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New York price are unchanged on all sizes. California prices are up 2 cents on Jumbo, Extra Large, and Large, steady on Medium and Small. Regional prices are unchanged. The undertone is steady in all areas. Demand into retail and distributive channels is light to moderate for moderate to available offerings. Supplies are instances light to mostly moderate for current trading purposes. Market activity is slow in California, slow to moderate elsewhere. Breaking stock offerings are at times light to moderate; demand is moderate to fairly good. Light type fowl offerings are sufficient for full-time 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	99-108	102-105
Large	98-107	100-103
Medium	75-84	77-80
Northeast Regional		
Extra Large	110-130	112-116
Large	104-118	109-113
Medium	81-94	86-88
South Central		
Extra Large	119.5-128	121-124
Large	112.5-121	114-117
Medium	83.5-92	85-88
Southeast Regional		
Extra Large	111.5-133	113-116
Large	110-127	111-114
Medium	83.5-101	84-88

Delivered To Store Door:

Region	Range	Mostly
Midwest Regional		
Extra Large	106-114	107-109
Large	104-112	105-107
Medium	81-89	82-84
New York		
Extra Large	118-122	
Large	116-120	
Medium	93-97	
<i>Prices to Consumers Major Chains, New York Metropolitan Area</i>		
Extra Large	209-319	209-239
Large	199-299	199-229
Medium	189-289	189-209

Prices Paid To Producers

Region	Range	Mostly
Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin		
Large	80-90	84
Medium	57-61	59
Small	41-47	

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	135.24
Extra Large	130.59
Large	101.86
Medium	82.00

Weekly New England Shell Eggs

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

	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
Maine	170	164	129	90
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	163-167	157-161	122-126	83-87
Mostly	165-166	159-160	124-125	85-86
Rhode Island	169-173	163-167	128-132	89-93
Mostly	169	163	128	89
Vermont	170-175	164-165	129	-
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 2 cents higher for Jumbo, Extra Large and Large and unchanged for Medium and Small. The undertone is steady. Retail demand is moderate. Offerings and supplies are moderate. Market activity is slow. Small benchmark price \$1.35.

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	221
Extra Large	195
Large	188
Medium	155

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

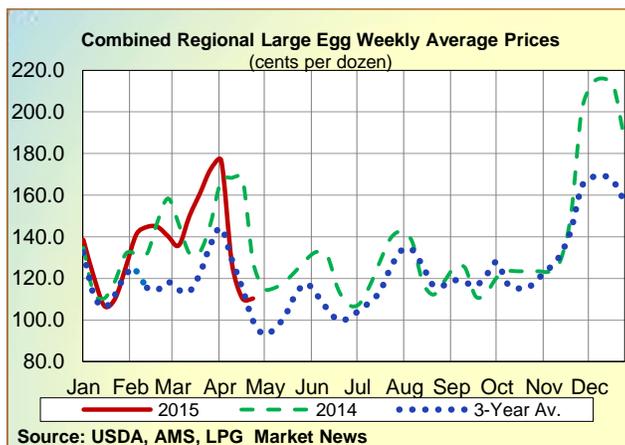
Jumbo	211-223
Extra Large	174-186
Large	171-180
Medium	135-144

Weekly Combined Regional

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, delivered warehouse

Regions	Ex Large	Large	Medium
Northeast	114.00	111.00	87.00
Southeast	114.50	112.50	86.00
Midwest	103.50	101.50	78.50
South Central	122.50	115.50	86.50
Combined Regional	114.04	110.35	84.54

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	111.2	-9.3%
Southeast	195.4	-6.6%
Midwest	319.4	5.2%
South Central	238.2	0.6%
Southwest	148.5	9.0%
Northwest	125.6	5.7%
6-Area Total	1,138.2	1.0%
Totals	Cases	Percent Change
Shell Egg	1,138.2	1.0%
Breaking Stock	263.2	-3.7%
Total Shell Egg	1,401.4	0.1%
Specialty Shell Egg Inventory ² Stocks on Hand to be Marketed		
(30-dozen cases in thousands)	This Week	% Change
Large	69.6	0.2%
Ungraded	74.8	11.6%
Total Specialty	144.4	5.8%

