



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report November 28, 2003

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 28-Nov-03 average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	126.00	123.50	120.50	125.50	123.95
Last week	117.00	115.50	111.50	116.50	115.18

Selected Cities Large - 28-Nov-03: **New York** 131-135 **Chicago** 122-127 **California** 156

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 24-Nov-03 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	128.6	251.2	144.2	175.1	201.2	900.4	174.0	1074.4
% change PW	0	-10	-10	-28	-19	-15	-18	-15

Breaking Stock 28-Nov-03 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region	
Nest Run	86-90	M 88	85-89	M 87-88
Checks & Undergrades	75-80	M 75	72-80	M 73-77

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 22-Nov-03.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,165,662	30,760	9,437	5,114	1,920	4,077
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,194,814	30,398	10,171	5,501	1,548	4,263
LAST YEAR	1,169,865	28,565	10,218	5,438	2,101	4,234
% CHANGE PWK	-2	1	-7	-7	24	-4
% CHANGE LY	0	8	-8	-6	-9	-4
TO-DATE 2003	54,966,793	1,348,492	496,889	270,356	108,989	196,768
TO-DATE 2002	56,715,012	1,324,166	543,133	291,770	131,734	201,273
% CHANGE YTD	-3	2	-9	-7	-17	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.37 Previous Week: 42.13 Last Year: 41.42

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.87 Previous Week: 38.56 Last Year: 37.80

National Liquid Eggs - 28-Nov-03 - 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	77-79.5	78.17	-.00
WHITES	4	59.5-60	59.63	
YOLKS		TFEWR		

Pasteurized whites reported from 69 to 71.5 cents fob with pasteurized salt

YOLK REPORTED FROM 81.5 TO 83.5 CENTS 100.

Frozen Egg Prices - 28-Nov-03 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Central	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern			Eastern	South California ²	
Whole	78-92	M 84-88	87-88	M 87	94-98	93-96
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT				95-107	-
Whites	65-75	M 72-74	72-75	M 74-75	77-84	77-80
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	98-105	M 101-105	101-105	M 102	106-115	106-109
Salted	95-101	M 97-99	97-101	M 99	102-110	103-106

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 - 28-Nov-03 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	3.24-3.70	3.25-3.45
YOLKS	2.10-2.40	2.10-2.25
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.45-6.05	5.65-5.80
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.15-2.40	2.25-2.35

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 15-Nov-2003

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,126	This week	0	This week	1,126
Last week	1,258	Last week	171	Last week	1,429
Last year	1,441	Last year	226	Last year	1,667
To Date 2003	66,094	To Date 2003	10,166	To Date 2003	76,260
To Date 2002	80,237	To Date 2002	13,983	To Date 2002	94,220

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Nov-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	254	0	0	254
Last year /1	456	0	0	456
To date 2003	15,507	96	479	16,082
To date 2002	18,310	21	763	19,094

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Nov-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	55	113	0	168
Last year /1	79	66	58	203
To date 2003	5,233	3,378	1,180	9,791
To date 2002	5,698	3,103	4,706	13,507

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 15-Nov-03

	Small	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	767	5,107	1,550	3,600	11,024
Last year /1	50	1,740	3,360	1,228	4,500	10,878
To date 2003	437	30,270	120,882	59,042	170,238	395,511
To date 2002	1,440	43,717	132,550	45,971	317,645	555,340

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

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 21-Nov-03

Total All Layers on 01-Nov-03 totaled 335 million, down 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Nov-03 averaged 71.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Nov-03 = 277.3 million, down 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Nov-03 averaged 74.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Nov-02.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.90 billion eggs during Oct-03, down 1% from Oct-02.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Oct-03 totaled 35.0 million, up 9% from Oct-02.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 29.5 million on 01-Nov-03, down 2% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 306,000 during Oct-03, up 65% from Oct-02.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-Nov-03 = 259.6 million, down 2% from 01-Nov-02.

Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-Nov-03 = 74.2, up 1% from 01-Nov-02.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Nov-03 were 3.5 million, down 8% from those in molt on 01-Nov-02.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Nov-03 were 23.8, up 3% from 01-Nov-02.

Layers sold during Oct-03 totaled 11.5 million, down 17% from Oct-02.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Oct-03 were 4.8 million, up 22% from Oct-02.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Nov-03 = 92.8 million, up 7% from 01-Nov-02.

Pullets added during Oct-03 = 21.7 million, up 8% from Oct-02.

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