



EGG MARKET NEWS REPORT

ISSN 1520-6122

Monday, March 23, 2015

Vol. 62 No. 12

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Livestock, Poultry & Grain Market News

NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Regional prices are 8 to 12 cents higher on Extra Large, 11 to 12 cents higher on Large and 2 to 5 cents higher on Medium. California prices 8 cents higher on Jumbo, 12 cents higher on Extra Large, 13 cents higher on Large and 4 cents higher on Medium and Small. New York prices are unchanged. Supplies are mostly light to moderate, although moderate to instances heavy in California. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is moderate to good, best in areas where feature activity is a factor. Market activity is slow to moderate in California, moderate to occasionally active elsewhere. Breaking stock offerings are light for the moderate to fairly good demand. Light type hen offerings are 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
Midwest Regional		
Extra-Large	161-170	164-167
Large	160-169	162-165
Medium	119-128	121-124
Northeast Regional		
Extra Large	172-189	172-177
Large	166-180	171-175
Medium	125-138	130-132
South Central		
Extra Large	178.5-187	180-183
Large	175.5-184	177-180
Medium	127.5-136	129-132
Southeast Regional		
Extra Large	168.5-192	174-177
Large	164.5-188	172-175
Medium	127.5-145	128-132

Delivered To Store Door:

Region	Range	Mostly
Midwest Regional		
Extra Large	168-176	169-171
Large	166-174	167-169
Medium	125-133	126-128
New York		
Extra Large	182-186	
Large	180-184	
Medium	137-141	
<i>Prices to Consumers Major Chains, New York Metropolitan Area</i>		
Extra Large	209-319	229-289
Large	199-299	219-279
Medium	189-289	209-269

Prices Paid To Producers

Region	Range	Mostly
Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin		
Large	144-154	148
Medium	101-105	103
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	189.30
Extra Large	188.52
Large	145.86
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	159	120
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	207-211	203-207	152-156	113-117
Mostly	209-210	205-206	154-155	115-116
Rhode Island	213-217	209-213	158-162	119-123
Mostly	213	209	158	119
Vermont	214-215	210	159	120
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 8 cents higher for Jumbo, 12 cents higher for Extra Large, 13 cents higher for Large and 4 cents higher for Medium and Small. The undertone is mostly steady. Offerings are moderate. Demand is moderate to fairly good. Supplies are moderate to instances heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.63.

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	242
Extra Large	233
Large	227
Medium	183

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

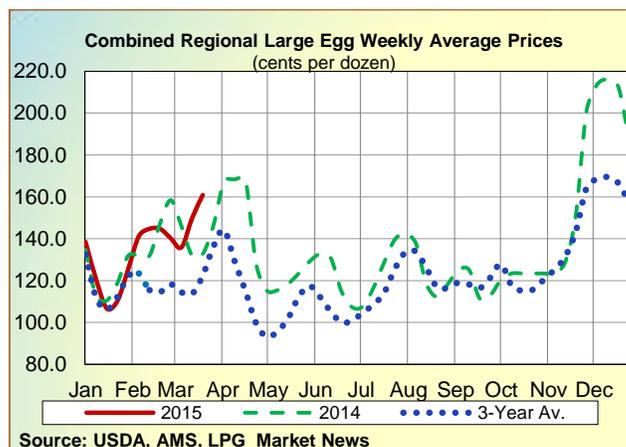
Jumbo	226-238
Extra Large	202-214
Large	199-208
Medium	159-168

Weekly Combined Regional

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, delivered warehouse

Regions	Ex Large	Large	Medium
Northeast	164.00	161.00	126.00
Southeast	164.50	162.50	127.00
Midwest	154.50	152.50	120.50
South Central	173.50	166.50	128.50
Combined Regional	164.58	160.88	125.61

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	106.4	3.6%
Southeast	219.1	9.2%
Midwest	356.9	5.1%
South Central	222.5	-7.4%
Southwest	163.6	2.1%
Northwest	117.7	-9.8%

