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**NATIONAL EGG REVIEW** New York prices are 3 cents higher on all sizes. California prices are 23 cents higher on Jumbo, 21 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, and 23 cents higher on Medium and Small. Regional prices are 7 to 16 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, 9.5 to 20 cents higher on Medium. The undertone is higher. In California, the trade sentiment is lower. Retail and food service demand is in a full range of light to good, usually moderate to fairly good. Stormy weather is moving into parts of the Northeast region and causing some disruption in transportation. Offerings are moderate to heavy in California, light to occasionally moderate elsewhere. Supplies are light to moderate for trading purposes. Market activity is slow California, moderate to active in the remaining regions. Breaking stock offerings and demand are light to moderate. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient for normal processing schedules.

Prices to Retailers, Sales to Volume Buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White Eggs in Cartons, Cents per Dozen, Unless Otherwise Noted

**Delivered To Warehouse:**

Region	Range	Mostly
<b>Midwest Regional</b>		
Extra-Large	116-125	119-122
Large	115-124	117-120
Medium	107-116	109-112
<b>Northeast Regional</b>		
Extra Large	124-143	127-129
Large	118-132	123-127
Medium	112-125	117-119
<b>South Central</b>		
Extra Large	134.5-143	136-139
Large	128.5-137	130-133
Medium	118.5-127	120-123
<b>Southeast Regional</b>		
Extra Large	116-146	126-129
Large	112-140	124-127
Medium	103.5-133	116-120

**Delivered To Store Door:**

Region	Range	Mostly
<b>Midwest Regional</b>		
Extra Large	123-131	124-126
Large	121-129	122-124
Medium	113-121	114-116
<b>New York</b>		
Extra Large	138-142	138-142
Large	136-140	136-140
Medium	130-134	130-134
<i>Prices to Consumers Major Chains, New York Metropolitan Area</i>		
Extra Large	189-359	229-259
Large	179-349	219-249
Medium	169-339	189-229

**Prices Paid To Producers**

Region	Range	Mostly
<b>Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin</b>		
Large	100-110	104
Medium	92-96	94
Small	71-77	

**Midwest:** IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, western NY, & western PA; **Northeast:** CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, northern VA, & VT; **South Central:** AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, & TX; **Southeast:** AL, GL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

**North Carolina** Prices weighted average, in small lots, nearby retail outlet

	Range
Jumbo	149.06
Extra Large	144.41
Large	138.69
Medium	116.00

**Weekly New England Shell Eggs**

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

	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
<b>Maine</b>	210	206	150	111
Mostly	-	-	-	-
<b>New Hampshire</b>	205-209	201-205	143-147	104-108
Mostly	207-208	203-204	145-146	106-107
<b>Rhode Island</b>	211-215	207-211	149-153	110-114
Mostly	211	207	149	110
<b>Vermont</b>	205-210	206-210	150	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-

**USDA Wholesale Certified Organic Brown Shell Eggs**

Prices cents per carton delivered to first receivers

		Price Range	Mostly
<b>Extra Large</b>	doz.	261 - 360	275 - 310
	1/2 doz.	180 - 195	181 - 189
<b>Large</b>	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 [www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome](http://www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome)

**California** Benchmark prices are 23 cents higher for Jumbo, 21 cents higher for Extra Large and Large and 23 cents higher for Medium and Small. Trade sentiment is lower. Demand is light to instances moderate. Offerings are moderate to mostly heavy. Supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price \$2.79.

**California:** Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	Range
Jumbo	365
Extra Large	362
Large	353
Medium	299

**Southern California:** Prices to Retailers, Sales to Volume Buyers, USDA Grade AA and Grade AA, White Eggs in Cartons, Delivered Store Door, Cents/Dozen

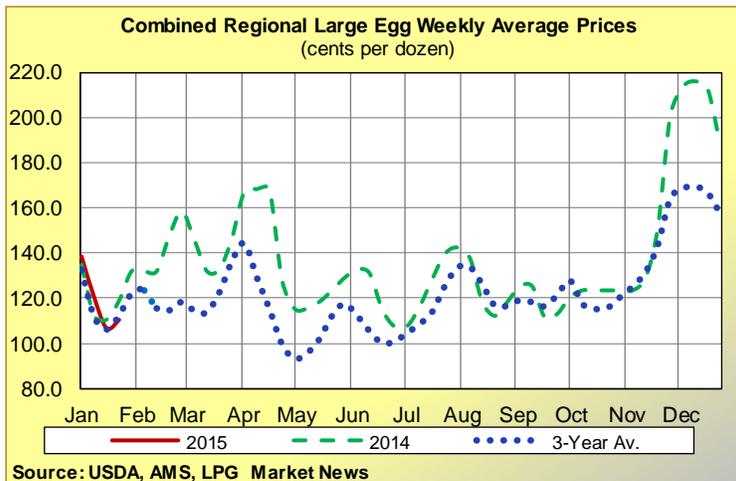
Jumbo	334-346
Extra Large	322-334
Large	317-328
Medium	256-265

**Weekly Combined Regional**

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, delivered warehouse

Regions	Ex Large	Large	Medium
Northeast	114.00	111.00	101.00
Southeast	112.50	110.50	100.00
Midwest	105.50	103.50	92.50
South Central	121.50	115.50	101.50
Combined Regional	113.78	110.37	98.84

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.



