



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 24-Sep-99 - Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

	Northeast	Midwest	Southern	Western	12-Metro Area
This week	62.02	51.53	56.82	73.66	63.31
Last week	64.13	52.00	56.82	73.79	64.11

Selected Cities - 24-Sep-99 **New York** 58-61 **Chicago** 47-52 **California** 79

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 20-Sep-99 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	135.5	242.5	107.9	159.4	172.6	817.9	490.4	1308.3
% change PW	25	9	-5	-4	-10	2	2	2

Breaking Stock - 24-Sep-99 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	26-30 M 26-28	26-35 M 28-30
Checks & Undergrades	11-13 M 12	10-14

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 18-Sep-99.

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,185,374	27,407	10,847	5,911	2,376	3,717
Previous Week	*1,094,416*	*25,934*	9,768	5,500	2,359	*3,481*
Last Year	1,088,117	25,424	9,995	5,205	2,333	3,439
% Change PW	8	6	11	7	1	7
% Change LY	9	8	9	14	2	8
To Date 1999	*40,764,626*	*945,944*	389,822	212,613	95,671	*128,767*
To Date 1998	39,007,124	884,136	390,861	207,941	96,572	125,774
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE						
Current Week:	40.39	Previous Week:	40.83	Last Year:	40.49	

National Liquid Eggs - 24-Sep-99 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	12	28-32.5	30.42	-4.04
Whites	23	26-33	27.33	-4.76
Yolks	5	45-49	47.00	.00

Pasteurized whites were reported at 31 to 33.5 cents FOB.

Pasteurized salt yolk noted at 47 to 49.5 cents FOB.

Frozen Egg Prices - 24-Sep-99 - wholesale selling prices cents/lb, 30 lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	43-49 M 46-48	43-47 M 46	50-54	51-54
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		55-70	-
Whites	38-45 M 41-42	40-42 M 42	46-54	45-48
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	54-61 M 57-58	56-58	61-69	60-63
Salted	50-58 M 53-54	53-55	57-64	57-60

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 24-Sep-99 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.60 - 1.80	1.60 - 1.65
Yolks	1.38 - 1.65	1.40 - 1.47
Albumen, Spray Dried	3.15 - 3.45	3.25 - 3.35
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.22 - 1.40	1.30 - 1.35

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 18-Sep-99

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	2,014	This week	409	This week	2,423
Last week	1,583	Last week	300	Last week	1,883
Last year	1,863	Last year	568	Last year	2,431
To Date 1999	78,122	To Date 1999	17,482	To Date 1999	95,604
To Date 1998	77,071	To Date 1998	20,092	To Date 1998	97,163

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Sep-99

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	201	0	40	241
Last year*	519	0	41	560
To date 1999	9,772	6	464	10,242
To date 1998	10,508	50	537	11,095

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Sep-99

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	35	101	0	136
Last year*	145	1	0	146
To date 1999	3,405	355	166	3,926
To date 1998	2,950	159	235	3,344

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Sep-99

	Jumbo	XLarge	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	88	795	3,445	330	8,980	1,620	15,258
Last year*	154	1,410	3,686	1,050	19,808	0	26,108
To date 1999	998	27,364	95,772	35,810	426,063	6,978	592,985
To date 1998	1,195	26,857	79,115	42,226	210,555	6,133	366,081

*Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 31-Aug-99

Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	687	677	6,203	1,211	8,778
Previous Month	707	861	7,964	1,600	11,132
Last Year	915	933	5,802	1,343	8,993
% of Previous Month	97	79	78	76	79
% of Last Year	75	73	107	90	98

Released September 20, 1999, by NASS, Agricultural Statistics Board, U.S. Department of Agriculture. For information on "Cold Storage" call Linda Simpson at (202) 720-8784, office hours 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ET.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 21-Sep-99

Total Layers on 01-Sep-99 totaled 321 million, up 4% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Sep-99 averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from the 69.3 a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Sep-99 = 263 million, up 4% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Sep-99 averaged 73.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from 01-Sep-98.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.54 billion eggs during Aug-99, up 4% from Aug-98.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Sep-99 totaled 35.5 million, up 6% from Aug-98.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 35.3 million on 01-Sep-99, up 6% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 318,000 during Aug-99, up 72% from Aug-98.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Sep-99 = 247.9 million, up 4% from 01-Sep-98.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Sep-99 = 73.3, up 2% from 01-Sep-98.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Sep-99 were 4.6%, up 10% from those in molt on 01-Sep-98.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Sep-99 were 22.4%, up 3% from 01-Sep-98.

Layers sold during Aug-99 totaled 15.6 million, up 9% from Aug-98.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Aug-99 were 4.3 million, up 25% from Aug-98.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Sep-99 = 92.2 million, up 3% from 01-Sep-98.

Pullets added during Aug-99 = 21.2 million, up 10% from Aug-98.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Dan Boostrom at (202)720-3244, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: PASTEURIZED WHOLE EGGS

September 22, 1999

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 1,521,000 pounds of pasteurized whole eggs—to be produced from about 38,000 cases of shell eggs—for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds Accepted	Award Prices Inv. No. 007	No. of Bids
5-pound cartons	1,161,000	\$0.4798-0.5715	5 of 5
Bulk tankers	360,000	\$0.4043-0.4474	2 of 3

Total purchases of pasteurized whole eggs since the program was announced June 2, 1997 follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	23,692,000	\$13,027,000
30-pound containers	752,000	\$407,000
Bulk tankers	5,160,000	\$2,230,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-209 are due by 1 p.m., Washington, D.C. time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
021	5-pound cartons Bulk tankers	Oct. 4	Oct. 8	Nov. 16-30

The awards for pasteurized whole eggs under Announcement PY-209, Invitation 020, to be delivered Nov. 1 to Nov. 15 follow:

5-pound Cartons

American Egg Products, Inc.	200,100 @ \$0.4798-0.5074
Crystal Lake Egg Products	160,080 @ \$0.4930-0.5380
M.G. Waldbaum Co.	80,040 @ \$0.5715
Sonstegard Foods Company	640,320 @ \$0.5097-0.5597
Wenk Produce Company	80,040 @ \$0.5329-0.5712

Bulk Tankers

Sonstegard Foods Company	80,000 @ \$0.4474
Wenk Produce Company	280,000 @ \$0.4043-0.4219

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, PO Box 96456, Washington, D.C. 20090-6456. An electronic version of this food purchase report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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