



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 29-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	101.89	92.00	97.58	117.36	104.82
Last week	99.63	88.27	93.87	113.37	101.49

Selected Cities Large - 29-Dec-00 **New York** 101-104 **Chicago** 91-96 **California** 123

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 25-Dec-00 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	93.8	214.2	95.1	145.0	156.5	704.6	358.7	1063.3
% change PW	-21	2	-5	-20	-14	-11	0	-8

Breaking Stock 29-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 38-40	34-38
Checks & Undergrades	25-28	20-27.25 M 20-26

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 23-Dec-00.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

Previous week cases broken, liquid whole, dried, and inedible adjusted

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,003,656	23,885	9,131	5,146	2,167	3,713
Previous Week	1,013,161	24,362	9,159	4,899	1,838	3,594
Last Year	943,423	21,082	9,313	5,268	2,205	3,226
% Change PW	-1	-2	0	5	-18	3
% Change LY	6	13	-2	-2	-2	15
To Date 2000	59,193,934	1,352,109	614,356	316,421	139,115	198,796
To Date 1999	57,295,792	1,317,436	547,955	302,008	131,132	182,814

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE

Current Week: 41.72 **Previous Week:** 41.47 **Last Year:** 41.22

National Liquid Eggs - 29-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	30-35	31.93	.78
Whites	14	19-26	24.50	.10
Yolks	10	52-54	52.90	-1.39

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 56 to 58.5 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 24

cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 29-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	48-50 M 48-49	47-49 M 48-49	54-56	55-58
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		68-85	-
Whites	35-37	34-37 M 36-37	41-54	42-45
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	67-71 M 69-71	69-71	70-76	76-79
Salted	64-69 M 66-69	66-69 M 66-68	67-74	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 - 29-Dec-00 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.65 - 1.90	1.75 - 1.85
Yolks	1.47 - 1.70	1.55 - 1.65
Albumen, Spray Dried	2.65 - 3.05	2.65 - 2.80
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.28 - 1.40	1.30 - 1.40

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 16-Dec-00

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,900	This week	361	This week	2,261
Last week	1,927	Last week	447	Last week	2,374
Last year	2,594	Last year	427	Last year	3,021
To Date 2000	94,278	To Date 2000	22,256	To Date 2000	116,534
To Date 1999	103,480	To Date 1999	22,840	To Date 1999	126,320

****Not Available for Weekending 23-Dec-00****

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Dec-00

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	230	0	0	230
Last year*	320	0	0	320
To date 2000	7,406	239	653	8,298
To date 1999	13,052	6	644	13,702

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Dec-00

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	22	63	19	104
Last year*	31	3	0	34
To date 2000	4,855	943	935	6,733
To date 1999	4,487	609	310	5,406

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Dec-00

	Jumbo	XLarge	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	173	3,010	11,465	1,808	4,500	510	21,466
Last year*	950	1,850	6,575	240	12,770	0	22,385
To date 2000	2,444	53,656	156,577	40,705	393,044	13,247	659,673
To date 1999	2,368	44,448	153,423	53,196	624,383	11,622	889,440

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

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

Total Layers on 01-Dec-00 totaled 332 million, up 1 % from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Dec-00 averaged 70.9 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from the 71.5 eggs a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Nov-00 = 273 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Nov-00 averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from 01-Nov-99.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.58 billion eggs during Nov-00, down slightly from Nov-99.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Nov-00 totaled 32.6 million, down 1% from Nov-99.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 32 million on 01-Dec-00, up 7% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 407,000 during Nov-00, up 55% from Nov-99.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Dec-00 = 275.4 million, up 2% from 01-Dec-99.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Dec-00 = 70.9, down 1% from 01-Dec-99.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Dec-00 were 2.9%, up 45% from those in molt on 01-Dec-99.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Dec-00 were 25.4%, up 4% from 01-Dec-99.

Layers sold during Nov-00 totaled 15.9 million, down 2% from Nov-99.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Nov-00 were 3.3 million, down 14% from Nov-99.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Dec-00 = 94.5 million, down 3% from 01-Dec-99.

Pullets added during Nov-00 = 22.9 million, down 3% from Nov-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.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 30-Nov-00

Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	436	696	10,141	4,223	15,496
Previous Month	377	701	11,068	4,364	16,510
Last year	494	762	6,716	482	8,454
% of Previous Month	116	99	92	97	94
% of Last Year	88	91	151	876	183

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: PASTEURIZED WHOLE EGGS: Purchases Nearing End December 29,2000

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 960,000 pounds of pasteurized whole eggs—to be produced from about 24,000 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	720,000	\$0.5174-0.5790	4 of 5
Bulk tankers	240,000	\$0.4562	1 of 3

Total purchases of pasteurized whole eggs since the program was announced May 18, 2000 follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	8,564,000	\$4,575,000
30-pound containers	158,000	\$ 74,000
Bulk tankers	4,656,000	\$2,048,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-237 are due by 12 p.m., Central time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
013	5-pound cartons Bulk tankers	Jan. 08 2001	Jan. 12 2001	Feb. 16-28, 2001

The awards for pasteurized whole eggs under Announcement PY-237, Invitation 012, to be delivered Feb. 1 to Feb. 15 follow:

5-pound Cartons

Crystal Lake Egg Products	40,020 @ \$0.5434
M.G. Waldbaum Co.	240,120 @ \$0.5199-0.5475
Sonstegard Foods Company	320,160 @ \$0.5174-0.5674
Wenk Produce Company	120,060 @ \$0.5790

Bulk Tankers

Wenk Produce Company	240,000 @ \$0.4562
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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>.