



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 24-Mar-00 - 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	63.49	38.74	56.80	80.96	66.52
Last week	56.06	46.46	53.10	79.07	62.00

Selected Cities - 24-Mar-00 **New York** 67-70 **Chicago** 59-64 **California** 83

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 20-Mar-00 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	155.2	236.1	87.1	190.1	196.1	864.6	454.9	1319.5
% change PW	9	-6	-13	-2	-4	3	4	-1

Breaking Stock - 24-Mar-00 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	29-34 M 32-34	26-32 M 28-30
Checks & Undergrades	14-17	14-18

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 18-Mar-00.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,103,288	24,839	10,950	5,958	2,746	3,725
Previous Week	1,185,234	27,015	11,882	6,593	2,975	3,890
Last Year	1,025,677	24,515	9,617	5,168	2,368	3,461
% Change PW	-7	-8	-8	-10	-8	-4
% Change LY	8	1	14	15	16	8
To Date 2000	12,427,040	276,744	127,302	69,700	33,884	41,142
To Date 1999	11,376,149	259,180	111,525	62,017	28,229	35,903

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE
Current Week: 41.21 **Previous Week:** 41.66 **Last Year:** 41.69

National Liquid Eggs - 24-Mar-00 - 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
W0ole	17	24-31	28.50	3.10
Whites	16	31.5-34	32.13	.30
Yolks	11	25.5-30.5	28.23	.79

There were no pasteurized salt yolk or pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 24-Mar-00 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²	
Whole	40-45 M 40-41	39-43 M 40-41	46-53	45-48	
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		55-60	-	
Whites	41-44	41-44 M 42-44	47-54	46-49	
Yolks ⁴					
Sugared	41-48 M 45-46	45-48 M 46-48	51-60	51-54	
Salted	42-45 M 42-44	43-45	49-69	48-51	

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-Mar-00 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.42 - 1.65	1.45 - 1.50
Yolks	1.10 - 1.25	1.15 - 1.20
Albumen, Spray Dried	3.00 - 3.40	3.05 - 3.15
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.17 - 1.25	1.17 - 1.20

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 18-Mar-00
Fowl Slaughtered in U.S. U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered

This week	1,971	This week	539	This week	2,510
Last week	2,109	Last week	408	Last week	2,517
Last year	2,125	Last year	613	Last year	2,738
To Date 2000	22,335	To Date 2000	5,928	To Date 2000	28,263
To Date 1999	23,708	To Date 1999	5,402	To Date 1999	29,110

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Mar-00

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	104	0	0	104
Last year*	188	0	41	229
To date 2000	1,316	40	58	1,414
To date 1999	2,515	6	99	2,620

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Mar-00

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	83	54	0	137
Last year*	0	0	0	0
To date 2000	1,128	97	321	1,546
To date 1999	731	74	10	815

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Mar-00

	Jumbo	XLarge	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	270	2,985	1,989	2,250	0	7,494
Last year*	19	1,002	5,798	1,632	690	0	9,141
To date 2000	92	3,743	22,883	6,837	8,430	1,500	43,485
To date 1999	45	3,697	17,806	7,621	47,459	0	76,628

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

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 29-Feb-00

Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	571	844	9,174	641	11,230
Previous Month	730	753	10,159	576	12,098
Last Year	1,052	730	8,151	905	10,838
% of Previous Month	94	112	90	111	93
% of Last Year	54	116	113	71	104

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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-Mar-00

Total Layers on 01-Mar-00 totaled 331 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Mar-00 averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 69.6 a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Mar-00 = 271 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Feb-00 averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from 01-Feb-99.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.26 billion eggs during Feb-00, up 5% from Feb-99.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Feb-00 totaled 31.0 million, up 2% from Feb-99.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 36.1 million on 01-Mar-00, up 2% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 251,000 during Feb-00, down 6% from Feb-99.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Mar-00 = 256.2 million, up 2% from 01-Mar-99.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Mar-00 = 71.8, unchanged from 01-Mar-99.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Mar-00 were 3.5, up 6% from those in molt on 01-Mar-99.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Mar-00 were 22.4, up 4% from 01-Mar-99.

Layers sold during Feb-00 totaled 15.6 million, up 9% from Feb-99.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Feb-00 were 3.7 million, up 20% from Feb-99.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Mar-00 = 86.7 million, down 3% from 01-Mar-99.

Pullets added during Feb-00 = 19.1 million, down 8% from Feb-99.

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.