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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

New York prices are unchanged. Regional prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sizes, steady on Medium and Small. The undertone is steady to fully steady. Demand into the retail and food service channels is moderate to good, while light to moderate in the Northeast. Export demand is reported as good in the Midwest region. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate for current trade requirements. Market activity is moderate to active, while slow to moderate in the Western area. Breaking stock offerings are light; demand is mostly moderate to fairly good. Light type fowl demand is moderate to good on light offerings.

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 steady for Medium. Daily producer prices are 1 cent higher for Large. The undertone is fully steady. Retail and food service demand is fairly good to good. Export demand is good. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are light on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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	188-198	192
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 steady. Next week's asking prices are 2 cents higher for Extra Large, 3 cents higher for Large, and unchanged for Medium. The undertone is fully steady for the larger sizes. Offerings are light to moderate on moderate to good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady to higher. The undertone is mostly steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good for the light offerings. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules are full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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 steady. The undertone is steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending higher on larger sizes. Retail and food service demand is fairly good to good. Offerings are usually light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light; demand is moderate. 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 steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are slightly higher on Extra Large and Large, steady on Medium. The undertone is steady. Offerings are light to moderate. Supplies are usually moderate for needs. Demand is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate demand. Light hen offerings are light to moderate for current 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 steady on all sizes with a steady undertone. Supplies are usually moderate for needs. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand into all channels is light to moderate. Market activity is moderate.

DELIVERED TO STORE DOOR:	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	219-223
LARGE	217-221
MEDIUM	147-151

WESTERN Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 2 cents higher for Jumbo, 11 cents higher for Extra Large, 12 cents higher for Large and unchanged for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate with demand mostly moderate to fairly good. Market activity is slow to moderate.

CALIFORNIA Benchmark prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 2 cents higher for Jumbo, 11 cents higher for Extra Large, 12 cents higher for Large and unchanged for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is fully steady. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate with demand mostly moderate to fairly good. 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

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	237-249
EXTRA LARGE	250-262
LARGE	250-261
MEDIUM	164-173

WEEKLY NATIONAL EGG PRODUCTS

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

LIQUID EGGS

All liquid egg prices are steady to higher. Trade sentiment is higher for whole egg and yolk and steady to lower for liquid whites. Demand is good for whole egg and yolk and light to moderate for whites. Offerings are light to moderate for whole egg, moderate for whites and very light to short of current needs for yolk. Market activity is active.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			November Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	93.50 - 108.00	22	97.14	89.00 - 104.00	10	95.80	26	85.38
Whites	97.00 - 103.00	8	102.25	TFEWR			16	99.88
Yolk	74.00 - 78.00	6	75.83	TFEWR			21	68.00

FROZEN EGGS

Frozen whole egg prices are steady with whites steady to higher and sugared and salted yolk prices higher. The undertone remains higher for whole egg and frozen yolk products and steady to mostly lower for whites. Demand is moderate to good for whole egg, light for whites and good for frozen yolk products. Offerings are moderate for all frozen egg products. Supplies are light to moderate for whole egg, moderate for whites and light for frozen 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			November Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole	100.00 - 112.00	106.00 - 111.00		100.00 - 112.00	105.00 - 107.00		104.75	106.60
Whites	110.00 - 126.00	118.00 - 125.00		110.00 - 127.00	119.00 - 127.00		124.13	139.30
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	87.00 - 93.00	89.00 - 91.00		84.00 - 88.00			85.63	85.50
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	83.00 - 90.00	87.00 - 89.00		81.00 - 85.00			81.88	82.30

Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week			Last Week			November Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole	110.00 - 112.00			108.00 - 110.00			109.00	110.20
Whites	125.00 - 130.00			125.00 - 130.00			130.63	141.80
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	90.00 - 95.00			83.00 - 88.00			85.50	85.50
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	90.00 - 95.00			83.00 - 88.00			85.50	85.50

^{1/}Minimum 43% solids.**DRIED EGGS**

Prices are higher for dried yolk, steady to higher for whole egg, steady to lower for albumen and unchanged on blends. The undertone is higher on yolk, lower on albumen and steady on the balance of dried egg products. Demand for yolk is good, moderate to fairly good on whole egg and light on albumen for end of year needs. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Inquires increased for first quarter needs with current trading generally based on regular commitments. Market activity is moderate.

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

Class	Current Week			Last Week			November Averages	
	Range	Mostly		Range	Mostly		This Month	Last Month
Whole	3.85 - 4.60	4.00 - 4.10		3.85 - 4.15	3.90 - 3.95		3.99	4.06
Yolk	1.66 - 1.95	1.75 - 1.80		1.60 - 1.90	1.70 - 1.75		1.67	1.62
Albumen ^{2/}	10.50 - 12.75	11.60 - 11.80		11.00 - 12.75	11.80 - 12.00		12.15	13.48
Blends ^{3/}	3.20 - 3.25			3.20 - 3.25			3.23	3.24

