



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report September 26, 2003

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 26-Sep-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	88.00	84.50	82.50	91.00	86.74
Last week	87.00	82.50	79.50	87.00	84.15

Selected Cities Large - 26-Sep-03: New York 95-99 Chicago 87-92 California 119

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 22-Sep-03 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	127.6	287.6	136.9	183.3	213.2	948.6	239.8	1188.4
% change PW	11	2	-3	2	14	5	-8	2

Breaking Stock 26-Sep-03 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	75-77	70-75 M 73-74
Checks & Undergrades	62-66	57-66 M 58-62

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 20-Sep-03.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,256,835	31,190	11,301	5,818	2,533	4,405
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,299,926	30,260	12,440	6,354	2,497	4,507
LAST YEAR	1,250,922	28,580	12,158	6,458	3,094	4,304
% CHANGE PWK	-3	3	-9	-8	1	-2
% CHANGE LY	0	9	-7	-10	-18	2
TO-DATE 2003	44,075,416	1,071,566	403,350	219,780	90,211	159,018
TO-DATE 2002	45,743,140	1,063,009	441,823	237,444	109,250	162,648
% CHANGE YTD	-4	1	-9	-7	-17	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.94 Previous Week: 41.20 Last Year: 41.17

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.44 Previous Week: 37.74 Last Year: 37.73

National Liquid Eggs - 26-Sep-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	21	64-67	65.50	2.77
WHITES	20	50-57	51.85	2.28
YOLKS	8	86.5-88	86.94	.22

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 87 to 90 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 58

Frozen Egg Prices - 26-Sep-03 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot				Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern		Central		Eastern	South California ²
Whole	71-79	M 75-77	76-78	M 77	83-87	81-84
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT				93-105	-
Whites	58-65	M 62-64	61-68	M 65	67-74	67-70
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	101-105	M 102-105	101-105	M 102	106-115	106-109
Salted	98-101	M 98-100	98-100	M 99-100	102-108	103-106

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

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.74-3.15	2.95-3.00
YOLKS	2.20-2.65	2.25-2.40
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.58-5.00	4.70-4.87
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.15	2.00-2.05

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 20-Sep-03

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,153	This week	288	This week	1,441
Last week	1,121	Last week	61	Last week	1,182
Last year	1,851	Last year	267	Last year	2,118
To Date 2003	56,427	To Date 2003	8,919	To Date 2003	65,346
To Date 2002	66,519	To Date 2002	11,820	To Date 2002	78,339

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Sep-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	460	0	3	463
Last year /1	456	0	91	547
To date 2003	11,895	96	396	12,387
To date 2002	13,931	21	634	14,586

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Sep-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	251	223	0	474
Last year /1	125	8	160	293
To date 2003	4,375	2,466	944	7,785
To date 2002	4,759	2,519	3,831	11,109

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Sep-03

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	1,080	1,640	2,430	7,204	0	12,354

Last year /1	290	1,500	5,125	1,250	15,250	0	25,220
To date 2003	290	20,217	77,215	46,643	99,720	13,062	257,147
To date 2002	1,257	25,940	101,146	37,165	224,064	12,912	402,484

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

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 31-Aug-03
Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,680	1,006	11,137	3,168	17,991
Previous Month	2,684	1,155	11,104	3,627	18,570
Last year	2,192	923	6,528	3,535	13,178
% of Previous Month	100	87	100	87	97
% of Last Year	122	109	171	90	137

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 23-Sep-03

Total All Layers on 01-Sep-03 totaled 332 million, down slightly from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Sep-03 averaged 70.6 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Sep-03 = 274.5 million, down 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Sep-03 averaged 72.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 01-Sep-02.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.82 billion eggs during Aug-03, down 1% from Aug-02.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Aug-03 totaled 33.2 million, down 7% from Aug-02.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 31.8 million on 01-Sep-03, down 4% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 184,000 during Aug-03, down 17% from Aug-02.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-Sep-03 = 265.9 million, down 2% from 01-Sep-02.

Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-Sep-03 = 72.9, down 0% from 01-Sep-02.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Sep-03 were 3.9%, down 7% from those in molt on 01-Sep-02.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Sep-03 were 22.5, down 3% from 01-Sep-02.

Layers sold during Aug-03 totaled 13.1 million, up 1% from Aug-02.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Aug-03 were 5.4 million, up 33% from Aug-02.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Sep-03 = 92.8 million, up 4% from 01-Sep-02.

Pullets added during Aug-03 = 21.2 million, down 6% from Aug-02.

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