



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
March 29, 2002**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 29-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	76.61	71.07	81.40	97.61	83.34
Last week	83.02	73.12	79.08	97.61	85.64

Selected Cities Large - 29-Mar-02 **New York** 68-72 **Chicago** 58-62 **California** 105

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 25-Mar-02 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	117.3	263.1	170.7	261.5	248.9	1061.5	226.9	1288.4
% change PW	-19	-21	-8	-3	-9	-12	0	-10

Breaking Stock 29-Mar-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	29-33 M 30-33	27-32
Checks & Undergrades	13-17	13-19

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 23-Mar-02.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,073,968	25,510	10,127	5,653	1,363	3,876
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,059,426	25,517	10,003	5,216	1,686	3,940
LAST YEAR	1,064,832	24,556	10,848	5,434	1,676	3,939
% CHANGE PW	1	0	1	8	-19	-2
% CHANGE LY	1	4	-7	4	-19	-2
TO-DATE 2002*	13,391,379	306,613	133,966	71,583	32,333	48,772
TO-DATE 2001	13,081,936	296,165	133,277	72,303	29,528	47,605
*% CHANGE YTD	2	4	1	-1	9	2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.06 **Previous Week:** 42.17 **Last Year:** 42.05

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.45 **Previous Week:** 38.45 **Last Year:** 38.35

Adjustments to previous week, year to date.

National Liquid Eggs - 29-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	7	31-32	31.29	-1.44
Whites		TFEWR		
Yolks	10	57-60	59.05	-1.18

No pasteurized salt yolk or pasteurized whites to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 29-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 42	40-43 M 42-43			49-54	49-52
Blends ³	Too Few To Report				63-90	-
Whites	22-32 M 22-25	22-32 M 22-25			28-48	28-31
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	69-77 M 71-73	71-76 M 71-73			78-85	77-80
Salted	65-73 M 67-70	67-70 M 68-70			74-83	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 - 29-Mar-02 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.39 - 1.65	1.50 - 1.56
Yolks	1.60 - 2.00	1.70 - 1.80
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.65 - 2.30	1.75 - 1.90
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.13 - 1.23	1.15 - 1.20

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 16-Mar-02

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,636	258	1,894
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,634	482	2,116
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,841	636	2,477
To Date 2001	To Date 2001	To Date 2001
19,530	3,936	23,466
To Date 2000	To Date 2000	To Date 2000
20,328	6,106	26,434

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 23-Mar-02

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,812	357	2,169
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,636	258	1,894
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,953	501	2,454
To Date 2001	To Date 2001	To Date 2001
21,342	4,293	25,635
To Date 2000	To Date 2000	To Date 2000
22,281	6,607	28,888

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Mar-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	300	0	0	300
Last year	309	0	0	309
To date 2002	3,342	0	1	3,343
To date 2001	2,011	0	22	2,033

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Mar-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	80	117	159	356
Last year	13	9	0	22
To date 2002	1,151	734	691	2,576
To date 2001	1,097	300	143	1,540

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 16-Mar-02

	Jumbo	X-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	173	780	641	1,437	0	60	3,091
Last year	15	330	2,328	1,020	7,622	2,350	13,665
To date 2002	250	1,350	8,697	10,878	0	4,654	25,829
To date 2001	87	2,726	20,209	7,638	25,766	5,537	61,963

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

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 22-Mar-02

Total Layers on 01-Mar-02 totaled 336 million, slightly lower than a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Mar-02 averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from the 69.5 eggs a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Mar-02 = 276.5 million, up 0% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Mar-02 averaged 73.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from 01-Mar-01.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.15 billion eggs during Feb-02, up 1% from Feb-01.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Feb-02 totaled 34.3 million, down 10% from Feb-01.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 32.8 million on 01-Mar-02, down 8% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 247,000 during Feb-02, up 6% from Feb-01.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Mar-02 = 260.5 million, up 0% from 01-Mar-01.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Mar-02 = 70.4, up 1% from 01-Mar-01.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Mar-02 were 3.7%, down 10% from those in molt on 01-Mar-01.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Mar-02 were 22.0, down 4% from 01-Mar-01.

Layers sold during Feb-02 totaled 13.2 million, down 8% from Feb-01.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Feb-02 were 5.1 million, up 33% from Feb-01.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Mar-02 = 89.6 million, down 1% from 01-Mar-01.

Pullets added during Feb-02 = 21.0 million, down 1% from Feb-01.

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