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

Large:	24.1%
Ungraded:	73.4%
Total:	49.6%

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 18-Apr-2015	(Lbs. In Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total Production	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CW	1,448,235	33,892	15,125	7,225	2,625	4,064
PW	1,456,646	34,925	15,079	6,984	2,830	4,381
LY	1,468,807	30,411	16,031	8,592	2,632	4,373
% PW	-1%	-3%	0%	3%	-7%	-7%
% LY	-1%	11%	-6%	-16%	0%	-7%
2015	22,906,349	528,369	243,695	118,923	41,829	69,773
2014	22,154,472	480,476	255,124	128,849	44,302	68,843
% YTD	3%	10%	-4%	-8%	-6%	1%
				CW	PW	LY
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)				41.64	42.13	40.45
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)				38.83	39.12	37.47

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	831,374	57.4%	20,314	59.9%
Previous Week	847,375	58.2%	21,827	62.5%
Last Year	876,871	59.7%	17,968	59.1%

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	67-71	
Checks	49-57	53-56
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 whole egg prices are steady to lower with all other liquid prices too few to report. Animal care certified whites are reported from 79 to 80 cents FOB. The undertone is unsettled for whole egg and steady for whites and yolk. Offerings are moderate for whole egg and light for whites and yolk. Demand is light to moderate for whole egg, light for whites and yolk. Market activity is slow to moderate.					
Non-pasteurized in trucklots; current trading for delivery within 14 days.					
Class	Current Week			Mar Averages	
	Range	Loads	Wtd Avg	Loads	Wtd Avg
Whole	57.00 - 58.00	11	57.18	12	81.83
Whites	TFEWR			5	60.40
Yolk	TFEWR			5	89.50

Frozen Eggs					
Frozen whole egg, sugared and salted yolk prices are steady to lower with whites steady. Trade sentiment is mostly steady for all frozen egg products. Offerings are moderate for whole egg and whites and light to moderate for sugared and salted yolk. Demand continues moderate to fairly good for whole egg and yolk and light to moderate for whites. Supplies are light to moderate for all frozen egg products, lightest for sugared 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			Mar Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month	
Whole	72.00 - 80.00	75.00 - 78.00	91.75	79.50	
Whites	65.00 - 78.00	70.00 - 72.00	82.13	86.13	
Sugar Yolk^{1/}	103.00 - 108.00	105.00 - 107.00	99.88	91.50	
Salt Yolk^{1/}	100.00 - 105.00	102.00 - 104.00	96.63	88.50	
Less-than-Trucklot	Current Week			Mar Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month	
Whole	76.00 - 78.00		91.63	81.63	
Whites	72.00 - 74.00		83.50	89.00	
Sugar Yolk^{1/}	105.00 - 110.00		101.75	97.50	
Salt Yolk^{1/}	105.00 - 110.00		101.50	97.50	

1/ Minimum 43% solids.

Dried Eggs					
Dried egg prices are mixed for yolk, steady to lower for whole, steady to higher for blends, unchanged for albumen. The undertone is generally steady. Offerings are moderate on whole, light on yolk, moderate to available on albumen. Demand outside regular commitments is light to moderate on albumen, moderate to fairly good on the balance. Supplies are light to moderate on yolk and whole, moderate to heavy on albumen. Inquiries and spot orders increased as buyers and producers monitor Avian Influenza and market developments. Market activity is moderate.					
Prices in dollars per pound; in containers; includes trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.					
Class	Current Week			Mar Averages	
	Range	Mostly	This Month	Last Month	
Whole	3.00 - 3.35	3.15 - 3.25	3.63	3.52	
Yolk	1.97 - 2.50	2.20 - 2.25	2.15	1.93	
Albumen^{2/}	7.30 - 8.00	7.50 - 7.60	8.14	8.84	
Blends^{3/}	3.19 - 3.25		3.19	3.22	

2/ Spray Dried; 3/ Whole plus sweetener.

Daily 5-Day Weighted Average Trailer Load Egg Sales

National Trading for April 20, 2015 - April 24, 2015 - (cents/doz.)

