



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 15-Dec-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	93.37	80.36	85.13	104.18	93.49
Last week	84.82	73.93	79.92	98.68	86.84

Selected Cities Large - 15-Dec-00 **New York** 97-100 **Chicago** 87-92 **California** 110

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 11-Dec-00 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	134.1	226.9	111.2	175.2	199.0	846.4	363.8	1210.2
% change PW	-9	-10	-14	-3	-6	-8	-4	-8

Breaking Stock 15-Dec-00 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	38-42 M 40-42	34-38
Checks & Undergrades	24-27	20-27 M 20-25

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 09-Dec-00.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,082,992	25,934	9,904	5,517	2,322	3,849
Previous Week	1,163,273	28,238	10,435	5,566	2,570	4,212
Last Year	1,252,677	28,840	12,003	6,585	2,738	4,170
% Change PW	-7	-8	-5	-1	-10	-9
% Change LY	-14	-10	-17	-16	-15	-8
To Date 2000	57,156,950	1,303,055	569,066	306,376	135,071	191,439
To Date 1999	55,155,154	1,268,882	527,436	289,906	126,172	175,646

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE

Current Week: 41.74 **Previous Week:** 41.65 **Last Year:** 41.19

National Liquid Eggs - 15-Dec-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	18	29.5-31	30.47	-.62
Whites	11	23-24.5	23.68	2.18
Yolks	13	50-56	53.73	-.98

Pasteurized salt yolk reported in a range of 56 to 61.5 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 15-Dec-00 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	47-50 M 48-49	47-50 M 48-49	54-56	55-58
Blends ³	Too Few To Report	-	67-90	-
Whites	35-37	35-37	41-54	41-44
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	67-71 M 69-70	68-71 M 69	70-74	76-79
Salted	64-68 M 66-68	66-68	67-70	73-76

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

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.70 - 1.90	1.75 - 1.85
Yolks	1.48 - 1.70	1.55 - 1.60
Albumen, Spray Dried	2.65 - 3.05	2.70 - 2.90
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.28 - 1.42	1.30 - 1.40

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 09-Dec-00

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered		
This week	1,927	447	This week	2,374
Last week	1,876	375	Last week	2,252
Last year	2,167	488	Last year	2,655
To Date 2000	92,378	21,895	To Date 2000	114,273
To Date 1999	100,886	22,413	To Date 1999	123,299

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 02-Dec-00

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	91	0	74	165
Last year*	229	0	35	264
To date 2000	7,077	239	577	7,893
To date 1999	12,477	6	644	13,127

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 02-Dec-00

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	54	23	20	97
Last year*	121	10	100	231
To date 2000	4,683	852	840	6,375
To date 1999	4,359	585	310	5,254

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 02-Dec-00

	Jumbo	XLarge	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	80	1,100	3,910	2,058	6,750	0	13,898
Last year*	45	139	3,185	1,688	9,930	0	14,987
To date 2000	2,271	48,746	137,587	37,117	381,584	11,837	619,142
To date 1999	1,358	40,738	144,953	49,576	602,343	11,622	850,590

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

Monthly Inventory of Dried Egg Solids as of 30-Nov-00. (Released 11-Dec-00. Next release = 12-Jan-01)

-Comparisons on the basis of matched plants

Class	Pounds	***% Change Last Month***	***% Change Last Year***
Whole			
Plain	613,765	10	-28
Free Flowing	1,261,400	-42	-32
Blend	951,422	19	34
White			
(Albumen)	6,337,938	4	100
Blend	96,650	-43	-48
Yolk			
Plain	1,068,980	35	66
Blend	19,500	-20	-74
Free Flowing	1,000,450	-21	-58
(with sodium silica aluminate)			
Total	11,350,105	-4	15

Dried Eggs Processed under Federal Inspection:

29-Oct-00 through 02-Dec-00 = 11,802,000 Pounds.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: PASTEURIZED WHOLE EGGS: PURCHASES NEARING END December 14,2000

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 1,401,000 pounds of pasteurized whole eggs—to be produced from about 35,000 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. 011	No. of Bids
5-pound cartons	1,161,000	\$0.5080-0.5723	5 of 5
Bulk tankers	240,000	\$0.4572-0.4796	2 of 3

It was also announced that purchases of pasteurized whole eggs are nearing completion.

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

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	7,844,000	\$4,185,000
30-pound containers	158,000	\$ 74,000
Bulk tankers	4,416,000	\$1,939,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-237 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
012	5-pound cartons	Dec. 26	Dec. 29	Feb. 1-15, 2001
	Bulk tankers	*Tuesday*		

The awards for pasteurized whole eggs under Announcement PY-237, Invitation 011, to be delivered Jan. 16 to Jan. 31, 2001 follow:

5-pound Cartons

American Egg Products, Inc.	80,040 @ \$0.5395-0.5445
Crystal Lake Egg Products	240,120 @ \$0.5234-0.5434
M.G. Waldbaum Co.	160,080 @ \$0.5150-0.5265
Sonstegard Foods Company	640,320 @ \$0.5197-0.5723
Wenk Produce Company	40,020 @ \$0.5080

Bulk Tankers

Sonstegard Foods Company	96,000 @ \$0.4746-0.4796
Wenk Produce Company	144,020 @ \$0.4572

On December 4, additional awards were made to the following participants under the Small Business Administration's 8 (a) program:

5-pound Cartons

Silver Wolf Enterprises	80,040 @ \$0.5192-0.5392
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Bulk Tankers

Imperial Sales Company	48,000 @ \$0.4796
Mil-Ray Foods Company, Inc.	48,000 @ \$0.4796
Roscoe Allen Company	48,000 @ \$0.4796
Silver Wolf Enterprises	48,000 @ \$0.4796

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>.