



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
March 7, 2003**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 07-Mar-03 average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Midwest	Southeast	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	73.00	65.00	69.50	72.50	70.11
Last week	68.00	69.50	62.00	71.00	67.77

Selected Cities Large - 07-Mar-03: New York 78-82 Chicago 67-73 California 102

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

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	95.0	295.1	140.8	210.8	212.5	954.2	281.3	1235.5
% change PW	-14	5	4	3	7	3	3	3

Breaking Stock 07-Mar-03 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	38-41	35-40 M 36-38
Checks & Undergrades	27-32	22-29.75 M 23-27

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 28-Feb-03.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,081,456	27,512	9,276	4,894	1,927	4,093
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,072,373	26,564	9,555	5,234	2,254	3,971
LAST YEAR	1,109,377	26,321	10,833	5,755	2,623	3,984
% CHANGE PW	1	4	-3	-6	-15	3
% CHANGE LY	-3	5	-14	-15	-27	3
TO-DATE 2003	10,047,075	238,518	94,095	*52,007*	*24,106*	*37,435*
TO-DATE 2002	10,084,548	226,482	103,409	*55,008*	*27,170*	*36,879*
% CHANGE YTD	0	5	-9	*-6*	*-11*	*+2*

****Correction on year to dates Yolk, dried, inedible and % change****

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week:	42.33	Previous Week:	42.27	Last Year:	42.27
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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week:	38.54	Previous Week:	38.56	Last Year:	38.68
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National Liquid Eggs - 07-Mar-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	14	31.0-34	32.18	
WHITES	11	23.0-28.5	24.27	.54
YOLKS	10	54.5-57	56.35	.10

Pasteurized salt yolk ranged 56 to 60.5 cents fob and pasteurized whites were too few sales to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 07-Mar-03 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²
Whole	38-48 M 43-47	43-48 M 44-45	51-55	49-52
Blends ³	Too Few To Report		63-80	-
Whites	30-40 M 34-38	35-39 M 35-36	39-46	39-42
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	70-77 M 70-73	71-74 M 72-73	77-87	77-80
Salted	66-73 M 66-69	66-70 M 66-69	73-90	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 - 07-Mar-03 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.57-1.95	1.65-1.80
YOLKS	1.60-2.05	1.65-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.25-2.95	2.40-2.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.26-1.45	1.35-1.40

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands)Weekending 01-Mar-03

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,686	240	1,926
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,534	347	1,881
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,705	298	2,003
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
14,783	3,102	17,885
To Date 2002	To Date 2002	To Date 2002
16,260	3,253	19,513

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 22-Feb-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	102	0	0	102
Last year /1	399	0	0	399
To date 2003	1,566	0	84	1,650
To date 2002	2,441	0	50	2,491

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 22-Feb-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	72	47	40	159
Last year /1	69	39	40	148
To date 2003	1,109	416	40	1,565
To date 2002	838	515	396	1,749

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 22-Feb-03

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	0	1,188	1,495	0	12	2,695
Last year /1	33	30	800	1,451	0	1,538	3,852
To date 2003	0	150	3,973	4,174	1,470	12	9,779
To date 2002	33	639	11,851	6,596	0	3,404	22,523

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

SHELL EGGS BROKEN UP SLIGHTLY

released Thursday 06-Mar-03

Shell eggs broken = 154 million dozen during January 2003, up slightly from January 2002.

January 2003 contained 23 weekdays and four Saturdays, and two holidays, the same as in January 2002.

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

Month & Region	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
January 2003: United States	(1,000 Dozen) 153,684	(1,000 Pounds) 117,997	(1,000 Pounds) 48,521	(1,000 Pounds) 26,317	(1,000 Pounds) 192,835	(1,000 Pounds) 18,384
January 2002: United States	153,026	114,105	51,831	27,360	193,296	20,202

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 202-690-870, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET.