



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News  
Weekly Egg Products Report  
May 23, 2003**

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

**COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT** - Combined regional for week ending 23-May-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
<b>This week</b>	59.00	57.50	53.00	59.75	57.42
<b>Last week</b>	58.00	55.50	51.00	57.75	55.66

**Selected Cities Large** - 23-May-03: New York 69-73 Chicago 61-67 California 91

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY** - 19-May-03 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
<b>Current week</b>	113.6	223.1	128.3	173.5	199.4	837.9	251.8	1089.7
<b>% change PW</b>	7	-15	0	-5	12	-3	-9	-4

**Breaking Stock** 23-May-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>	40-43	M 41-42	36-42	M 38-40
<b>Checks &amp; Undergrades</b>	27-32		24-34.50	M 25-29

**Eggs Processed** under federal inspection week ending 17-May-03.  
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Liquid Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,241,568	30,114	11,857	6,225	2,545	4,178
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,233,065	30,374	11,305	6,319	2,302	4,397
LAST YEAR	1,271,457	29,855	12,690	6,857	3,256	4,481
% CHANGE PW	1	-1	5	-1	11	-5
% CHANGE LY	-2	1	-7	-9	-22	-7
TO-DATE 2003	22,471,435	545,602	205,864	113,539	45,756	83,005
TO-DATE 2002	23,060,038	533,596	229,269	123,234	55,070	83,093
% CHANGE YTD	-3	2	-10	-8	-17	0

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

Current Week: 42.18 Previous Week: 42.49 Last Year: 42.38

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

Current Week: 38.82 Previous Week: 38.93 Last Year: 38.85

**National Liquid Eggs** - 23-May-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	18	35.0-39	36.56	-.06
WHITES	13	28.0-33.25	28.88	-.15
YOLKS	12	50.5-51	50.75	-.11

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 50 to 54 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

**Frozen Egg Prices - 23-May-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	41-50 M	46-48	47-49	55-59		53-56
Blends <sup>3</sup>	Too Few To Report			67-80		-
Whites	35-44 M	38-42	39-44 M	41-42		45-48
Yolks <sup>4</sup>						
Sugared	62-70 M	65-69	65-69 M	68-69		72-75
Salted	60-66 M	61-65	61-66 M	63-65		68-71

<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 - 23-May-03** - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.70-1.95	1.75-1.87
YOLKS	1.53-1.85	1.54-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.80-3.30	2.97-3.10
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.29-1.45	1.35-1.40

**Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 17-May-03**

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,493	211	1,704
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,586	98	1,684
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,846	332	2,178
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
33,695	5,417	39,112
To Date 2002	To Date 2002	To Date 2002
36,887	6,557	43,444

**Inspected Egg Products**

**U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 10-May-03**

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	411	0	41	452
Last year /1	402	0	0	402
To date 2003 /2	4,703	63	176	4,942
To date 2002	7,126	0	138	7,264

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 10-May-03**

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	141	42	0	183
Last year /1	118	80	208	406
To date 2003	2,117	1,429	440	3,986
To date 2002	2,553	1,424	1,972	5,949

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

**U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 10-May-03**

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	45	290	2,825	690	5,250	30	9,130
Last year /1	33	810	3,807	0	14,550	930	20,130
To date 2003	166	4,300	20,968	24,088	17,706	3,072	70,300
To date 2002	1,067	4,527	37,612	18,778	91,955	12,094	166,033

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

/2 To-Date figures reflect adjustments made to previously released data.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 30-Apr-03  
Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,435	1,071	8,867	3,351	15,724
Previous Month	2,519	1,409	9,765	3,262	16,955
Last year	1,514	979	4,572	3,182	10,247
% of Previous Month	97	76	91	103	93
% of Last Year	161	109	194	105	153

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

**Total all Layers** on 01-May-03 totaled 334 million, down 1% from a year ago.

**Rate of lay per day** for all layers on 01-May-03 averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from a year ago.

**Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers** on 01-May-03 = 273.9 million, up 0% from a year ago.

**Rate of lay per day** for table egg type on 01-May-03 averaged 72.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from 01-May-02.

**30 Major Egg Production States** produced 6.66 billion eggs during Apr-03, down slightly from Apr-02.

**Egg Type Chicks Hatched** during Apr-03 totaled 37.5 million, down 1% from Apr-02.

**Eggs in Incubators** totaled 34.8 million on 01-May-03, down 3% from a year ago.

**Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks** = 276,000 during Apr-03, down 6% from Apr-02.

**30 SELECTED STATES**

**Table egg type layers** on 01-May-03 = 256.4 million, down 1% from 01-May-02.

**Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers** on 01-May-03 = 72.9, up 2% from 01-May-02.

**Layers in forced molt** on 01-May-03 were 4.1%, down 25% from those in molt on 01-May-02.

**Layers with molt completed** on 01-May-03 were 23.5, up 10% from 01-May-02.

**Layers sold** during Apr-03 totaled 14.2 million, down 8% from Apr-02.

**Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason** during Apr-03 were 5.7 million, up 16% from Apr-02.

**Pullets less than 20 weeks of age** on 01-May-03 = 90.9 million, up 2% from 01-May-02.

**Pullets added** during Apr-03 = 22.2 million, up 4% from Apr-02.

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