



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
December 6, 2002**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 06-Dec-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	81.36	72.07	78.68	97.78	84.90
Last week	83.64	73.01	78.68	97.78	85.83

Selected Cities Large - 06-Dec-02: New York 78-82 Chicago 67-71 California 106

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

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	135.6	303.1	159.5	216.3	252.5	1067.0	273.7	1340.7
% change PW	2	3	21	16	8	9	17	11

Breaking Stock 06-Dec-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	37-40 M 38-40	35-40 M 36-39
Checks & Undergrades	25-29	23-32.25 M 24-27

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 29-Nov-02.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,052,524	26,506	8,906	4,594	1,876	3,862
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,169,865	28,566	10,218	5,438	2,101	4,234
LAST YEAR	1,264,440	27,338	13,418	7,156	3,014	4,554
% CHANGE PW	-10	-7	-13	-16	-11	-9
% CHANGE LY	-17	-3	-34	-36	-38	-15
TO-DATE 2002	57,857,915	1,353,214	552,626	296,677	133,841	205,258
TO-DATE 2001	55,658,523	1,265,830	556,878	297,672	122,898	198,575
% CHANGE YTD	4	7	-1	0	9	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.68 Previous Week: 41.42 Last Year: 41.49

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.01 Previous Week: 37.80 Last Year: 37.89

National Liquid Eggs - 06-Dec-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	15	28-37	34.83	-2.72
Whites	19	13-18.75	13.41	- .65
Yolks	8	78-82	80.00	-1.79

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 74 to 81 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 06-Dec-02 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	41-48 M 45-47	45-49 M 46-47	53-57	52-55
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		74-85	-
Whites	21-32 M 22-24	22-32 M 24-26	28-42	28-31
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	83-92 M 89-91	86-92 M 90-91	91-97	93-96
Salted	80-86 M 80-82	80-85 M 80-82	87-94	89-92

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

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.57 - 1.90	1.65 - 1.75
Yolks	1.80 - 2.16	2.00 - 2.05
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.55 - 2.00	1.62 - 1.70
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.25 - 1.40	1.35 - 1.40

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 30-Nov-02

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,223	235	1,458
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,663	233	1,896
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,932	335	2,267
To Date 2002	To Date 2002	To Date 2002
83,123	14,372	97,495
To Date 2001	To Date 2001	To Date 2001
85,190	19,640	104,830

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 23-Nov-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	462	0	0	462
Last year /1	328	0	0	328
To date 2002	18,670	21	760	19,451
To date 2001	12,181	78	322	12,581

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 23-Nov-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	126	46	106	278
Last year /1	224	27	16	267
To date 2002	5,824	3,108	4,809	13,741
To date 2001	5,337	1,509	614	7,460

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 23-Nov-02

	Jumbo	EX-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	100	2,955	5,357	1,375	7,500	0	17,287
Last year /1	0	1,480	2,363	825	21,520	0	26,188
To date 2002	1,539	47,329	129,911	46,113	325,205	14,737	564,834
To date 2001	87	64,042	128,081	42,058	411,180	69,614	715,062

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

SHELL EGGS BROKEN UP 3 PERCENT

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Shell eggs broken = 170 million dozen during October 2002, up 5% from October 2001.

October 2002 contained 23 weekdays, four Saturdays and one holiday, the same as in October 2001.

Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, United States, October 2001-02

Month & Region	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
October 2002: United States	(1,000 Dozen) 169,880	(1,000 Pounds) 132,890	(1,000 Pounds) 53,716	(1,000 Pounds) 28,514	(1,000 Pounds) 215,120	(1,000 Pounds) 20,057
October 2001: United States	161,596	124,026	53,800	27,207	205,033	20,264

Egg Products Inspected: Shell Eggs Broken and Products Produced, United States, January - October 2001-02

Period	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
January 1, 2002- October 30, 2002	(1,000 Dozen) 1,581,176	(1,000 Pounds) 1,227,768	(1,000 Pounds) 501,499	(1,000 Pounds) 272,179	(1,000 Pounds) 2,001,446	(1,000 Pounds) 194,126
January 1, 2001 - October 30, 2001	1,530,487	1,160,865	505,527	269,735	1,936,127	186,056

Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). The best available data at time of publication was used. For information on "Egg Products" call Tom Kruchten at 202-6904870, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET.