



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
March 22, 2002**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 22-Mar-02 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	83.02	73.12	79.08	97.61	85.64
Last week	77.59	64.62	69.73	87.50	77.40

Selected Cities Large - 22-Mar-02 **New York** 82-86 **Chicago** 72-76 **California** 105

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 18-Mar-02 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	144.0	334.0	186.5	268.6	274.0	1207.1	227.1	1434.2
% change PW	8	0	0	25	5	7	-7	4

Breaking Stock 22-Mar-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	34-36	30-36 M 32-34
Checks & Undergrades	18-23	18-25

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 16-Mar-02.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,059,426	25,517	10,003	5,216	1,686	3,940
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,083,058	26,560	9,840	5,318	1,878	3,950
LAST YEAR	1,066,731	24,301	10,922	5,941	2,074	3,828
% CHANGE PW	-2	-4	2	-2	-10	0
% CHANGE LY	-1	5	-8	-12	-19	3
TO-DATE 2002*	12,317,411	281,103	123,839	65,930	30,970	44,896
TO-DATE 2001	12,017,104	271,609	122,429	66,869	27,852	43,666
*% CHANGE YTD	2	3	1	-1	11	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)
Current Week: 42.17 Previous Week: 42.17 Last Year: 42.18

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)
Current Week: 38.45 Previous Week: 38.52 Last Year: 38.59
Adjustments to previous week, year to date.

National Liquid Eggs - 22-Mar-02 - 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	11	30-34	32.73	.76
Whites	8	10-14.5	12.06	.65
Yolks	11	58.5-61	60.23	.65

Pasteurized salt yolk and pasteurized whites were too few to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 22-Mar-02 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²	
Whole	40-45 M 41-44	41-43	49-53	49-52	
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		63-85	-	
Whites	22-32 M 22-25	22-32 M 22-25	27-48	28-31	
Yolks ⁴					
Sugared	71-77 M 72-74	71-74 M 72-74	77-85	77-80	
Salted	66-73 M 67-70	67-70 M 68-70	73-83	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 - 22-Mar-02 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.39 - 1.80	1.50 - 1.60
Yolks	1.61 - 2.00	1.70 - 1.80
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.75 - 2.00	1.80 - 1.90
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.15 - 1.20	

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 09-Mar-02*

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered		
This week	1,634	This week	482	This week	2,116
Last week	1,705	Last week	298	Last week	2,003
Last year	2,010	Last year	571	Last year	2,581
To Date 2001	17,894	To Date 2001	3,678	To Date 2001	21,572
To Date 2000	18,487	To Date 2000	5,470	To Date 2000	23,957

* Figures for Weekending 16-Mar-02 are not available and should be release next week.

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 09-Mar-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	355	0	1	356
Last year	299	0	0	299
To date 2002	3,042	0	1	3,043
To date 2001	1,702	0	22	1,724

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 09-Mar-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	265	136	46	447
Last year	60	87	61	208
To date 2002	1,071	617	532	2,220
To date 2001	1,084	291	143	1,518

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 09-Mar-02

	Jumbo	X-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	120	300	2,510	0	300	3,230
Last year	48	676	1,806	620	5,304	750	9,204
To date 2002	77	570	8,056	9,441	0	4,594	22,738
To date 2001	72	2,396	17,881	6,618	18,144	3,187	48,298

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

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 20-Mar-02

Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,258	1,036	7,294	3,383	13,971
Previous Month	2,001	630	6,846	3,671	13,148
Last year	2,985	1,127	10,339	1,017	15,468
% of Previous Month	113	164	107	92	106
% of Last Year	76	92	71	333	90