



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
October 25, 2002**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 25-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	67.99	53.37	55.99	76.08	66.43
Last week	58.94	47.41	53.06	68.49	59.12

Selected Cities Large - 25-Oct-02 New York 73-77 Chicago 64-68 California 84

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 21-Oct-02 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	122.1	299.8	156.2	196.5	226.4	1001.0	277.6	1278.6
% change PW	-12	0	2	2	-8	-3	-6	-4

Breaking Stock 25-Oct-02 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region	
Nest Run	41-45	M 42-44	35-43	M 38-41
Checks & Undergrades	27-32		23-32	M 25-28

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 18-Oct-02.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,237,893	28,808	11,898	6,420	2,896	4,256
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,285,079	28,722	12,853	6,980	3,186	4,517
LAST YEAR	1,190,658	26,794	11,986	6,384	2,608	4,296
% CHANGE PW	-4	0	-7	-8	-9	-6
% CHANGE LY	4	8	-1	1	11	-1
TO-DATE 2002	50,892,981	1,181,752	491,620	264,250	121,446	180,524
TO-DATE 2001	48,608,838	1,102,562	488,476	261,368	107,777	173,294
% CHANGE YTD	5	7	1	1	13	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.51 Previous Week: 41.30 Last Year: 41.54

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

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

National Liquid Eggs - 25-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	15	34.0-38.50	36.43	4.91
Whites	17	9.5-15.50	12.74	1.57
Yolks	10	78.5-84.00	81.10	2.93

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 74 to 81 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 16.0 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 25-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	41-48 M 43-46	44-48 M 46-47	52-57		52-55
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		70-90		-
Whites	21-32 M 22-24	22-32 M 22-24	27-42		28-31
Yolks ⁴					
Sugared	81.5-91 M 84-87	87-91 M 87-88	92-96		92-95
Salted	79-85 M 81-83	82-87 M 83-85	87-93		88-91

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

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.58 - 1.90	1.60 - 1.70
Yolks	1.90 - 2.20	1.95 - 2.05
Albumen, Spray Dried	1.50 - 2.00	1.55 - 1.70
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.22 - 1.40	1.30 - 1.35

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands)Weekending 19-Oct-02

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week 1,822	This week 294	This week 2,116
Last week 1,754	Last week 266	Last week 2,020
Last year 1,697	Last year 319	Last year 2,016
To Date 2002 73,819	To Date 2002 12,893	To Date 2002 86,712
To Date 2001 74,913	To Date 2001 17,827	To Date 2001 92,740

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Oct-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	450	0	40	490
Last year /1	379	0	0	379
To date 2002 /2	20,699	21	735	21,455
To date 2001	10,066	78	80	10,224

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Oct-02

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	71	34	230	335
Last year /1	178	20	0	198
To date 2002 /2	5,052	2,884	4,291	12,227
To date 2001	4,424	1,224	486	6,134

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Oct-02

	Jumbo	*X-Large	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	2,490	1,600	1,260	10,620	0	15,970
Last year /1	0	1,270	3,360	1,230	8,910	0	14,770
To date 2002 /2	1,596	31,880	104,115	39,611	280,955	14,797	472,954
To date 2001	87	55,472	108,196	36,898	326,660	68,144	595,457

/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.

SHELL EGGS BROKEN DOWN SLIGHTLY

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Shell eggs broken = 166 million dozen during August 2002, down slightly from August 2001. August 2002 contained 22 weekdays and five Saturdays, compared to 23 weekdays and four Saturdays in August 2001.

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

Month & Region	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
August 2002: United States	(1,000 Dozen) 166,193	(1,000 Pounds) 132,181	(1,000 Pounds) 48,358	(1,000 Pounds) 26,247	(1,000 Pounds) 206,786	(1,000 Pounds) 20,413
August 2001: United States	166,989	127,279	52,877	27,153	207,309	19,874

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

Period	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
January 1, 2002 - August 30, 2002	(1,000 Dozen) 1,252,769	(1,000 Pounds) 973,025	(1,000 Pounds) 396,785	(1,000 Pounds) 215,941	(1,000 Pounds) 1,585,751	(1,000 Pounds) 154,797
January 1, 2001 - August 30, 2001	1,204,788	913,520	397,281	212,969	1,523,770	146,235

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.

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

Total Layers on 01-Oct-02 totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Oct-02 averaged 70.2 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Oct-02 = 280.5 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Oct-02 averaged 72.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Oct-01.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.69 billion eggs during Sep-02, up 1% from Sep-01.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Sep-02 totaled 35.4 million, down 4% from Sep-01.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 30.8 million on 01-Oct-02, down 3% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 259,000 during Sep-02, up 18% from Sep-01.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Oct-02 = 263.7 million, up 1% from 01-Oct-01.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Oct-02 = 70.2, up 0% from 01-Oct-01.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Oct-02 were 4.7%, up 7% from those in molt on 01-Oct-01.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Oct-02 were 23.5, up 7% from 01-Oct-01.

Layers sold during Sep-02 totaled 14.2 million, up 9% from Sep-01.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Sep-02 were 3.7 million, down 20% from Sep-01.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Oct-02 = 86.8 million, down 4% from 01-Oct-01.

Pullets added during Sep-02 = 20.5 million, down 0% from Sep-01.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Tom Kruchten at (202)690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

WHOLE EGGS, INVITATION NO. 12, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-257

October 18, 2002

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell whole eggs as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Oct. 28. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Nov. 1. Deliveries are to be made from Dec. 1 to Dec. 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 non-responsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. **Note that some item numbers and the associated quantities for the 5-pound cartons have been set-aside for small business concerns and are indicated by a single asterisk.** Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Purchases of the commodities listed below will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement PY-257, to the listed locations. Destination quantities are estimates and are subject to adjustment based on offerings, changes in recipient need, market conditions, and program operations. Delivery by mechanically refrigerated trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.

Five-pound cartons (082065) - Frozen homogenized whole eggs with a color stabilizer packaged 5 pounds (2.27 kg) net weight in a pitcher-pour type, polyethylene-coated paperboard carton, and packed six 5-pound (2.27 kg) cartons per fiberboard shipping container with 30 pounds (13.61 kg) net weight. A purchase unit will consist of 1,334 shipping containers totaling 40,020 pounds (18,153 kg).

Inquiries about Announcement PY-257, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2000, as amended, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

USDA ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX PURCHASE PROGRAM RE-OPENED:

October 22, 2002

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced that the purchase program under Announcement PY-260 for all purpose egg mix for domestic food nutrition assistance programs has re-opened.

Offers are invited from the trade for all purpose egg mix packaged in plastic laminated foil pouches, 6 ounces (170 g) to each pouch and 18 pounds (8.16 kg) net in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 2,000 shipping containers (forty eight 6-ounce (170-g) pouches each) totaling 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg) net weight.

Invitation No. 07, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Nov. 4, is being issued this week. The invitation will include destinations and estimated quantities for six delivery periods. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Nov. 8, for deliveries from Jan. 1 to March 31, 2003.

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 non-responsive.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-260, Appendix-1, and the Commodity Specification for All Purpose Egg Mix dated April 1998, as amended.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch Stop 0260, P.O. Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. 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>. The Electronic Bid Entry System is available for submitting offers at <http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes>.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell all purpose egg mix as indicated below and per the Announcement for domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Nov. 4. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Nov. 8. Deliveries are to be made from Jan. 1 and to Mar. 31, 2003.

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