



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
December 19, 2003**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 19-Dec-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	98.00	98.50	91.50	99.50	96.98
Last week	110.00	110.50	103.50	111.50	108.98

Selected Cities Large - 19-Dec-03: New York 101-105 Chicago 91-96 California 127

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 15-Dec-03 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	136.3	339.5	174.8	223.2	246.1	1119.9	232.0	1351.9
% change PW	13	-10	-7	-4	0	-4	5	-3

Breaking Stock 19-Dec-03 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region
Nest Run	62-68	M 62-63	66-68
Checks & Undergrades	50-58	M 52	52-57

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 13-Dec-03.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,189,328	30,302	10,280	5,552	2,033	4,331
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,199,334	30,491	10,516	5,729	1,975	4,299
LAST YEAR	1,194,289	29,017	10,564	5,760	2,471	4,213
% CHANGE PWK	-1	-1	-2	-3	3	1
% CHANGE LY	0	4	-3	-4	-18	3
TO-DATE 2003	58,381,713	1,435,821	525,756	286,145	114,238	208,964
TO-DATE 2002	60,211,345	1,409,557	574,108	308,510	138,524	213,819
% CHANGE YTD	-3	2	-8	-7	-18	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.43 Previous Week: 42.55 Last Year: 41.49

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.79 Previous Week: 38.97 Last Year: 37.96

National Liquid Eggs - 19-Dec-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	19	49-58.5	54.76	-7.57
WHITES	13	60-64	62.37	
YOLKS	5	59-65	62.90	

NO pasteurized whites or pasteurized salt yolk reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 19-Dec-03 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Central	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern			Eastern	South California ²
Whole	72-85	M 73-75	72-75	80-90	79-82
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT			84-105	-
Whites	72-77	M 73-76	73-75	77-84	79-82
Yolks ⁴					
Sugared	80-92	M 80-84	79-84	M 82-84	88-100
Salted	77-91	M 79-83	77-82	M 78-80	84-95

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

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.95-3.50	3.05-3.15
YOLKS	1.78-2.30	1.84-1.95
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.60-6.10	5.70-5.80
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.95-2.40	1.95-2.10

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 13-Dec-2003

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,379	241	1,620
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,399	250	1,649
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,829	168	1,997
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
70,637	10,691	81,328
To Date 2002	To Date 2002	To Date 2002
86,691	14,959	101,650

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Dec-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	354	0	0	354
Last year /1	510	0	40	550
To date 2003	16,525	96	559	17,180
To date 2002	19,788	21	803	20,612

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Dec-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	2	7	32	41
Last year /1	34	137	80	251
To date 2003	5,356	3,604	1,252	10,212
To date 2002	5,918	3,259	5,043	14,256

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Dec-03

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	66	2,370	6,390	1,849	3,330	0	14,005
Last year /1	33	2,405	6,503	856	18,890	0	28,687

To date 2003	370	57,050	155,002	85,071	180,852	14,012	755,855
To date 2002	1,606	50,097	146,790	48,953	356,815	14,017	618,278

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

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

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,654	846	8,301	3,121	14,922
Previous Month	2,653	1,050	9,916	3,235	16,854
Last year	1,736	514	5,913	3,036	11,199
% of Previous Month	100	81	84	96	89
% of Last Year	153	165	140	103	133

USDA BUYS: ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX; ENDS PROGRAM

DATE: Dec. 17, 2003

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 240,000 pounds of all purpose egg mix in 10-pound bags for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. This purchase—to be produced from about 17,000 cases of shell eggs from domestic production—was made at an approximate cost of \$568,000. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds Accepted	Award Prices Inv. No. 6	No. of Bids Accepted
all purpose egg mix (10-lb.)	240,000	\$2.3450-\$2.3760	1 of 2

With today's award, purchases for this quarter are now complete. However, please retain all documents pertaining to Announcement PY-277 for future purchases.

Total purchases of all purpose egg mix since the program was announced on July 21, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
all purpose egg mix (6-oz.)	504,000	\$ 1,296,000
all purpose egg mix (10-lb.)	240,000	\$ 568,000

The awards for all purpose egg mix made under Announcement PY-277, Invitation 6, to be delivered from Feb. 16 to Feb. 29, 2004, follow:

Primera Foods Corporation 240,000 lbs. @ \$2.3450-\$2.3760

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>.

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS**DATE: Dec. 17, 2003**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 704,000 pounds of whole eggs -- to be produced from about 18,000 cases of shell eggs -- at a cost of approximately \$395,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices	No. of Bids
		Inv. No. 14	Accepted
5-pound cartons	320,000	\$0.6309-\$0.6600	1 of 3
bulk tankers	384,000	\$0.4800-\$0.4950	1 of 3

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

Inv. Number	Product Type	Acceptance		
		Offer Date	Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
15	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	Jan. 5	Jan. 9, 2004	Feb. 16-29, 2004

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

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
30-pound containers	158,000	\$ 132,000
5-pound cartons	6,963,000	\$5,042,000
bulk tankers	7,200,000	\$4,382,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-268, Invitation 14, to be delivered from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15, 2004 follow:

5-pound Cartons

American Egg Products, Inc. 320,160 @ \$0.6309-0.6600

Bulk Tankers

Daybreak Foods, Inc. 384,000 @ \$0.4800-0.4950

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