



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report

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12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 26-May-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	52.83	40.32	48.98	75.67	57.86
Last week	52.14	40.01	48.98	75.67	57.57

Selected Cities Large - 26-May-00 **New York** 53-56 **Chicago** 42-47 **California** 71

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 22-May-00 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	109.1	217.3	109.6	160.1	175.1	771.2	415.0	1186.2
% change PW	4	-9	-10	-6	-1	-5	+2	-3

Breaking Stock 26-May-00 - 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 24-26	22-27 M 23-25
Checks & Undergrades	10-13	8-13

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 20-May-00.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,263,540	28,333	13,000	6,859	3,295	4,089
Previous Week	1,247,507	27,920	12,786	6,700	3,192	4,068
Last Year	1,111,743	27,115	9,956	5,552	2,368	3,492
% Change PW	1	1	2	2	3	1
% Change LY	14	4	31	24	39	17
To Date 2000	23,045,262	522,801	230,140	125,068	58,632	76,357
To Date 1999	21,261,563	485,845	208,881	115,399	52,605	66,732

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE

Current Week: 41.38 Previous Week: 41.26 Last Year: 41.48

National Liquid Eggs - 26-May-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
Whole	33	21-25	23.06	-.12
Whites	25	23-28	26.82	.35
Yolks	18	28-30	29.06	.48

No pasteurized whites or pasteurized salt yolk reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 26-May-00 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	36-40 M 37-39	36-38 M 37-38	45-49	42-45
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		51-59	-
Whites	37-42 M 37-39	36-39 M 39	44-54	42-45
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	43-46 M 44-46	43-46 M 44-46	50-56	49-52
Salted	40-43	41-43	47-64	46-49

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

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.35 - 1.67	1.37 - 1.45
Yolks	1.00 - 1.20	1.03 - 1.11
Albumen, Spray Dried	2.88 - 3.25	2.90 - 3.10
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.08 - 1.27	

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 20-May-00

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,873	This week	426	This week	2,299
Last week	2,024	Last week	364	Last week	2,388
Last year	2,329	Last year	442	Last year	2,771
To Date 2000	40,647	To Date 2000	10,211	To Date 2000	50,858
To Date 1999	44,152	To Date 1999	9,748	To Date 1999	53,900

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-May-00

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	104	0	0	104
Last year*	201	0	0	201
To date 2000	2,064	40	112	2,216
To date 1999	5,207	6	174	5,387

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-May-00

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	97	14	40	151
Last year*	179	2	0	181
To date 2000	2,253	200	563	3,016
To date 1999	1,770	97	10	1,877

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 13-May-00

	Jumbo	XLarge	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	39	1019	4,992	180	7,680	0	13,910
Last year*	17	180	4,108	413	16,260	750	21,728
To date 2000	357	11,452	53,722	11,960	63,600	5,310	146,401
To date 1999	255	10,135	39,673	17,121	147,199	3,228	217,611

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

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 22-May-00

Total Layers on 01-May-00 totaled 328 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-May-00 averaged 70.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 % from the 70.0 a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-May-00 = 267 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-May-00 averaged 72.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-May-99.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.57 billion eggs during Apr-00, up 3% from Apr-99.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Apr-00 totaled 36.6 million, down 13% from Apr-99.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 36.9 million on 01-May-00, up 5% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 309,000 during Apr-00, up 8% from Apr-99.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-May-00 = 251.4 million, up 2% from 01-May-99.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-May-00 = 70.6, up 1 % from 01-May-99.

Layers in forced molt on 01-May-00 were 4.0%, down 27% from those in molt on 01-May-99.

Layers with molt completed on 01-May-00 were 22.4%, up 3 % from 01-May-99.

Layers sold during Apr-00 totaled 15.4 million, down 10% from Apr-99.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Apr-00 were 4.1 million, up 5 % from Apr-99.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-May-00 = 91.4 million, down 2% from 01-May-99.

Pullets added during Apr-00 = 21.0 million, down 13 % from Apr-99.

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