



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
September 28, 2001**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 28-Sep-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	61.13	48.23	52.98	72.24	61.39
Last week	61.13	48.95	52.98	72.36	61.63

Selected Cities Large - 28-Sep-01 **New York** 60-63 **Chicago** 48-53 **California** 78

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 24-Sep-01 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	113.0	306.4	162.2	176.3	171.9	929.8	311.0	1240.8
% change PW	15	-1	6	-13	-2	-1	2	0

Breaking Stock 28-Sep-01 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	27-29	24-28 M 25-26
Checks & Undergrades	10-14	10-17.25 M 10-15

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 22-Sep-01.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,271,236	28,739	12,758	6,725	2,811	4,207
PREVIOUS WEEK	*1,235,410*	*28,258*	11,864	6,358	2,810	*4,219*
LAST YEAR	1,217,566	27,221	12,009	6,693	2,786	4,328
% CHANGE PW	3	2	8	6	0	0
% CHANGE LY	4	6	6	0	1	-3
TO-DATE 2001	*43,763,207*	*994,198*	439,375	235,208	96,107	*156,069*
TO-DATE 2000	44,445,040	1,001,061	449,315	241,493	109,834	147,618
*% CHANGE YTD	-2	-1	-2	-3	-12	6

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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week:	41.24	Previous Week:	*41.04*	Last Year:	41.27
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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week:	37.93	Previous Week:	*37.62*	Last Year:	37.72
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Adjustments to previous week, year to date.

National Liquid Eggs - 28-Sep-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	18	27.5-29	28.53	.17
Whites	27	10-18.5	12.65	-1.43
Yolks	15	68-70.5	69.23	-.08

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 68 to 68.5 cents f.o.b., with pasteurized whites reported at 17.5 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 28-Sep-01 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	42-45	42-46 M 42-44	51-56	49-52
Blends ³	Too Few To Report	-	65-85	-
Whites	29-32 M 29-30	29-32	34-49	33-36
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	79-81	79-82 M 80-82	80-87	83-86
Salted	73-77 M 75-77	74-76 M 75-76	77-79	79-82

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

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.48 - 1.75	1.55 - 1.62
Yolks	1.80 - 2.05	1.80 - 1.90
Albumen, Spray Dried	2.10 - 2.60	2.15 - 2.25
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.15 - 1.30	1.20 - 1.25

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 22-Sep-01

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week 2,004	This week 468	This week 2,472
Last week 1,847	Last week 186	Last week 2,033
Last year 1,718	Last year 492	Last year 2,210
To Date 2001 67,340	To Date 2001 16,519	To Date 2001 83,859
To Date 2000 73,070	To Date 2000 17,856	To Date 2000 90,926

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

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Sep-01

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	231	0	0	231
Last year	101	0	43	144
To date 2001	8,249	78	40	8,367
To date 2000	5,113	126	419	5,658

* Revised

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Sep-01

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	131	70	12	213
Last year	41	48	47	136
To date 2001	3,868	1,073	485	5,426
To date 2000	4,037	657	701	5,395

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Sep-01

	Jumbo	X-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	3,123	2,318	0	14,880	900	21,221
Last year	138	850	5,157	660	8,250	0	15,055
To date 2001	87	48,812	90,552	33,868	280,250	67,220	520,789
To date 2000	1,743	36,588	105,231	25,479	277,894	9,387	456,322

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

stocks in all warehouses on 31-Aug-01

	Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)				Unclassified	Total
	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed			
Current Month	3,375	685	12,393		1,410	17,863
Previous Month	2,711	797	11,049		2,097	16,654
Last year	3,593	565	9,565		1,209	14,932
% of Previous Month	124	86	112		67	107
% of Last Year	94	121	130		117	120

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 21-Sep-01

Total Layers on 01-Sep-01 totaled 333 million, up 2 percent from a year ago.
Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Sep-01 averaged 70.1 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 70.4 eggs a year ago.
Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Sep-01 = 274.7 million, up 2% from a year ago.
Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Sep-01 averaged 72.3 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from 01-Sep-00.
30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.74 billion eggs during Aug-01, up 1% from Aug-00.
Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Aug-01 totaled 35.2 million, up 2% from Aug-00.
Eggs in Incubators totaled 33.4 million on 01-Sep-01, down 3% from a year ago.
Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 260,000 during Aug-01, down 5% from Aug-00.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Sep-01 = 258.5 million, up 2% from 01-Sep-00.
Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Sep-01 = 72.1, down 1% from 01-Sep-00.
Layers in forced molt on 01-Sep-01 were 4.5%, down 2% from those in molt on 01-Sep-00.
Layers with molt completed on 01-Sep-01 were 22.7, up 1% from 01-Sep-00.
Layers sold during Aug-01 totaled 15.5 million, down 5% from Aug-00.
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Aug-01 were 5.2 million, up 184% from Aug-00.
Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Sep-01 = 90.4 million, down 2% from 01-Sep-00.
Pullets added during Aug-01 = 21.1 million, up 2% from Aug-00.
 For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Tom Kruchten at (202)690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS

September 26, 2001

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 960,000 pounds of 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. 008	No. of Bids
5-pound cartons	720,000	\$0.4647-\$0.5230	3 of 4
Bulk tankers	240,000	\$0.3575	1 of 3

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced May 29, 2001, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound	4,562,000	\$2,286,000
30-pound containers	158,000	\$ 78,000
bulk tankers	4,464,000	\$1,687,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-246 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
9	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	Oct. 9 *Tuesday*	Oct. 12	Nov. 16-30

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-246, Invitation 8, to be delivered from Nov. 1 to Nov. 15, 2001, follow:

5-pound Cartons

American Egg Products Inc.	80,040 @ \$0.4874
Sonstegard Foods Company	600,300 @ \$0.4647-0.5194
Wenk Produce	40,020 @ \$0.5230

Bulk Tankers

Daybreak Foods Inc.	240,000 @ \$0.3575
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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, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. 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>.