



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

**The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information**

**12-Metro Area Shell Eggs** - week ending 28-Dec-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 |
|------------------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|---------------|
| <b>This week</b> | 67.14     | 57.13   | 60.98    | 82.31   | 69.80         |
| <b>Last week</b> | 67.07     | 57.13   | 60.98    | 82.31   | 69.78         |

**Selected Cities Large** - 28-Dec-01 **New York** 66-69 **Chicago** 56-61 **California** 88

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

|                     | Northeast | North Central | South Central | South Atlantic | Pacific | 5-Area | Breaking Stock | Total  |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------|--------|----------------|--------|
| <b>Current week</b> | 95.2      | 229.0         | 145.0         | 147.4          | 172.8   | 789.4  | 275.0          | 1064.4 |
| <b>% change PW</b>  | -15       | -16           | -20           | -27            | -22     | -20    | 9              | -14    |

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

|                                 | Central States |         | Eastern Region |         |
|---------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| <b>Nest Run</b>                 | 26-30          | M 27-28 | 24-30          | M 25-28 |
| <b>Checks &amp; Undergrades</b> | 11-16          |         | 11-18          | M 12-16 |

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

|               | Cases Broken | Liquid Whole | Liquid White | Liquid Yolk | Dried   | Inedible |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| CURRENT WEEK  | 1,164,776    | 26,792       | 11,437       | 5,756       | 3,439   | 4,388    |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 1,219,871    | 27,010       | 12,716       | 6,786       | 3,073   | 4,395    |
| LAST YEAR     | 1,003,656    | 23,885       | 9,131        | 5,146       | 2,167   | 3,713    |
| % CHANGE PW   | -5           | -1           | -10          | -15         | 12      | 0        |
| % CHANGE LY   | 16           | 12           | 25           | 12          | 59      | 18       |
| TO-DATE 2001  | 59,295,248   | 1,347,347    | 594,288      | 317,240     | 132,412 | 211,982  |
| TO-DATE 2000  | 59,224,420   | 1,352,109    | 587,348      | 316,421     | 139,497 | 198,751  |
| *% CHANGE YTD | 0            | 0            | 1            | 0           | -5      | 7        |

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)**

**Current Week:** 41.53      **Previous Week:** 41.73      **Last Year:** 41.72

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)**

**Current Week:** 37.76      **Previous Week:** 38.13      **Last Year:** 38.02

**Adjustments to previous week, year to date.**

**National Liquid Eggs** - 28-Dec-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 |
|---------------|-------|---------|-----------|-----------------------|
| <b>Whole</b>  | 34    | 21-28.5 | 25.15     | -1.91                 |
| <b>Whites</b> | 16    | 6-10    | 9.19      | -.34                  |
| <b>Yolks</b>  |       | TFEWR   |           |                       |

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 57.5 To 61 cents fob, with no pasteurized whites reported.

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

| Class               | Trucklot          |         | Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.) |         |         |                               |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|
|                     | Eastern           |         | Central                           |         | Eastern | South California <sup>2</sup> |
| Whole               | 39-45             | M 41-43 | 40-42                             | M 41-42 | 49-52   | 47-50                         |
| Blends <sup>3</sup> | Too Few To Report |         | -                                 |         | 66-80   | -                             |
| Whites              | 22-32             | M 22-25 | 22-32                             | M 22-24 | 29-48   | 29-32                         |
| Yolks <sup>4</sup>  |                   |         |                                   |         |         |                               |
| Sugared             | 73-79             | M 76-78 | 76-79                             | M 76-77 | 81-92   | 80-83                         |
| Salted              | 69-74             | M 72-74 | 71-74                             | M 71-73 | 77-90   | 76-79                         |

