



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
August 8, 2003**

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COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 08-Aug-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	78.00	76.50	74.50	76.50	76.37
Last week	76.00	73.50	70.50	73.50	73.36

Selected Cities Large - 08-Aug-03: New York 91-95 Chicago 86-91 California 110

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 04-Aug-03 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	123.8	245.9	139.7	178.0	236.0	923.4	248.2	1171.6
% change PW	-8	-3	0	10	2	0	2	1

Breaking Stock 08-Aug-03 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region	
Nest Run	64-66	M 65-66	57-61	M 58-60
Checks & Undergrades	49-55	M 51	44-54	M 45-49

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 02-Aug-03.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,196,517	29,736	10,526	5,678	2,396	4,420
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,231,641	29,207	11,292	6,274	2,451	4,341
LAST YEAR	1,222,185	29,686	10,337	5,517	2,471	4,265
% CHANGE PWK	-3	2	-7	-9	-2	2
% CHANGE LY	-2	0	2	3	-3	4
TO-DATE 2003	35,450,095	862,450	324,311	177,774	72,663	128,868
TO-DATE 2002	36,877,584	856,521	359,923	193,521	88,448	131,309
% CHANGE YTD	-4	1	-10	-8	-18	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.09 **Previous Week:** 41.50 **Last Year:** 40.75

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.39 **Previous Week:** 37.98 **Last Year:** 37.26

National Liquid Eggs - 08-Aug-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	11	53.5-61.0	56.80	6.17
WHITES	15	37.0-38.0	37.40	.17
YOLKS	12	76.0-81.5	78.63	2.00

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 75 to 77 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 08-Aug-03 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern	Central	Eastern	South California ²		
Whole	58-71	M 65-68	66-68	M 67	70-77	72-75
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT				84-97	-
Whites	48-56	M 52-54	51-56	M 51-53	54-62	54-57
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	81-98	M 90-95	91-98	M 94-96	98-103	97-100
Salted	79-93	M 88-90	88-94	M 88-90	93-98	94-97

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

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.10-2.60	2.39-2.50
YOLKS	1.86-2.35	2.05-2.12
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.70-4.15	3.75-3.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.60-1.85	1.72-1.80

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 08-Aug-03

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,133	196	1,329
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,105	276	1,381
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,633	302	1,935
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
48,419	7,906	56,325
To Date 2002	To Date 2002	To Date 2002
54,761	9,784	64,545

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 26-Jul-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	256	0	0	256
Last year /1	199	0	41	240
To date 2003	9,442	96	326	9,864
To date 2002	10,869	21	369	11,259

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 26-Jul-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	127	0	4	131
Last year /1	193	93	121	407
To date 2003	3,435	1,760	862	6,057
To date 2002	3,875	2,104	3,207	9,186

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 26-Jul-03

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	17	180	2,340	0	2,880	0	5,417
Last year /1	0	920	3,211	1,315	5,520	0	10,966
To date 2003	273	13,737	58,943	38,069	48,506	3,852	163,380
To date 2002	1,161	16,054	77,104	30,721	177,755	12,282	315,077

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

ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX, INVITATION NO. 2, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-277 Date Issued: Aug. 6, 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, Aug. 18. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Aug. 22. Deliveries are to be made Oct. 16 to Oct. 31.

Offers are invited from the trade for all purpose egg mix packaged in polyethylene bags, 10 pounds (4.54 kg) to each bag and 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net in each fiberboard shipping container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,000 shipping containers (four 10-pound) (4.54-kg) polyethylene bags each) totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 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-277, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for All Purpose Egg Mix dated July 2003, 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>.

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX; PURCHASES NEARING END Aug. 6, 2003

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 216,000 pounds of all purpose egg mix for domestic food nutrition assistance programs. This purchase--to be produced from about 16,000 cases of shell eggs from domestic production--was made at an approximate cost of \$511,000. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices	No. of Bids
	Accepted	Inv. No. 1	Accepted
all purpose egg mix (6-oz)	216,000	\$2.3540-\$2.3790	1 of 2

It was also announced that the purchase program for all purpose egg mix is nearing completion. Next offers under Announcement PY-269 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Acceptance		Delivery Period
		Offer Date	Not Later Than Date	
2	all purpose egg mix (10-lb)	Aug. 18	Aug. 22	Oct. 16-31

The awards for all purpose egg mix made under Announcement PY-277, Invitation 1, to be delivered from Oct. 1 to Dec. 15, follow:

Sonstegard Foods 216,000 @ 2.3540-2.3790

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) purchased 432,000 pounds of whole eggs at a cost of approximately \$278,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices		No. of Bids Accepted
		Inv. No. 5		
5-pound cartons	240,000	\$0.6897-\$0.7247		2 of 3
bulk tankers	192,000	\$0.5639-\$0.5719		1 of 3

