty	This Week	**5.3**	**21.7**	**39.5**	**10.3**	**9.6**	**3.0**	**89.4**
	% Change	**-47.3%**	**-9.5%**	**12.4%**	**-11.4%**	**32.1%**	**17.8%**	**-1.3%**

Percentage of Specialty Shell Egg Inventory Comprised of USDA Certified Organic:		
	Large:	**19.3%**
	Ungraded:	**69.2%**
	Total:	**43.5%**

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 December 05, 2014 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 28, 2014 were 202,371 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 3 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	178,036	24,335	202,371
% change from the prior week.....	+1	-30	-4

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. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light with demand light to moderate. Supplies are light to mostly moderate. Schedules full-time. 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	105-115	105-107
Checks	87-98	88-94

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 Nov 17, 2014

Quebec/Montreal: wholesale prices-graded in cartons (Canadian dollars) as reported by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section.

GRADE A	EX LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
	Unavailable			

Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm as set by Ontario egg producers.

GRADE A	EX LRG	LRG	MED	SMALL
	1.90	1.90	1.69	1.26

DAILY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)
National Trading for November 28, 2014
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 20.25 FUTURE LOADS 6.25 TOTAL LOADS 26.50

	SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW		
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**	**CLASS**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GL W J	--	--	--	--	180.00	--	1.00	GL W J	--	--	--	--	--	200.50	1.00
GL W XL	--	--	--	--	188.00	--	2.25	GL W XL	--	--	--	--	--	206.75	1.00
GL W LG	--	--	165.00	170.00	192.29	--	20.00	GL W LG	--	222.86	--	--	--	196.07	19.00
GL W MD	--	130.25	--	--	120.77	--	3.25	GL W MD	--	131.00	--	139.00	--	--	2.00

DAILY 5-DAY WEIGHTED AVERAGE TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES

(Cents/Doz.)
National Trading for November 24, 2014 - November 28, 2014
Courtesy of U.S.D.A. Federal/State Market News

CURRENT LOADS 78.00 FUTURE LOADS 81.25 TOTAL LOADS 159.25

	SE		NE		MW				SC	NW	SW				
CLASS	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**	**CLASS**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**ORG**	**DST**	**LOADS**
GNR W 1	--	189.83	184.50	190.75	160.00	--	95.00	GNR W 1	--	198.59	--	--	--	199.00	57.00
GNR BR 1	--	157.00	--	--	--	--	2.00	GL W J	182.88	--	--	220.00	--	199.38	5.00
GL W J	--	--	181.00	184.00	179.67	--	4.00	GL W XL	230.00	200.00	--	--	--	227.28	19.00
GL W XL	--	--	195.83	197.50	205.56	222.00	25.25	GL W LG	--	220.46	--	--	216.00	201.93	50.50
GL W LG	--	--	165.00	170.00	194.56	--	52.00	GL W MD	130.00	134.25	--	139.00	--	137.50	8.25
GL W MD	--	127.92	106.50	109.00	123.62	--	11.50	GL W SM	81.00	--	--	96.00	--	91.00	4.00
GL W SM	--	--	68.00	72.00	80.00	--	4.00	GL BR LG	--	203.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	188.00	--	1.00								
GL BR MD	--	--	110.00	117.50	--	--	1.00								

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.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-FROZEN EGGS

Selected Centers (In Thousands of Pounds)

	11/24/14	11/17/14	11/25/2013
Pacific w/out Denver	81	69	43
Los Angeles	0	0	0

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS The market has no price comparison available. Supplies are light. Retail demand is good.

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	223.15
Large	222.38
Medium	155.86
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 www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome