



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
March 30, 2001**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 30-Mar-01 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 | 87.64 | 76.87 | 85.82 | 103.55 | 90.67 |
| Last week | 83.85 | 69.53 | 76.82 | 93.61 | 83.31 |

Selected Cities Large - 30-Mar-01 **New York** 87-90 **Chicago** 76-81 **California** 109

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 26-Mar-01 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

| | Northeast | North Central | South Central | South Atlantic | Pacific | 5-Area | Breaking Stock | Total |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Current week | 180.8 | 328.0 | 152.8 | 215.2 | 228.3 | 1105.1 | 267.6 | 1372.7 |
| % change PW | 19 | 21 | 24 | 13 | 14 | 18 | -5 | 13 |

Breaking Stock 30-Mar-01 - 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 39-40 | 34-39 |
| Checks & Undergrades | 21-24 | 21-30 M 21-25 |

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 24-Mar-01.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

| | Cases Broken | Liquid Whole | Liquid White | Liquid Yolk | Dried | Inedible |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Current Week | 1,064,832 | 24,556 | 10,848 | 5,434 | 1,676 | 3,939 |
| Previous Week | 1,066,731 | 24,301 | 10,922 | 5,941 | 2,074 | 3,828 |
| Last Year | 1,109,586 | 26,540 | 9,986 | 5,438 | 2,302 | 3,631 |
| % Change PW | 0 | 1 | -1 | -9 | -19 | 3 |
| % Change LY | -4 | -7 | 9 | 0 | -27 | 8 |
| To Date 2001 | 13,081,936 | 296,165 | 133,277 | 72,303 | 29,528 | 47,605 |
| To Date 2000 | 13,574,370 | 304,692 | 137,288 | 75,160 | 36,186 | 44,890 |

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE

Current Week: 42.05 **Previous Week:** 42.18 **Last Year:** 41.09

National Liquid Eggs - 30-Mar-01 - 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 | 21 | 34-39 | 36.36 | 2.12 |
| Whites | 6 | 21-24 | 22.50 | .14 |
| Yolks | 8 | 69-74 | 71.63 | 5.70 |

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 71 to 74 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 23 to 24.5 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 30-Mar-01 - 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 | 47-49 M 48-49 | 54-56 | 54-57 |
| Blends ³ | Too Few To Report | - | 72-90 | - |
| Whites | 33-36 M 33-35 | 33-36 M 34-35 | 39-54 | 40-43 |
| Yolks ⁴ | | | | |
| Sugared | 78-80 | 77-80 M 78-80 | 80-83 | 85-88 |
| Salted | 75-77 | 74-78 M 75-77 | 77-79 | 82-85 |

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 - 30-Mar-01 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

| Class | Range | Mostly |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Whole | 1.65 - 1.85 | 1.65 - 1.75 |
| Yolks | 1.65 - 1.85 | 1.70 - 1.80 |
| Albumen, Spray Dried | 2.55 - 2.90 | 2.60 - 2.70 |
| Blends (whole plus sweetener) | 1.28 - 1.35 | |

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 24-Mar-01

| Fowl Slaughtered in U.S. | | U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada | | Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered | |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|
| This week | 1,953 | This week | 522 | This week | 2,475 |
| Last week | 1,841 | Last week | 636(R) | Last week | 2,477 |
| Last year | 2,046 | Last year | 609 | Last year | 2,655 |
| To Date 2001 | 22,281 | To Date 2001 | 6,555 | To Date 2001 | 28,836 |
| To Date 2000 | 24,381 | To Date 2000 | 6,556 | To Date 2000 | 30,937 |

(R) Revised, reflected in to-date figure.

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 17-Mar-01

| | Liquid | Frozen | Dried | Total |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Current week | 309 | 0 | 0 | 309 |
| Last year* | 142 | 0 | 0 | 142 |
| To date 2001 | 2,011 | 0 | 22 | 2,033 |
| To date 2000 | 1,453 | 40 | 58 | 1,551 |

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 17-Mar-01

| | Liquid | Frozen | Dried | Total |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Current week | 13 | 9 | 0 | 22 |
| Last year* | 58 | 12 | 0 | 70 |
| To date 2001 | 1,097 | 300 | 143 | 1,540 |
| To date 2000 | 1,186 | 109 | 321 | 1,616 |

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 17-Mar-01

| | Jumbo | XLarge | Large | Medium | Ungraded | Misc | Total |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|----------|-------|--------|
| Current week | 15 | 330 | 2,328 | 1,020 | 7,622 | 2,350 | 13,665 |
| Last year* | 53 | 1,290 | 3,944 | 150 | 4,530 | 750 | 10,717 |
| To date 2001 | 87 | 2,726 | 20,209 | 7,638 | 25,766 | 5,537 | 61,963 |
| To date 2000 | 145 | 5,033 | 26,827 | 6,987 | 12,960 | 2,250 | 54,202 |

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

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 23-Mar-01

Total Layers on 01-Mar-01 totaled 336 million, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Mar-01 averaged 69.5 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 69.8 eggs a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Feb-01 = 276.1 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Feb-01 averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from 01-Feb-00.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.11 billion eggs during Feb-01, down 2% from Feb-00.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Feb-01 totaled 38 million, up 8% from Feb-00.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 35.5 million on 01-Mar-01, down 2% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 302,000 during Feb-01, up 20% from Feb-00.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Mar-01 = 260.1 million, up 2% from 01-Mar-00.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Mar-01 = 69.5, unchanged from 01-Mar-00.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Mar-01 were 4.1%, up 14% from those in molt on 01-Mar-00.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Mar-01 were 23.0, up 3% from 01-Mar-00.

Layers sold during Feb-01 totaled 14.4 million, down 7% from Feb-00.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Feb-01 were 3.9 million, up 130% from Feb-00.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Mar-01 = 90.2 million, up 2% from 01-Mar-00.

Pullets added during Feb-01 = 20.8 million, up 4% from Feb-00.

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