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

Current Loads 208.75 Future Loads 15.25 Total Loads 224.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	83.25	85.40	82.00	86.14	--	--	20.00
GL W J	--	99.00	108.50	110.06	89.35	--	6.25
GL W XL	100.75	107.80	93.07	100.62	100.17	98.69	56.25
GL W LG	--	92.53	88.33	92.13	85.84	82.21	98.25
GL W MD	--	--	74.08	69.67	82.51	--	15.25
GL W SM	69.00	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GL BR XL	--	--	105.00	107.00	--	--	2.00
GL BR LG	--	--	104.00	106.00	66.14	70.00	8.00
NRBS BR 48	--	--	--	--	73.00	76.27	11.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.00
NRBS - 42	--	50.00	--	--	43.00	--	.75
NRBS - 39	--	66.00	61.00	--	67.00	69.00	2.00
NRBS - 36	--	40.00	--	--	33.00	--	.50

CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GL W J	--	105.17	--	--	--	--	3.00
GL W XL	104.79	106.62	146.50	--	--	141.68	38.00
GL W LG	107.14	90.10	140.50	--	--	138.24	47.75
GL W MD	90.00	79.90	--	--	--	105.08	13.25
GL BR LG	--	90.00	--	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS BR 48	74.00	--	--	--	--	--	4.00
NRBS - 48	63.18	71.00	--	--	--	--	11.00
NRBS - 45	73.00	77.00	--	--	--	--	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 continue to trend steady for the mostly light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules were normal. Movement of finished product are moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity was light with the bulk of interest being in the Southeast region.

(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.

Canadian Eggs

Week of Apr 13, 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

Chickens and Eggs

March Egg Production Up 1 Percent

United States egg production totaled 8.53 billion during March 2015, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 7.42 billion table eggs, and 1.12 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.03 billion were broiler-type and 91 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during March 2015 averaged 362 million, up 1 percent from last year. March egg production per 100 layers was 2,358 eggs, up 1 percent from March 2014.

All layers in the United States on April 1, 2015 totaled 361 million, up slightly from last year. The 361 million layers consisted of 303 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.5 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.53 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on April 1, 2015, averaged 76.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from April 1, 2014.

Egg-Type Chicks Up 14 Percent

Egg-type chicks hatched during March 2015 totaled 50.4 million, up 14 percent from March 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 49.0 million on April 1, 2015, up 13 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 304 thousand during March 2015, up 29 percent from March 2014.

Source:USDA/NASS

Frozen Eggs (000) lbs.			
Weekly Cold Storage Holdings		Cold Storage Holdings	
Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks		Pacific without Denver	
		04/20/15	04/13/15
AM	04/20/15	2,682	
AM	04/01/15	2,728	
CHG		-46	
PCT CHG		-2%	
			04/21/14
			Pacific Coast:
		88	70
			Los Angeles:
		0	0

National Retail Egg Purchases Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending May 01, 2015 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending April 24, 2015 were 195,726 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 0 percent below estimates.

	Cartoned	Loose	Total
Cases purchased present week.....	142,154	53,572	195,726
% change from the prior week.....	-15	+82	-0

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

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

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

Week Ending Apr 11, 2015	Year-To-Date*		
Type	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2
Liquid	0	142	96
Frozen	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	502
Total	0	142	598

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

Week Ending Apr 11, 2015	Year-To-Date*		
Type	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2
Liquid	104	151	2,026
Frozen	1	0	461
Dried	0	0	0
Total	105	151	2,487

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

Week Ending Apr 11, 2015	Year-To-Date*		
Type	2015	2014 /1	2015 /2
Jumbo	0	0	0
Extra Large	3,780	5,490	31,050
Large	10,850	8,930	134,337
Medium	0	90	60
Ungraded	27,000	24,372	248,382
Misc	0	720	2,508
Total	41,630	39,602	416,337

/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

Monthly Cold Storage Report

Commodity					Mar 31, 2015	
	Feb-28	Feb-28	Mar-31	Mar-31	as a Percent of	
Frozen Eggs	2014	2015	2014	2015	Mar-31	Feb-28
	(1,000 pounds)				(percent)	
Whites	4,478	4,239	4,117	5,002	121%	118%
Yolks	1,727	1,417	1,906	949	50%	67%
Whole & Mixed	12,162	12,843	10,437	10,647	102%	83%
Unclassified	16,264	17,149	12,584	15,453	123%	90%
Total	34,631	35,648	29,044	32,051	110%	90%

Source: USDA/NASS