



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News  
Weekly Egg Products Report  
April 25, 2003**

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

**COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT** - Combined regional for week ending 25-Apr-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>	70.00	63.00	72.50	74.00	70.06
<b>Last week</b>	73.00	67.00	72.50	75.50	72.17

**Selected Cities Large** - 25-Apr-03: New York 69-73 Chicago 58-64 California 102

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY** - 21-Apr-03 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
<b>Current week</b>	88.7	202.8	111.2	133.6	140.2	676.5	219.2	895.7
<b>% change PW</b>	-27	-23	-23	-28	-36	-28	7	-21

**Breaking Stock** 25-Apr-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>	36-38	M 37	35-40	M 36-38
<b>Checks &amp; Undergrades</b>	23-28		22-32.5	M 23-27

**Eggs Processed** under federal inspection week ending 18-Apr-03.  
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,045,025	25,961	9,449	5,117	1,731	4,122
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,088,515	26,476	9,801	5,575	1,698	4,070
LAST YEAR	1,205,931	28,780	11,641	6,311	3,048	4,264
% CHANGE PW	-4	-2	-4	-8	2	1
% CHANGE LY	-13	-10	-19	-19	-43	-3
TO-DATE 2003	17,690,874	428,457	161,066	89,011	36,958	65,953
TO-DATE 2002	18,051,614	416,678	179,686	96,431	42,644	65,442
% CHANGE YTD	-2	3	-10	-8	-13	1

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

Current Week: 42.73 Previous Week: 42.19 Last Year: 42.29

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

Current Week: 38.78 Previous Week: 38.45 Last Year: 38.75

**National Liquid Eggs** - 25-Apr-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	13	36-41	36.92	-1.58
WHITES	29	26-30	27.24	.31
YOLKS	6	53-54	53.33	

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 53 to 56 cents fob, with no pasteurized whites reported.

**Frozen Egg Prices - 25-Apr-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	46-53 M 47-50	46-50 M 48-49	54-58	52-55	
Blends <sup>3</sup>	Too Few To Report		67-85	-	
Whites	35-39 M 37-39	37-40	42-47	42-45	
Yolks <sup>4</sup>					
Sugared	66-73 M 68-70	68-72	74-87	74-77	
Salted	62-69 M 64-67	64-68 M 66-68	70-90	70-73	

<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 - 25-Apr-03** - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.67-1.95	1.70-1.77
YOLKS	1.58-2.05	1.60-1.70
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.70-3.05	2.75-2.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.45	1.34-1.40

**Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 19-Apr-03**

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,751	192	1,943
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,955	281	2,236
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,910	129	2,039
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
26,890	4,695	31,585
To Date 2002	To Date 2002	To Date 2002
29,139	5,133	34,272

**Inspected Egg Products**

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Apr-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	303	0	0	303
Last year /1	454	0	0	454
To date 2003	2,832	0	135	2,967
To date 2002	5,268	0	58	5,326

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Apr-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	0	0	40	40
Last year /1	87	75	120	282
To date 2003	1,579	1,169	247	2,995
To date 2002	1,953	1,168	1,216	4,337

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Apr-03

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	30	780	3,690	735	2,826	330	8,391
Last year /1	50	60	1,020	1,137	16,080	4,710	23,057
To date 2003	106	2,550	9,433	15,957	4,296	3,312	35,654
To date 2002	306	2,487	23,139	16,330	32,490	10,384	85,136

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

**National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 21-Apr-03**

	Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)				
	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,519	1,405	9,969	3,256	17,149
Previous Month	2,571	1,169	9,463	3,924	17,127
Last year	1,561	906	6,260	2,942	11,669
% of Previous Month	98	120	105	83	100
% of Last Year	161	155	159	111	147

**National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 22-Apr-03**

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

**Rate of lay per day** for all layers on 01-Apr-03 averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

**Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers** on 01-Apr-03 = 227.6 million, up 0% from a year ago.

**Rate of lay per day** for table egg type on 01-Apr-03 averaged 73.2 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from 01-Apr-02.

**30 Major Egg Production States** produced 6.87 billion eggs during Mar-03, down 1% from Mar 02.

**Egg Type Chicks Hatched** during Mar-03 totaled 36.7 million, down 1% from Mar-02.

**Eggs in Incubators** totaled 34.3 million on 01-Apr-03, up 3% from a year ago.

**Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks** = 315,000 during Mar-03, up 33% from Mar-02.

**30 SELECTED STATES**

**Table egg type layers** on 01-Apr-03 = 259.6 million, up 0% from 01-Apr-02.

**Eggs per 100 table egg layers** on 01-Apr-03 = 73.3, down 1% from 01-Apr-02.

**Layers in forced molt** on 01-Apr-03 were 2.2%, down 37% from those in molt on 01-Apr-02.

**Layers with molt completed** on 01-Apr-03 were 24.5, up 12% from 01-Apr-02.

**Layers sold** during Mar-03 totaled 13.3 million, down 17% from Mar-02.

**Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason** during Mar-03 were 5.4 million, up 22% from Mar-02.

**Pullets less than 20 weeks of age** on 01-Apr-03 = 88.6 million, up 1% from 01-Apr-02.

**Pullets added** during Mar-03 = 21.4 million, down 5% from Mar-02.

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.

**ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX, INVITATION NO. 9, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-260**

**Date Issued: April 23, 2003**

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, May 5. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, May 9. Deliveries are to be made from July 1 to Sept. 30.

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.

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 nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-260, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for All Purpose Egg Mix dated April 1998, 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>.