



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report October 18, 2002

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 18-Oct-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	58.94	47.41	53.06	68.48	59.12
Last week	57.94	47.02	54.19	71.97	60.10

Selected Cities Large - 18-Oct-02 New York 60-64 Chicago 50-54 California 80

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 14-Oct-02 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	139.2	298.7	159.6	193.2	246.3	1037.0	296.2	1333.2
% change PW	0	-6	-3	-11	5	-3	1	-2

Breaking Stock 18-Oct-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	35-37	31-35 M 32-34
Checks & Undergrades	20-25	18-27 M 19-22

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 11-Oct-02.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,285,079	28,722	12,853	6,980	3,186	4,517
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,280,622	29,146	12,731	6,880	2,896	4,486
LAST YEAR	1,192,358	27,436	11,665	6,124	3,049	4,240
% CHANGE PW	0	-1	1	1	10	1
% CHANGE LY	8	5	10	14	4	7
TO-DATE 2002	49,655,088	1,152,944	479,722	257,830	118,554	176,268
TO-DATE 2001	47,418,180	1,075,768	476,490	254,984	105,169	168,998
% CHANGE YTD	5	7	1	1	13	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.30 Previous Week: 41.58 Last Year: 41.49

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 37.78 Previous Week: 38.07 Last Year: 37.93

National Liquid Eggs - 18-Oct-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	12	30.5-33.25	31.52	.77
Whites	15	9.5-15.5	11.17	.58
Yolks	12	76-80	78.17	.67

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 77 to 80 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 15.5 cents.

Frozen Egg Prices - 18-Oct-02 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²		
Whole	41-46 M 41.5-43	42-46 M 42-43	50-54	49-52		
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		70-85	-		
Whites	20-32 M 20-24	22-32 M 22-24	27-42	28-31		
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	79-86 M 83-85	84-87 M 84-86	89-93	89-92		
Salted	79-83 M 79-81	79-83 M 81-82	85-90	85-88		

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 - 18-Oct-02 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.54 - 1.80	1.54 - 1.70
Yolks	1.90 - 2.15	1.95 - 2.05
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.49 - 2.00	1.49 - 1.70
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.22 - 1.35	1.25 - 1.35

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 12-Oct-02

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week 1,754	This week 266	This week 2,020
Last week 1,892	Last week 318	Last week 2,210
Last year 1,989	Last year 354	Last year 2,343
To Date 2002 71,997	To Date 2002 12,599	To Date 2002 84,596
To Date 2001 73,216	To Date 2001 17,508	To Date 2001 90,724

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 05-Oct-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	659	0	0	659
Last year /1	534	0	0	534
To date 2002 /2	20,249	21	695	20,965
To date 2001	9,687	78	80	9,845

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 05-Oct-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	78	124	95	297
Last year /1	63	2	1	66
To date 2002 /2	4,981	2,850	4,061	11,892
To date 2001	4,246	1,204	486	5,936

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 05-Oct-02

	Jumbo	*X-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	1,095	2,693	288	17,994	0	22,070
Last year /1	0	2,100	3,849	750	11,820	0	18,519
To date 2002 /2	1,596	29,398	102,515	38,351	270,335	14,797	456,992
To date 2001	87	54,202	104,836	35,668	317,750	68,144	580,687

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Year-to-date 2002 revisions encompass all adjustments made to the data for the year.

DATE: October 17, 2002

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS; PURCHASES OF 30-POUND CARTONS AND BULK TANKERS ARE NOW COMPLETE

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 712,000 pounds of whole eggs--to be produced from about 18,000 cases of shell eggs--at a cost of approximately \$332,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices	No. of Bids
		Inv. No. 11	Accepted
30-pound cartons	40,000	\$0.5432	1 of 3
5-pound cartons	480,000	\$0.4725-\$0.5393	1 of 3
bulk tankers	192,000	\$0.3742	1 of 2

It was also announced that purchases of 30-pound cartons and bulk tankers are now complete.

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 7, 2002, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
30-pound cartons	277,000	\$ 148,000
5-pound cartons	9,805,000	\$5,328,000
bulk tankers	5,232,000	\$2,007,000

Next offers under Announcement PY-257 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance	Delivery Period
			Not Later Than Date	
12	5-pound cartons	Oct. 28	Nov. 1	Dec. 1-15

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-257, Invitation 11, to be delivered from Nov. 16 to Nov. 30, follow:

30-pound Containers

Sonstegard Foods Co. 39,000 @ \$0.5432

5-pound Cartons

Sonstegard Foods Co. 480,240 @ \$0.4725-\$0.5393

Bulk Tankers

Sonstegard Foods Co. 192,000 @ \$0.3742

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>.