



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

**The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information**

**COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT** - Combined regional for week ending 28-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
<b>This week</b>	73.00	67.00	69.50	75.50	71.48
<b>Last week</b>	73.00	66.00	69.50	74.50	70.94

**Selected Cities Large** - 28-Mar-03: New York 78-82 Chicago 69-75 California 104

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

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
<b>Current week</b>	153.4	325.1	174.4	259.3	249.9	1162.1	229.4	1391.5
<b>% change PW</b>	5	16	14	6	10	11	-9	7

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

	Central States	Eastern Region
<b>Nest Run</b>	43-45 M 44-45	35-40 M 36-38
<b>Checks &amp; Undergrades</b>	29-34	22-30 M 23-27

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

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	1,103,928	27,636	9,365	5,209	1,917	3,966
<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>	1,119,153	28,986	9,562	5,182	1,823	4,118
<b>LAST YEAR</b>	1,073,968	25,510	10,128	5,653	1,363	3,876
<b>% CHANGE PW</b>	-1	-5	-2	1	5	-4
<b>% CHANGE LY</b>	3	8	-8	-8	41	2
<b>TO-DATE 2003</b>	13,362,923	321,314	122,332	67,794	29,940	49,548
<b>TO-DATE 2002</b>	13,301,000	304,069	133,380	71,267	32,097	48,645
<b>% CHANGE YTD</b>	1	6	-8	-5	-7	2

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)**

**Current Week:** 41.83      **Previous Week:** 42.75      **Last Year:** 42.06

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)**

**Current Week:** 38.24      **Previous Week:** 39.07      **Last Year:** 38.45

**National Liquid Eggs** - 28-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	37-40	38.48	.60
WHITES	10	24-30.75	25.28	.48
YOLKS	13	56-57	56.42	-.26

Pasteurized salt yolk reported at 55.5 to 62 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

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

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California <sup>2</sup>
Whole	44-52 M 46-49	46-50 M 46-49	56-60	54-57
Blends <sup>3</sup>	Too Few To Report		64-80	-
Whites	32-42 M 36-38	36-38	40.5-46	40-43
Yolks <sup>4</sup>				
Sugared	68-74 M 71-73	71-74 M 71-73	77-87	77-80
Salted	65-71 M 65-69	66-69 M 66-68	73-90	73-76

<sup>2</sup> f.o.b. shipping point

<sup>3</sup> whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

<sup>4</sup> minimum 43% solids

**National Dried Egg Prices - 28-Mar-03** - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.65-1.95	1.70-1.80
YOLKS	1.59-2.05	1.62-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.55-2.90	2.70-2.80
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.27-1.45	1.35-1.40

**Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 22-Mar-03**

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,597	139	1,736
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,558	190	1,748
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,812	357	2,169
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
19,403	3,652	23,055
To Date 2002	To Date 2002	To Date 2002
21,342	4,350	25,692

**Inspected Egg Products**

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

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	154	0	51	205
Last year /1	300	0	0	300
To date 2003	1,927	0	135	2,062
To date 2002	3,558	0	51	3,609

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

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	49	198	40	287
Last year /1	80	117	159	356
To date 2003	1,309	923	87	2,319
To date 2002	1,563	855	731	3,149

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

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

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	30	30	3,120	0	660	3,840
Last year /1	173	780	641	1,437	0	60	3,091
To date 2003	0	180	5,233	8,884	1,470	1,392	17,159
To date 2002	256	1,599	14,689	12,163	0	5,584	34,291

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

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

**Total Layers** on 01-Mar-03 totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago.

**Rate of lay per day** for all layers on 01-Mar-03 averaged 69.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from a year ago.

**Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers** on 01-Mar-03 = 278.3 million, up 0% from a year ago.

**Rate of lay per day** for table egg type on 01-Mar-03 averaged 72.0 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from 01-Mar-02.

**30 Major Egg Production States** produced 6.18 billion eggs during Feb-03, up slightly from Feb-02.

**Egg Type Chicks Hatched** during Feb-03 totaled 30.0 million, down 13% from Feb-02.

**Eggs in Incubators** totaled 30.5 million on 01-Mar-03, down 7% from a year ago.

**Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks** = 221,000 during Feb-03, down 11% from Feb-02.

**30 SELECTED STATES**

**Table egg type layers** on 01-Mar-03 = 260.5 million, up 0% from 01-Mar-02.

**Eggs per 100 table egg layers** on 01-Mar-03 = 71.9, down 1% from 01-Mar-02.

**Layers in forced molt** on 01-Mar-03 were 3.4%, down 6% from those in molt on 01-Mar-02.

**Layers with molt completed** on 01-Mar-03 were 23.4, up 6% from 01-Mar-02.

**Layers sold** during Feb-03 totaled 12.6 million, down 5% from Feb-02.

**Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason** during Feb-03 were 5.6 million, up 8% from Feb-02.

**Pullets less than 20 weeks of age** on 01-Mar-03 = 88.2 million, down 2% from 01-Mar-02.

**Pullets added** during Feb-03 = 19.6 million, down 7% from Feb-02.

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