6-Area Total		
Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,186.1	1.0%
Breaking Stock	260.3	1.4%
Total Shell Egg	1,446.4	1.1%

Specialty Shell Egg Inventory² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed
(30-dozen cases in thousands)

	6-Area Total	
	This Week	% Change
Large	67.3	8.4%
Ungraded	70.2	5.4%
Total Specialty	137.5	6.9%

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

Large:	30.9%
Ungraded:	58.6%
Total:	45.1%

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 14-Mar-2015 (Lbs. In Thousands) (Excludes Ingredients)

Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,353,658	32,761	13,307	6,659	1,917	4,299
PW	1,378,329	31,874	14,316	7,030	2,473	4,074
LY	1,405,991	29,670	16,899	8,756	2,882	4,363
% PW	-2%	3%	-7%	-5%	-22%	6%
% LY	-4%	10%	-21%	-24%	-33%	-1%
2015	15,847,327	359,416	172,396	82,704	29,750	48,403
2014	15,049,809	326,992	174,050	87,762	31,965	46,924
% YTD	5%	10%	-1%	-6%	-7%	3%

	CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.13	41.57	42.45
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	38.95	38.61	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	808,131	59.7%	20,875	63.7%
Previous Week	808,314	58.6%	20,964	65.8%
Last Year	839,668	59.7%	19,102	64.4%

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	98-100	100
Checks	80-88	82-87

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

Liquid yolk prices are higher with the balance of liquid egg product prices too few to report. Animal care certified whole egg prices range 75 to 91 cents FOB. Animal care certified whites are reported at 82 cents FOB with certified yolk reported at 91.5 cents FOB. The undertone continues higher for whole egg and yolk and lower for whites. Demand is fairly good to good for whole egg and yolk and light for whites. Spot offerings are light to moderate for whites and light on the balance of egg products. Market activity is slow to moderate.

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

Class	Current Week			Feb Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole Whites	TFEWR			23	62.52
Yolk	TFEWR			5	60.60
	91.00 - 91.50	4	91.38	11	73.70

Frozen Eggs

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

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

Trucklot	Current Week				Feb Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month	This Month	Last Month
Whole Whites	87.00 - 99.00	90.00 - 96.00	79.50	75.88	86.13	92.88
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	96.00 - 107.00	98.00 - 101.00	91.50	91.63	88.50	88.13
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	93.00 - 104.00	94.00 - 96.00	88.50	88.13		
Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week		Feb Averages			
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month	This Month	Last Month
Whole Whites	92.00 - 94.00		81.63	77.00	89.00	96.25
Sugar Yolk ^{1/}	100.00 - 107.00	100.00 - 105.00	97.50	95.00	97.50	95.00
Salt Yolk ^{1/}	100.00 - 105.00		97.50	95.00		

1/ Minimum 43% solids.

Dried Eggs

Dried egg prices are steady to higher for yolk and blends, mixed for whole and albumen. The undertone is higher on yolk, lower on albumen, steady on the balance of dried products. Offerings are light to moderate. Demand is fairly good on whole, good on yolk, light to moderate on albumen and blends as buyers and sellers monitor market developments. Current supplies are light on whole and yolk, mostly moderate on albumen. Market activity is mostly moderate.

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

Class	Current Week		Feb Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month
Whole Yolk	3.17 - 4.24	3.40 - 3.50	3.52	3.60
Albumen ^{2/}	2.00 - 2.28	2.10 - 2.15	1.93	1.88
Blends ^{3/}	7.75 - 8.65	8.00 - 8.10	8.84	9.79
	3.20 - 3.25		3.22	3.22

2/ Spray Dried; 3/ Whole plus sweetener.

Daily 5-Day Weighted Average Trailer Load Egg Sales

National Trading for March 16, 2015 - March 20, 2015 – (cents/doz.)