<sup>2</sup> f.o.b. shipping point

<sup>3</sup> whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

<sup>4</sup> minimum 43% solids

**National Dried Egg Prices** - 28-Dec-01 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

| Class                         | Range       | Mostly      |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Whole                         | 1.48 - 1.70 | 1.49 - 1.59 |
| Yolks                         | 1.65 - 2.05 | 1.85 - 1.90 |
| Albumen, Spray Dried          | 1.80 - 2.50 | 1.89 - 2.00 |
| Blends (whole plus sweetener) | 1.15 - 1.30 | 1.20 - 1.25 |

**Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands)** Weekending 15-Dec-01

| Fowl Slaughtered in U.S. | U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada | Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| This week                | This week                       | This week                   |
| 1,945                    | 344                             | 2,289                       |
| Last week                | Last week                       | Last week                   |
| 1,901                    | 392                             | 2,293                       |
| Last year                | Last year                       | Last year                   |
| 1,900                    | 361                             | 2,261                       |
| To Date 2001             | To Date 2001                    | To Date 2001                |
| 89,036                   | 20,343                          | 109,379                     |
| To Date 2000             | To Date 2000                    | To Date 2000                |
| 94,278                   | 22,629                          | 116,907                     |

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

**Inspected Egg Products**

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

|              | Liquid | Frozen | Dried | Total  |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Current week | 245    | 0      | 0     | 245    |
| Last year    | 230    | 0      | 0     | 280    |
| To date 2001 | 12,880 | 78     | 426   | 13,384 |
| To date 2000 | 7,437  | 239    | 653   | 8,329  |

\* Revised

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

|              | Liquid | Frozen | Dried | Total |
|--------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Current week | 180    | 94     | 10    | 284   |
| Last year    | 22     | 63     | 19    | 104   |
| To date 2001 | 5,844  | 1,757  | 628   | 8,229 |
| To date 2000 | 4,855  | 943    | 935   | 6,733 |

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

|              | Jumbo | X-Large | Large   | Medium | Ungraded | Misc   | Total   |
|--------------|-------|---------|---------|--------|----------|--------|---------|
| Current week | 0     | 3,045   | 5,070   | 197    | 13,770   | 720    | 22,802  |
| Last year    | 173   | 3,010   | 11,465  | 1,808  | 4,500    | 510    | 21,466  |
| To date 2001 | 87    | 71,523  | 140,003 | 44,094 | 446,890  | 71,084 | 773,681 |
| To date 2000 | 2,444 | 53,656  | 156,577 | 40,701 | 393,044  | 13,247 | 659,669 |

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

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

**Total Layers** on 01-Dec-01 totaled 338 million, up 2 percent from a year ago.

**Rate of lay per day** for all layers on 01-Dec-01 averaged 71.2 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 71.0 eggs a year ago.

**Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers** on 01-Dec-01 = 279.2 million, up 1% from a year ago.

**Rate of lay per day** for table egg type on 01-Dec-01 averaged 73.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Dec-00.

**30 Major Egg Production States** produced 6.73 billion eggs during Nov-01, up 2% from Nov-00.

**Egg Type Chicks Hatched** during Nov-01 totaled 31.6 million, down 2% from Nov-00.

**Eggs in Incubators** totaled 29.0 million on 01-Dec-01, down 7% from a year ago.

**Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks** = 261,000 during Nov-01, down 15% from Nov-00.

**30 SELECTED STATES**

**Table egg type layers** on 01-Dec-01 = 262.9 million, up 1% from 01-Dec-00.

**Eggs per 100 table egg layers** on 01-Dec-01 = 73.9, up 1% from 01-Dec-00.

**Layers in forced molt** on 01-Dec-01 were 2.7%, down 10% from those in molt on 01-Dec-00.

**Layers with molt completed** on 01-Dec-01 were 23.8, down 8% from 01-Dec-00.

**Layers sold** during Nov-01 totaled 15.0 million, up 1% from Nov-00.

**Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason** during Nov-01 were 3.5 million, up 6% from Nov-00.

**Pullets less than 20 weeks of age** on 01-Dec-01 = 88.9 million, up 1% from 01-Dec-00.

**Pullets added** during Nov-01 = 20.1 million, down 6% from Nov-00.

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