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Regional prices are 12 to 17 cents higher on Extra Large and Large, up 9 to 18.5 on Mediums. New York prices are 1 cent higher on larger sizes, unchanged on Medium. Prices in California are 30 cents lower on Jumbo, down 48 cents on Extra Large and Large, Medium and Small down 10 cents. The undertone is steady to firm, however sharply lower in California. In California offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy given current lack of demand. In the remaining regions, offerings and supplies are mostly light to moderate. Retail and distributive demand is in a full range, mostly moderate to fairly good, however California demand is usually light to moderate. Market activity is slow in California, moderate in the Northeast and Midwest, moderate to active in the South Central and Southeast regions. Breaking stock offerings are mostly light to moderate; demand is light to instances moderate. Light type hen offerings are moderate to at times heavy for the light to moderate demand.

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
Midwest Regional		
Extra-Large	132-141	135-138
Large	131-140	133-136
Medium	117-126	119-122
Northeast Regional		
Extra Large	139-155	141-143
Large	132-146	137-141
Medium	121-134	125-128
South Central		
Extra Large	148.5-157	150-153
Large	144.5-153	146-149
Medium	128.5-137	130-133
Southeast Regional		
Extra Large	133-160	143-146
Large	129-157	141-144
Medium	122-144	127-131

Delivered To Store Door:

Region	Range	Mostly
Midwest Regional		
Extra Large	139-147	140-142
Large	137-145	138-140
Medium	123-131	124-126
New York		
Extra Large	147-151	
Large	145-149	
Medium	133-137	
<i>Prices to Consumers Major Chains, New York Metropolitan Area</i>		
Extra Large	209-359	229-249
Large	199-349	219-239
Medium	189-339	209-229

Prices Paid To Producers

Region	Range	Mostly
Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin		
Large	113-123	117
Medium	99-103	101
Small	77-83	

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, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, & southern VA

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

	Range
Jumbo	157.54
Extra Large	155.22
Large	144.86
Medium	119.00

Weekly New England Shell Eggs

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

	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
Maine	214	210	150	111
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	205-209	201-205	143-147	104-108
Mostly	207-208	203-204	145-146	106-107
Rhode Island	211-215	207-211	149-153	110-114
Mostly	211	207	149	110
Vermont	214-215	210	150	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-

USDA Wholesale Certified Organic Brown Shell Eggs

Prices 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 www.ams.usda.gov/NOPNationalOrganicProgramHome

California Benchmark prices are 30 cents lower for Jumbo, 48 cents lower for Extra Large and Large and 10 cents lower for Medium and Small. The undertone is usually sharply lower. Retail demand is light to moderate with warehouse distributive interest usually light. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy given the lack of current demand in many areas of California. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price \$2.69.

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	335
Extra Large	314
Large	305
Medium	289

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

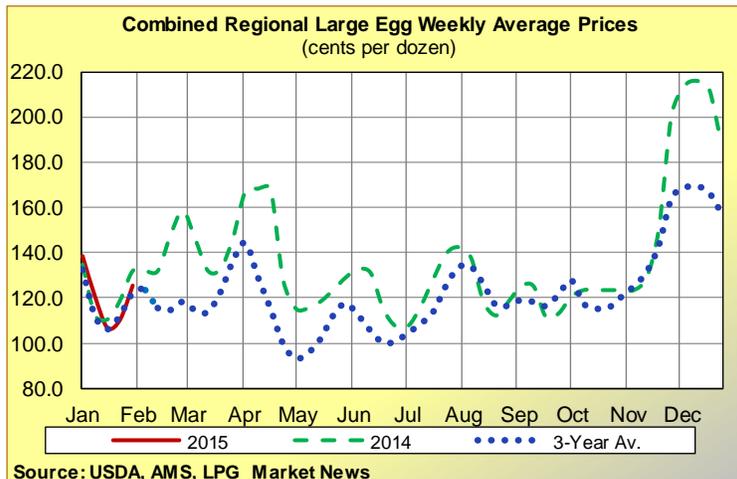
Jumbo	357-369
Extra Large	343-355
Large	338-349
Medium	279-288

Weekly Combined Regional

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, delivered warehouse

Regions	Ex Large	Large	Medium
Northeast	128.00	125.00	118.00
Southeast	127.50	125.50	118.00
Midwest	120.50	118.50	110.50
South Central	137.50	131.50	121.50
Combined Regional	128.83	125.43	117.18

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	96.6	15.2%
Southeast	171.9	10.8%
Midwest	317.6	-2.9%
South Central	169.4	-0.4%
Southwest	217.7	7.8%
Northwest	110.6	23.1%
6-Area Total	1,083.8	5.4%
Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,083.8	5.4%
Breaking Stock	287.7	-3.0%
Total Shell Egg	1,371.5	3.5%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed

(30-dozen cases in thousands)	6-Area Total	
	This Week	% Change
Large	56.0	12.0%
Ungraded	58.8	9.4%
Total Specialty	114.8	10.7%

