



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
April 27, 2001**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 27-Apr-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	61.76	54.03	61.61	80.31	66.68
Last week	70.49	62.99	72.98	89.55	75.83

Selected Cities Large - 27-Apr-01 **New York** 56-59 **Chicago** 46-51 **California** 86

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 23-Apr-01 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	140.6	286.1	113.4	158.3	163.4	861.8	294.2	1156.0
% change PW	16	22	38	18	17	21	11	18

Breaking Stock 27-Apr-01 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	30-34 M 30-32	28-31 M 28-30
Checks & Undergrades	14-18	14-19

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 21-Apr-01.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,190,645	26,773	12,017	6,710	2,424	4,137
Previous Week	1,088,469	25,331	10,718	5,732	1,892	3,896
Last Year	1,109,687	25,898	10,782	5,597	2,663	3,596
% Change PW	9	6	12	17	28	6
% Change LY	7	3	11	20	-9	15
To Date 2001	17,504,798	398,189	177,163	96,234	37,119	63,502
To Date 2000	18,051,230	410,498	179,266	97,807	46,111	60,070

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE

Current Week: 41.69 **Previous Week:** 41.96 **Last Year:** 41.34

National Liquid Eggs - 27-Apr-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	32	27-29.5	28.36	-3.05
Whites	18	15-25	18.22	-.16
Yolks	9	67.5-73	70.06	-3.19

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 72.5 to 79 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 27-Apr-01 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	44-49 M 45-48	44-49 M 44-46	53-57	51-54
Blends ³	Too Few To Report	-	68-90	-
Whites	30-35 M 30-33	30-33	36-54	36-39
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	80-83	80-83 M 80-82	82-86	87-90
Salted	75-79 M 77-79	77-79	77-83	84-87

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

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.60 - 2.00	1.65 - 1.78
Yolks	1.85 - 2.05	1.85 - 1.95
Albumen, Spray Dried	2.45 - 2.95	2.50 - 2.60
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.25 - 1.40	1.30 - 1.35

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 21-Apr-01

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,706	417	2,123
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,651	316	1,967
Last year	Last year	Last year
2,030	299	2,329
To Date 2001	To Date 2001	To Date 2001
29,714	8,121	37,835
To Date 2000	To Date 2000	To Date 2000
32,590	8,519	41,109

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

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Apr-01

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	363	0	0	363
Last year*	39	0	36	75
To date 2001	2,998	0	22	3,020
To date 2000	1,662	40	112	1,814

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Apr-01

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	108	50	40	198
Last year*	110	6	40	156
To date 2001	1,459	500	203	2,162
To date 2000	1,981	140	443	2,564

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Apr-01

	Jumbo	XLarge	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	1,620	570	60	7,500	1,500	11,250
Last year*	0	770	3,560	1,391	8,220	780	14,721
To date 2001	87	8,706	28,185	11,608	50,588	7,787	106,961
To date 2000	246	8,363	38,237	11,058	33,960	4,530	96,394

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

stocks in all warehouses on 31-Mar-01

Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,238	866	9,857	1,630	14,591
Previous Month	2,985	1,127	10,339	1,017	15,468
Last year	3,107	757	9,048	1,083	13,995
% of Previous Month	75	77	95	160	94
% of Last Year	72	114	109	151	104

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

Total Layers on 01-Apr-01 totaled 337 million, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Apr-01 averaged 70.9 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 71.2 eggs a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Apr-01 = 278.0 million, up 3% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Apr-01 averaged 73.2 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from 01-Apr-00.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.87 billion eggs during Mar-01, up 1% from Mar-00.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Mar-01 totaled 40 million, up 3% from Mar-00.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 36.0 million on 01-Apr-01, up 9% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 372,000 during Mar-01, up 30% from Mar-00.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Apr-01 = 261.5 million, up 3% from 01-Apr-00.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Apr-01 = 73.1, down 1% from 01-Apr-00.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Apr-01 were 1.9%, down 10% from those in molt on 01-Apr-00.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Apr-01 were 23.1, up 2% from 01-Apr-00.

Layers sold during Mar-01 totaled 15.0 million, down 12% from Mar-00.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Mar-01 were 3.6 million, up 2% from Mar-00.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Apr-01 = 90.4 million, unchanged from 01-Apr-00.

Pullets added during Mar-01 = 25.8 million, up 8% from Mar-00.

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