**Egg Inventory** Stocks on Hand Available for Marketing  
(30-dozen cases in thousands) /1 (Includes Conventional and Specialty)

Regions	Total Shell Eggs	
	This Week	% Change
Northeast	83.9	-2.8%
Southeast	155.1	-4.3%
Midwest	326.9	1.6%
South Central	170.2	2.8%
Southwest	202.0	9.2%
Northwest	89.8	-8.7%
<b>6-Area Total</b>	<b>1,028.0</b>	<b>0.9%</b>

Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,028.0	0.9%
Breaking Stock	296.7	-6.6%
<b>Total Shell Egg</b>	<b>1,324.7</b>	<b>-0.9%</b>

**Specialty Shell Egg Inventory**<sup>2</sup> Stocks on Hand to be Marketed

(30-dozen cases in thousands)	6-Area Total	
	This Week	% Change
Large	50.0	2.4%
Ungraded	53.8	10.3%
<b>Total Specialty</b>	<b>103.7</b>	<b>6.3%</b>

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

Large:	18.9%
Ungraded:	53.3%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>36.7%</b>

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.

**Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**

W/E 17-Jan-2015 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,508,107	33,380	17,243	8,008	2,873	4,548
PW	1,569,615	34,858	17,699	8,174	3,336	5,049
LY	1,398,775	30,107	16,234	8,242	2,957	4,306
% PW	-4%	-4%	-3%	-2%	-14%	-10%
% LY	8%	11%	6%	-3%	-3%	6%
2015	4,422,937	99,566	49,444	22,910	8,908	13,775
2014	4,102,485	91,520	45,647	22,871	8,908	12,966
% YTD	8%	9%	8%	0%	0%	6%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	41.89	41.91	42.10
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.88	38.69	39.02

**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
<b>Current Week</b>	831,414	55.1%	19,054	57.1%
<b>Previous Week</b>	846,773	53.9%	19,889	57.1%
<b>Last Year</b>	828,542	59.2%	19,742	65.6%

**Breaking Stock** Prices in cents/doz., delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

Central Region	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	57-59	
Checks	38-48	39-45

**Central States Area:** AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, NC, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI

**Weekly National Egg Products** f.o.b. Shipper Dock Basis; Wholesale prices; cents per pound unless otherwise noted.

**Liquid Eggs**

Prices are slightly higher for whole egg and sharply lower for whites from the last reported prices. Yolk prices continue too few to report. Animal care certified white prices range 81 to 82 cents fob. The undertone is steady for all liquid egg products. Demand is moderate to fairly good for whole egg and yolk and moderate for whites as more buyers enter the market feeling the markets have settled. Offerings are moderate to heavy for whole egg, moderate for whites and light for yolk. Market activity is moderate to active.

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

Class	Current Week			Dec Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
<b>Whole</b>	50.50 - 53.00	24	51.94	47	76.62
<b>Whites</b>	58.50 - 63.00	11	60.32	10	100.20
<b>Yolk</b>	TFEWR			14	74.57

**Frozen Eggs**

Frozen whole egg prices are steady to lower with whites steady to higher and sugared and salted yolk prices steady. Trade sentiment is steady for whole egg and mostly steady on the balance of frozen egg products. Demand is moderate for whole egg and whites and moderate to mostly fairly good for frozen yolk products. Offerings are moderate to occasionally heavy for whole egg, light to moderate for whites and light for frozen yolk products. Supplies are easily adequate for whole egg and whites and light for frozen sugared and salted yolk. Market activity is moderate.

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

Trucklot	Current Week			Dec Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month	
<b>Whole</b>	70.00 - 78.00	72.00	77.00	105.90	104.75
<b>Whites</b>	85.00 - 100.00	85.00	87.00	115.20	124.13
<b>Sugar Yolk</b> <sup>1/</sup>	88.00 - 93.00	88.00	90.00	89.70	85.63
<b>Salt Yolk</b> <sup>1/</sup>	84.00 - 90.00	85.00	88.00	86.70	81.88
Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week			Dec Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month	
<b>Whole</b>	73.00 - 77.00			108.60	109.00
<b>Whites</b>	90.00 - 97.00			120.20	130.63
<b>Sugar Yolk</b> <sup>1/</sup>	95.00 - 100.00			92.50	85.50
<b>Salt Yolk</b> <sup>1/</sup>	95.00 - 100.00			92.50	85.50

1/ Minimum 43% solids.