Next offers under Announcement PY-268 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance	Delivery Period
			Not Later Than Date	
6	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	Aug. 18	Aug. 22	Oct. 1-15

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 12 follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
30-pound containers	40,000	\$ 27,000
5-pound cartons	3,402,000	\$2,119,000
bulk tankers	3,360,000	\$1,697,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-268, Invitation 5, to be delivered from Sept. 16 to Sept. 30, follow:

FROZEN WHOLE EGGS 6/5 LB CTN			
AMERICAN EGG PRODUCTS, INC.	40,000	\$	0.7149
CRYSTAL LAKE EGG PRODUCTS	200,100	\$	0.6897 - 0.7247

WHOLE, LIQUID, BULK TANKERS			
GOLDEN OVAL EGGS	192,000	\$	0.5639 - 0.5719

U.S. MONTHLY INVENTORY OF DRIED EGG SOLIDS AS OF JULY 31, 2003

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	1,589,331	-0	19
FREE FLOWING	3,642,100	-0	-30
BLEND	1,481,319	-12	-31
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	6,157,001	1	-49
BLEND	103,500	-23	-68
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,976,709	5	12
BLEND	67,487	-28	69
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	4,715,171	-4	5
TOTAL	19,732,618	-1	-28

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION: JUNE 29, 2003 - AUGUST 2, 2003
 TOTAL 12,423,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

SHELL EGGS BROKEN DOWN 6 PERCENT

released August 8, 2003

Shell eggs broken = 151 million dozen during June 2003, down 6% from June 2002.

June 2003 contained 21 weekdays and four Saturdays, compared to 20 weekdays and four Saturdays in June 2002.

Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, United States, June 2002-03

Month & Region	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
June 2003: United States	(1,000 Dozen) 151,300	(1,000 Pounds) 121,924	(1,000 Pounds) 46,835	(1,000 Pounds) 25,350	(1,000 Pounds) 194,109	(1,000 Pounds) 17,939
June 2002: United States	160,227	122,915	51,716	28,593	203,224	19,193

Egg Products Inspected: Shell Eggs Broken and Products Produced, United States, January - June 2002-03

Period	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
January 1, 2003- June 30, 2003	(1,000 Dozen) 882,187	(1,000 Pounds) 713,905	(1,000 Pounds) 268,437	(1,000 Pounds) 145,743	(1,000 Pounds) 1,128,085	(1,000 Pounds) 106,789
January 1, 2002 - June 30, 2002	918,344	711,277	297,776	162,716	1,171,769	114,765

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 202-6904870, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET.

Poultry Programs

August 6, 2003

**Commodity Specification For
WHOLE EGGS
DATED May 2003
*Amendment No. 1***

This amendment revises the type of shell eggs eligible for commodity whole egg production and provides an alternate method for reporting the laboratory analyses results.

1. Section II.B.1., on page 2. Revise sections a. through d. to read as follows:

a. The shell eggs, when presented for breaking, must be:

- (1) Commercial nest-run (shell eggs which are merchandised as they come from production facilities without grading or sizing; the eggs may be washed or unwashed);
- (2) Commercial consumer grade AA or A (shell eggs which contain no more restricted eggs than permitted for U.S. Consumer Grade B shell eggs); or
- (3) U.S. Consumer Grade AA or A based on destination tolerances or U.S. Nest-Run Grade.

- b. The shell eggs must not be more than 30 days old when presented for breaking.
 - c. For the commercial nest-run and commercial consumer grades of shell eggs, the contractor will provide the FSIS food inspector a certificate of conformance certifying the age and quality of shell eggs and stating the lot identification and quantity of each lot prior to breaking.
 - d. For U.S. Consumer Grades or U.S. Nest-Run Grade of shell eggs, the U.S. Grade may be stated on a USDA Poultry Products Grading Certificate, which accompanies the shell eggs, or the cases of shell eggs may be identified with the USDA Consumer AA or A, Sample Grade AA or A, or Nest Run Grade stamp.
- 2. Section II.C.1 on page 3, second sentence. Replace the word "will" with "may."
 - 3. Section II.C.2 on page 3, first sentence. Replace the words "Pasteurized bulk liquid egg" with "Bulk liquid egg."
 - 4. Section II.I.5. on page 8. Insert the following paragraph after I.5.b.

As an alternative to reporting the results on the USDA Egg Products Inspection and Grading Certificate (USDA Certificate), the results may be reported on a laboratory testing report generated by the Laboratory Information Management System. The laboratory testing report will contain the USDA certificate number, and the report may be faxed to recipients.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This amendment is effective with offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, August 18, 2003, and on all subsequent offers. The words "and Amendment Number 1" must be inserted after "the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2003" in item 1 of each offer.

All other terms and conditions of the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2003 remain unchanged.