



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
April 26, 2002**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 26-Apr-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	53.64	44.12	48.76	68.99	56.58
Last week	53.76	44.12	49.78	68.99	56.68

Selected Cities Large - 26-Apr-02 **New York** 52-56 **Chicago** 43-47 **California** 76

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 22-Apr-02 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	126.2	309.1	146.2	171.6	202.9	956.0	276.0	1232.0
% change PW	15	1	-5	-4	9	2	2	2

Breaking Stock 26-Apr-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	28-30 M 28-29	26-30 M 27-29
Checks & Undergrades	11-16	11-18.50 M 13-18

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 19-Apr-02.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,205,931	28,780	11,641	6,311	3,048	4,264
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,234,974	28,555	12,001	7,092	3,025	4,293
LAST YEAR	1,190,645	26,773	12,017	6,710	2,424	4,137
% CHANGE PW	-2	1	-3	-11	1	-1
% CHANGE LY	1	7	-3	-6	26	3
TO-DATE 2002*	18,141,993	419,222	180,272	96,747	42,880	65,569
TO-DATE 2001	17,504,798	398,189	177,163	96,234	37,119	63,502
*% CHANGE YTD	4	5	2	1	16	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.29 **Previous Week:** 42.06 **Last Year:** 41.69

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.75 **Previous Week:** 38.58 **Last Year:** 38.21

Adjustments to previous week, year to date.

National Liquid Eggs - 26-Apr-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	21	25.5-29.75	27.06	-.03
Whites	18	9-16.5	10.83	-1.07
Yolks	6	59.5-60.5	59.83	.60

Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 58.5 to 60.5 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 16 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 26-Apr-02 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	38-45 M 41-42	41-43 M 41-42	49-53	48-51
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		63-85	-
Whites	22-32 M 22-25	22-32 M 22-25	27-45	28-31
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	67-74 M 71-73	71-76 M 72-74	77-82	77-80
Salted	65-71 M 66-69	66-69 M 67-69	73-78	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 - 26-Apr-02 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.40 - 1.65	1.48 - 1.55
Yolks	1.59 - 1.85	1.70 - 1.77
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.70 - 2.05	1.73 - 1.85
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.10 - 1.25	1.12 - 1.15

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 20-Apr-02

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,910	This week	129	This week	2,039
Last week	1,927	Last week	253	Last week	2,180
Last year	1,706	Last year	417	Last year	2,123
To Date 2002	29,139	To Date 2002	5,076	To Date 2001	34,215
To Date 2001	29,714	To Date 2000	8,154	To Date 2000	37,868

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Apr-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	455	0	0	455
Last year	363	0	0	363
To date 2002	5,058	0	8	5,066
To date 2001	2,998	0	22	3,020

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Apr-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	87	75	75	237
Last year	108	50	40	198
To date 2002	1,500	1,111	1,050	3,661
To date 2001	1,459	500	203	2,162

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Apr-02

	Jumbo	X-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	60	1,020	1,137	17,580	5,460	25,257
Last year	0	1,620	570	60	7,500	1,500	11,250
To date 2002	300	2,238	16,797	15,045	33,270	10,204	77,854
To date 2001	87	8,706	28,185	11,608	50,588	7,787	106,961

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

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 31-Mar-02

Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	1,565	877	6,268	2,944	11,654
Previous Month	2,204	1,036	7,282	3,383	13,905
Last year	2,242	879	9,851	1,629	14,601
% of Previous Month	71	85	86	87	84
% of Last Year	70	100	64	181	80

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 23-Apr-02

Total Layers on 01-Apr-02 totaled 338 million, slightly higher than a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Apr-02 averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Apr-02 = 277.6 million, up 0% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Apr-02 averaged 73.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Apr-01.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.94 billion eggs during Mar-02, up 1% from Mar-01.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Mar-02 totaled 36.7 million, down 10% from Mar-01.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 32.8 million on 01-Apr-02, down 11% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 237,000 during Mar-02, down 17% from Mar-01.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Apr-02 = 260.7 million, up 0% from 01-Apr-01.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Apr-02 = 73.7, up 1% from 01-Apr-01.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Apr-02 were 3.4%, up 79% from those in molt on 01-Apr-01.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Apr-02 were 21.8, down 5% from 01-Apr-01.

Layers sold during Mar-02 totaled 16.2 million, up 7% from Mar-01.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Mar-02 were 4.4 million, up 21% from Mar-01.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Apr-02 = 87.6 million, down 3% from 01-Apr-01.

Pullets added during Mar-02 = 22.5 million, down 14% from Mar-01.

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