**Dried Eggs**

Prices are steady to lower for dried whole and blends, lower for yolk and albumen. The undertone is higher on yolk, steady on blends, lower on albumen and whole. Offerings are light to moderate on yolk, mostly moderate on whole and albumen. Demand is fairly good on yolk, light to moderate on the balance. Supplies are light to moderate for needs. Trading is based on contractual sales and limited spot orders as buyers watch market developments. Market activity is mixed, generally moderate.

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

Class	Current Week		Dec Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
<b>Whole</b>	3.25 - 3.75	3.45 - 3.55	4.18	3.99
<b>Yolk</b>	1.65 - 2.00	1.80 - 1.85	1.84	1.67
<b>Albumen</b> <sup>2/</sup>	9.00 - 10.00	9.10 - 9.35	11.24	12.15
<b>Blends</b> <sup>3/</sup>	3.15 - 3.25		3.27	3.23

2/ Spray Dried; 3/ Whole plus sweetener.

**Daily 5-Day Weighted Average Trailer Load Egg Sales**

National Trading for January 19, 2015 - January 23, 2015 – (cents/doz.)

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

**Current Loads 137.25 Future Loads 98.25 Total Loads 235.50**

Class	SE		NE		MW		Loads
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	99.00	98.10	93.50	99.43	--	94.00	98.00
GNR BR 1	157.00	--	--	--	--	--	.50
GL W J	--	--	115.67	118.00	109.00	--	5.00
GL W XL	--	121.92	106.63	116.20	111.89	120.89	53.25
GL W LG	--	116.07	105.86	109.03	110.13	111.89	74.50
GL W MD	--	103.00	96.00	95.75	116.15	--	25.75
GL W SM	--	83.50	80.50	83.00	82.50	85.00	7.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	110.00	--	3.00
GL BR MD	--	107.00	93.00	--	137.00	--	2.00
GL BR SM	--	--	118.00	120.00	--	--	1.00

Class	SC		NW		SW		Loads
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	--	102.88	--	--	--	--	49.00
GL W J	105.00	124.27	--	--	359.14	361.14	4.50
GL W XL	114.63	126.12	--	--	--	316.00	24.50
GL W LG	324.50	115.96	--	116.25	335.09	336.11	41.75
GL W MD	--	130.13	--	113.42	274.00	237.67	20.50
GL W SM	82.00	--	--	--	77.00	--	3.00
GL BR LG	--	149.00	--	--	--	--	3.00
GL BR MD	--	--	--	--	--	150.00	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.

**Live Spent Light Fowl**

Prices are trending 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 is moderate for current needs. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained 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.

Frozen Eggs (000) lbs.				
Weekly Cold Storage Holdings			Cold Storage Holdings	
Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks			Pacific without Denver	
			01/19/15	01/12/15
AM	01/19/15	2,795		
AM	01/01/15	2,763		
CHG		32		
PCT CHG		1%		
			0	0

**National Retail Egg Purchases** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending January 30, 2015 will decrease by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 23, 2015 were 184,248 cases which was 10 percent above the prior week and 11 percent above estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week	133,039	51,209	184,248

% change from the prior week.....-1 +60 +10  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**Canadian Eggs**

Week of Jan 12, 2015

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

Grade A	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
		Unavailable		
Minimum prices for producers' f.o.b. farm as set by Ontario egg producers.				
Grade A	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
	1.90	1.90	1.69	1.26

Commodity	Monthly Cold Storage Report				Dec 31, 2014 as a Percent of	
	Nov-30 2013	Nov-30 2014	Dec-31 2013	Dec-31 2014	Dec-31 2013	Nov-30 2014
Frozen Eggs						
	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	4,108	4,036	3,474	3,574	103%	89%
Yolks	1,823	1,458	1,965	1,471	75%	101%
Whole & Mixed	11,620	10,685	11,718	10,148	87%	95%
Unclassified	12,203	14,170	13,193	15,525	118%	110%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,754</b>	<b>30,349</b>	<b>30,350</b>	<b>30,718</b>	<b>101%</b>	<b>101%</b>

Source: USDA/NASS

**Chickens and Eggs**

**December Egg Production Up 3 Percent**

United States egg production totaled 8.63 billion during December 2014, up 3 percent from last year. Production included 7.54 billion table eggs, and 1.09 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.02 billion were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during December 2014 averaged 362 million, up 2 percent from last year. December egg production per 100 layers was 2,384 eggs, up 1 percent from December 2013.

All layers in the United States on January 1, 2015 totaled 361 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 361 million layers consisted of 305 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.20 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on January 1, 2015, averaged 76.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from January 1, 2014.

**Egg-Type Chicks Up 4 Percent**

Egg-type chicks hatched during December 2014 totaled 43.0 million, up 4 percent from December 2013. Eggs in incubators totaled 42.1 million on January 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 248 thousand during December 2014, down 30 percent from December 2013.

Source: USDA/NASS