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

Current Loads **77.00** Future Loads **90.25** Total Loads **167.25**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	--	148.42	124.67	135.60	136.00	144.25	116.00
GL W J	--	--	138.00	140.00	142.38	--	5.00
GL W XL	--	159.67	160.15	160.31	159.35	--	22.50
GL W LG	--	164.13	138.42	155.07	162.93	169.00	58.25
GL W MD	--	--	104.40	106.40	112.69	--	16.50
GL W SM	--	74.50	82.25	82.80	65.00	--	6.00
GL BR XL	--	--	162.00	163.67	120.00	122.00	3.50
GL BR LG	--	--	158.00	161.00	120.00	122.00	2.50
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	101.00	1.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	--	2.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	89.00	89.33	75.00	89.67	9.00
NRBS - 36	--	--	65.00	68.00	--	--	.75

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	--	151.82	--	--	--	--	63.00
GL W J	--	137.00	--	--	217.20	220.44	5.25
GL W XL	161.00	163.29	--	--	--	200.14	13.00
GL W LG	157.00	166.80	--	--	--	197.33	40.25
GL W MD	104.67	133.13	--	--	--	134.00	11.00
GL W SM	71.50	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR LG	--	135.00	--	--	--	--	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 mostly moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product are adequate. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature 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.

Monthly Cold Storage Report

Commodity					Feb 28, 2015 as a Percent of	
	Jan-31 2014	Jan-31 2015	Feb-28 2014	Feb-28 2015	Feb-28 2014	Jan-31 2015
Frozen Eggs						
	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	4,099	4,933	4,478	4,239	95%	86%
Yolks	2,176	1,489	1,727	1,417	82%	95%
Whole & Mixed	12,367	11,168	12,162	12,843	106%	115%
Unclassified	16,045	17,080	16,264	17,149	105%	100%
Total :	34,687	34,670	34,631	35,648	103%	103%

Source: USDA/NASS/LPG

Frozen Eggs (000) lbs.

Weekly Cold Storage Holdings			Cold Storage Holdings		
Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks			Pacific without Denver		
			03/16/15	03/09/15	03/17/14
AM	03/16/15	2,772	Pacific Coast:		
AM	03/01/15	2,728	91	105	49
CHG		44	Los Angeles:		
PCT CHG		2%	0	0	0

National Retail Egg Purchases Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 27, 2015 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 20, 2015 were 216,158 cases which was 16 percent above the prior week and 16 percent above estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week.....	178,427	37,731	216,158
% change from the prior week.....	+15	+17	+16

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

Canadian Eggs

Week of Mar 9, 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*			
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	2014
Liquid	0	45	96	804
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	1	36	196	158
Total	1	81	292	962

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

Type	Year-To-Date*			
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	2014
Liquid	105	14	986	964
Frozen	47	22	400	367
Dried	0	0	7	46
Total	152	36	1,393	1,377

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Year-To-Date*			
	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2	2014
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	3,060	1,500	16,440	20,928
Large	8,450	9,250	57,807	62,220
Medium	30	0	60	1,752
Ungraded	13,620	25,368	118,680	100,772
Misc	0	72	300	5,160
Total	25,160	36,190	193,287	190,832

/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

Chickens and Eggs February Egg Production Up 1 Percent

United States egg production totaled 7.62 billion during February 2015, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.61 billion table eggs, and 1.01 billion hatching eggs, of which 928 million were broiler-type and 80 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2015 averaged 362 million, up 1 percent from last year. February egg production per 100 layers was 2,104 eggs, unchanged from February 2014.

All layers in the United States on March 1, 2015 totaled 362 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 362 million layers consisted of 305 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.56 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2015, averaged 75.3 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from March 1, 2014.

Egg-Type Chicks Hatched Up 6 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during February 2015 totaled 42.8 million, up 6 percent from February 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 44.5 million on March 1, 2015, up 14 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 309 thousand during February 2015, up 27 percent from February 2014.

Source: USDA/NASS