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

Large:	21.4%
Ungraded:	56.4%
Total:	39.3%

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 24-Jan-2015 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,456,389	32,282	16,444	7,833	2,949	4,431
PW	1,508,107	33,380	17,243	8,008	2,873	4,548
LY	1,351,655	29,382	15,995	7,813	2,952	4,298
% PW	-3%	-3%	-5%	-2%	3%	-3%
% LY	8%	10%	3%	0%	0%	3%
2015	5,879,326	131,848	65,888	30,743	11,858	18,206
2014	5,454,140	120,902	61,641	30,684	11,859	17,264
% YTD	8%	9%	7%	0%	0%	5%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)				41.88	41.89	42.53
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)				38.84	38.88	39.35

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	823,732	56.6%	19,675	60.9%
Previous Week	831,414	55.1%	19,054	57.1%
Last Year	821,190	60.8%	18,990	64.6%

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	64-66	
Checks	46-55	46-52

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

All prices are too few to report. Animal care certified whole egg prices range 64 to 66 cents FOB. The undertone is steady to higher for whole egg, steady to mostly lower for whites and higher for yolk. Demand is light to moderate for whole egg, light for whites and moderate to fairly good for yolk. Contractual pull of liquid egg products covered most needs this week. Offerings are light to mostly moderate on all liquid egg products. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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

Class	Current Week			Jan Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	TFEWR			58	50.29
Whites	TFEWR			22	62.25
Yolk	TFEWR			4	70.88

Frozen Eggs

Frozen whole egg prices are steady with whites steady to lower and sugared and salted yolk prices steady to higher. Trade sentiment is steady to instances higher for whole egg, steady to lower for whites and higher for frozen yolk products. Offerings are light to moderate for whole egg and light on the remainder of frozen egg products. Demand is moderate to fairly good for whole egg and whites and fairly good for frozen yolk products. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy for whole egg, moderate for 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		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	70.00 - 78.00	73.00 - 75.00	75.88	105.90
Whites	83.00 - 100.00	83.00 - 87.00	92.88	115.20
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	88.00 - 100.00	89.00 - 91.00	91.63	89.70
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	84.00 - 100.00	87.00 - 91.00	88.13	86.70
Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	73.00 - 75.00		77.00	108.60
Whites	88.00 - 90.00		96.25	120.20
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	95.00 - 100.00		95.00	92.50
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	95.00 - 100.00		95.00	92.50

1/ Minimum 43% solids.

Dried Eggs

Dried egg prices are steady to higher for yolk and blends, mixed for whole, lower for albumen. The undertone is lower on whole and albumen, steady on the balance of dried egg products. Offerings are light on yolk, moderate to instances heavy on whole and albumen. Demand is fairly good on yolk, light to moderate for whole and blends, light on albumen. Supplies are at times sufficient to light on yolk, moderate to heavy on whole and albumen for current needs. Market activity is mixed, mostly moderate.

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

Class	Current Week		Jan Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole	3.20 - 4.09	3.40 - 3.50	3.60	4.18
Yolk	1.80 - 2.00	1.85 - 1.90	1.88	1.84
Albumen ^{2/}	8.15 - 9.95	8.90 - 9.20	9.79	11.24
Blends ^{3/}	3.20 - 3.25		3.22	3.27

2/ Spray Dried; 3/ Whole plus sweetener.

Eastern Region	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	59-66	60-64
Checks	46-51	TFEWR

Eastern States Area: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV

Daily 5-Day Weighted Average Trailer Load Egg Sales

National Trading for January 26, 2015 - January 30, 2015 - (cents/doz.)

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

Current Loads 93.00 Future Loads 79.75 Total Loads 172.75

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 moderate to instances heavy for the light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product are sufficient for current needs. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Retail activity was very light.

(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.

Egg Products

Shell Eggs Broken Up 9 Percent from Last Year

December 2013 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays. December 2014 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Shell eggs broken totaled 188 million dozen during December 2014, up 9 percent from December a year ago, and 3 percent above the 183 million broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2014 through December, shell eggs broken totaled 2,262 million dozen, up 6 percent from the comparable period in 2013. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2014 was 2,924 million pounds, up 6 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.

Source: USDA/NASS

Frozen Eggs (000) lbs.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings			Cold Storage Holdings		
Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks			Pacific without Denver		
			01/26/15	01/19/15	01/27/14
AM	01/26/15	2,814	Pacific Coast:		
AM	01/01/15	2,763	70	85	20
CHG		51	Los Angeles:		
PCT CHG		2%	0	0	0

National Retail Egg Purchases Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 06, 2015 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending January 30, 2015 were 184,757 cases which was 0 percent above the prior week and 1 percent above estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week	141,059	43,698	184,757
% change from the prior week	+6	-15	+0

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 19, 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

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Import/Export Trade

U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Type	Year-To-Date*			2014
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	
Liquid	0	0	48	96
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	122
Total	0	0	48	218

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			2014
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	
Liquid	13	80	75	99
Frozen	7	21	33	30
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	20	101	108	129

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

	Year-To-Date*			2014
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	2,280	1,500	6,000	9,300
Large	3,647	3,100	4,397	17,600
Medium	0	0	0	342
Ungraded	0	0	0	480
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	5,927	4,600	10,397	27,722

/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