^{2/} Spray Dried; ^{3/} Whole plus sweetener.**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 29-Nov-2014 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid			
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk	Dried	Inedible	
CW	1,287,608	30,429	13,428	6,694	2,026	4,010	
PW	1,440,389	34,309	14,822	6,963	1,963	4,573	
LY	1,261,052	29,202	13,433	6,401	2,209	3,920	
% PW	-11%	-11%	-9%	-4%	3%	-12%	
% LY	2%	4%	0%	5%	-8%	2%	
2014	70,335,638	1,580,327	782,298	385,482	138,498	213,286	
2013	67,905,073	1,573,621	713,539	360,979	136,077	211,647	
% YTD	4%	0%	10%	7%	2%	1%	

Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included) 42.37 42.12 41.99

Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded) 39.26 38.94 38.88

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	839,832	65.2%	20,922	68.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	827,101	57.4%	21,215	61.8%
LAST YEAR	812,090	64.4%	20,323	69.6%

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 Breaking stock prices are steady to higher. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are light on moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Market activity is slow to moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	108-112	
CHECKS	90-101	91-97
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. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are light. Supplies are light to at times moderate for regular breaking schedules. Demand is moderate. Market activity is slow. Eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 29-Nov-2014 were 23 percent less than the previous week and 6 percent less than the same week last year.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	103-110	106-107
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	93-95	TFEWR
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 November 28, 2014 - December 4, 2014

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

CURRENT LOADS 108.00 FUTURE LOADS 82.50 TOTAL LOADS 190.50

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	184.00	191.55	185.67	189.00	170.00	182.00	129.00	GNR W 1	--	198.65	--	--	--	--	82.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00	GL W J	--	160.00	--	--	--	197.33	5.00
GL W J	--	--	184.75	187.00	164.30	--	9.00	GL W XL	187.00	207.86	--	--	--	212.75	16.50
GL W XL	201.00	--	198.40	198.40	194.28	202.00	28.00	GL W LG	208.00	218.63	--	220.00	242.75	201.55	65.75
GL W LG	--	--	162.79	169.06	190.73	197.00	70.00	GL W MD	114.00	128.50	--	139.00	134.00	136.20	10.00
GL W MD	--	128.63	111.57	116.34	122.15	125.00	27.50	GL W SM	72.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL W SM	--	75.00	69.00	72.00	--	--	2.00								
GL BR MD	--	--	108.00	115.00	--	--	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.

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	212.50	211.00	141.00
SOUTHEAST	215.50	213.50	140.00
MIDWEST	208.50	206.50	136.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	219.50	221.50	140.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	214.25	213.55	139.51

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending at least steady for the moderate to good demand. Offerings of light type hens are light for current needs. Processing schedules were reduced due to the holiday. Movement of finished product is moderate. Market activity is moderate to active. The majority price for removal costs continued unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Retail features are moderate to good, best in the Southeast.

(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 29-Nov-14 (Preliminary)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	702	874	1,576
Last Week	1,005	1,849	2,854
Same week yr ago	601	971	1,572
To-date/2014*	67,533	74,487	142,020
To-date/2013*	69,616	71,206	140,822

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	60	0	60
Last Week	262	0	262
Same week yr ago	239	0	239
To-date/2014*	17,210	0	17,210
To-date/2013*	16,050	0	16,050

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	762	874	1,636
Last Week	1,267	1,849	3,116
Same week yr ago	840	971	1,811
To-date/2014*	84,743	74,487	159,230
To-date/2013*	85,666	71,206	156,872

*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 (Preliminary)**

Type	Week Ending		Year-To-Date*	
	Nov 22, 2014 (000)	2013 /1	2014 /2 (000)	2013
Liquid	0	272	6,241	2,032
Frozen	0	0	39	40
Dried	87	0	1,063	159
Total	87	272	7,343	2,231

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

Type	Week Ending		Year-To-Date*	
	Nov 22, 2014 (000)	2013 /1	2014 /2 (000)	2013
Liquid	18	61	5,712	6,069
Frozen	0	8	1,451	1,299
Dried	10	0	241	51
Total	28	69	7,404	7,419

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

	Week Ending		Year-To-Date*	
	Nov 22, 2014	2013 /1	2014 /2	2013
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,250	6,780	184,386	147,316
Large	8,350	9,150	408,077	299,654
Medium	810	0	23,251	25,325
Ungraded	16,770	31,152	1,071,267	455,052
Misc	0	0	27,322	3,720
Total	28,180	47,082	1,714,303	931,067

/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 GOVT STOCKS) (POUNDS IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs LBS	Processed Turkeys LBS	Processed Other Poultry LBS	
AM 12/01/14	2,771	48,978	46,797	
AM 11/01/14	2,809	122,368	45,619	
CHG	-38	-73390	1178	
PCT CHG	-1%	-60%	3%	

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of October 31, 2014 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on December 1, 2014 are:

Frozen Eggs	31	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	156	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	676	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

WEEKLY NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS Dec 02, 2014

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

	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
Maine Mostly	235 -	234 -	152 -	109 -
New Hampshire Mostly	230-234 232-233	229-232 230-231	146-150 148-149	103-107 105-106
Rhode Island Mostly	236-240 236	235-239 235	153-157 153	110-114 110
Vermont Mostly	235 -	234 -	152-158 -	- -