



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 23-Dec-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	75.00	63.99	68.24	90.12	77.35
Last week	63.80	48.69	52.09	71.50	61.97

Selected Cities - 23-Dec-99 **New York** 78-81 **Chicago** 68-73 **California** 96

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

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	106.9	167.5	101.5	144.3	166.7	686.9	388.0	1074.9
% change PW	-21	-19	-12	-23	-12	-18	-18	-18

Breaking Stock - 23-Dec-99 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	22-27 M 25-27	24-28
Checks & Undergrades	10-13	9-13

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

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,197,215	27,472	11,206	6,834	2,755	3,942
Previous Week	1,252,677	28,840	12,003	6,585	2,738	4,170
Last Year	1,088,886	25,681	10,180	5,623	2,732	3,569
% Change PW	-4	-5	-7	4	1	-5
% Change LY	10	7	10	22	1	10
To Date 1999	56,352,378	1,296,573	540,046	296,662	128,918	179,588
To Date 1998	53,089,305	1,217,648	526,130	277,092	123,233	170,258

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE

Current Week: 41.31 **Previous Week:** 41.19 **Last Year:** 41.38

National Liquid Eggs - 23-Dec-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	20	20-25	22.33	-.58
Whites	10	24-26	25.20	-.24
Yolks		TFEWR		

There were no pasteurized whites or sale yolks reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 23-Dec-99 - wholesale selling prices cents/lb, 30 lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	37-43 M 40-41	38-42 M 38-40	47-54	44-47
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		53-65	-
Whites	36-40 M 37-40	37-40 M 38-40	42-54	42-45
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	50-55	50-54 M 50-52	57-64	57-60
Salted	45-52 M 45-50	45-51 M 48-50	56-62	54-57

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 - 23-Dec-99 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.49 - 1.60	1.50 - 1.55
Yolks	1.25 - 1.40	1.28 - 1.35
Albumen, Spray Dried	2.88 - 3.18	2.97 - 3.05
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.20 - 1.30	1.20 - 1.25

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

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	2,594	This week	NOT	This week	NOT
Last week	2,167	Last week		Last week	
Last year	2,562	Last year	AVAILABLE	Last year	AVAILABLE
To Date 1999	103,480	To Date 1999		To Date 1999	
To Date 1998	101,368	To Date 1998		To Date 1998	

Inspected Egg Products

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

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	255	0	0	255
Last year*	333	0	32	365
To date 1999	12,732	6	644	13,382
To date 1998	14,300	50	740	15,090

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

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	97	21	0	118
Last year*	151	17	0	168
To date 1999	4,456	606	310	5,372
To date 1998	3,932	215	235	4,382

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Jumbo	XLarge	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	60	1,860	1,895	3,380	9,270	0	16,465
Last year*	0	2,160	4,910	2,595	11,621	0	21,286
To date 1999	1,418	42,562	146,848	52,956	611,613	11,622	867,019
To date 1998	1,399	37,102	130,512	64,751	362,393	9,117	605,274

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

All prior data subject to revision. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division. For additional information, please call (515) 284-4471.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 30-Nov-99

Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	467	760	6,598	811	8,636
Previous Month	471	665	6,781	1,053	8,970
Last Year	895	898	6,943	560	9,296
% of Previous Month	99	114	97	77	96
% of Last Year	52	85	95	145	93

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

Total Layers on 01-Dec-99 totaled 329 million, up 3% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Dec-99 averaged 71.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from the 70.8 a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Nov-99 = 269 million, up 4% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Nov-99 averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Nov-98.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.59 billion eggs during Nov-99, up 4% from Nov-98.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Nov-99 totaled 33.1 million, up 6% from Nov-98.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 30.0 million on 01-Dec-99, down 7% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 282,000 during Nov-99, up 30% from Nov-98.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Dec-99 = 255.3 million, up 2% from 01-Dec-98.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Dec-99 = 74.2, up 2% from 01-Dec-98.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Dec-99 were 2.1%, down 22% from those in molt on 01-Dec-98.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Dec-99 were 24.7%, up 4% from 01-Dec-98.

Layers sold during Nov-99 totaled 15.4 million, up 28% from Nov-98.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Nov-99 were 3.5 million, up 27% from Nov-98.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Dec-99 = 89.1 million, down 2% from 01-Dec-98.

Pullets added during Nov-99 = 20.7 million, up 3% from Nov-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.

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