



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
January 09, 2004**

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COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 09-Jan-04 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	96.00	96.50	89.50	97.50	94.98
Last week	96.00	96.50	89.50	97.50	94.98

Selected Cities Large - 09-Jan-04: New York 101-105 Chicago 91-100 California 125

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 05-Jan-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	118.4	311.6	143.0	194.3	207.4	974.7	309.1	1283.8
% change PW	24	1	1	18	2	7	10	7

Breaking Stock 09-Jan-04 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	65-66	66-68
Checks & Undergrades	52-58 M 52-54	52-57

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 03-Jan-04.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,023,841	24,594	9,555	5,050	2,574	3,645
PREVIOUS WEEK	989,735	25,126	8,518	4,734	2,256	3,521
LAST YEAR	1,075,635	24,656	10,600	5,859	3,047	4,085
% CHANGE PWK	3	-2	12	7	14	4
% CHANGE LY	-5	0	-10	-14	-15	-11
TO-DATE 2004	61,569,696	1,515,838	554,550	301,918	121,311	220,242
TO-DATE 2003	63,488,409	1,488,045	604,311	324,990	147,139	225,781
% CHANGE YTD	-3	2	-8	-7	-18	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.85 Previous Week: 42.33 Last Year: 42.02

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.29 Previous Week: 38.78 Last Year: 38.22

National Liquid Eggs - 09-Jan-04 - 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	22	49-56	52.50	
WHITES	11	64-65	64.45	
YOLKS	15	51-63	55.40	

Pasteurized whites were too few to report with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 61 to 67 cents fob, mostly 66 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 09-Jan-04 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot			Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central			Eastern	South California ²
Whole	70-79	M 71-74	71-75	M 71-73		78-89	77-80
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT					80-94	-
Whites	74-79	M 75-77	76-79	M 76-78		80-86	81-84
Yolks ⁴							
Sugared	72-89	M 75-77	72-83	M 77		81-98	81-84
Salted	70-79	M 71-76	70-79	M 71-74		77-95	78-81

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 - 09-Jan-04 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.95-3.35	3.00-3.10
YOLKS	1.64-2.10	1.70-1.85
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.70-6.20	5.76-5.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.95-2.25	1.95-2.00

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 20-Dec-2003

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,340	This week	192	This week	1,532
Last week	1,379	Last week	241	Last week	1,620
Last year	1,782	Last year	341	Last year	2,123
To Date 2003	71,977	To Date 2003	10,883	To Date 2003	82,860
To Date 2002	88,473	To Date 2002	15,300	To Date 2002	103,773

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 20-Dec-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	359	0	40	399
Last year /1	472	0	80	552
To date 2003	17,242	96	599	17,937
To date 2002	20,518	21	915	21,454

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 20-Dec-03

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	26	2	0	28
Last year /1	14	67	86	167
To date 2003	5,444	3,701	1,292	10,437
To date 2002	6,012	3,440	5,209	14,661

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 20-Dec-03

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	19	4,250	8,084	1,687	0	0	14,040
Last year /1	50	3,076	7,031	1,228	5,970	0	17,355
To date 2003	622	44,228	149,576	69,790	182,412	14,642	461,270
To date 2002	1,673	55,678	161,474	51,605	373,945	14,017	658,392

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

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS	% CHANGE LAST MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	995,977	42	-30
FREE FLOWING	1,760,800	-11	-51
BLEND	1,297,173	38	-33
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	4,116,420	-9	-61
BLEND	119,900	45	-45
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,084,343	11	-46
BLEND	30,987	-5	-60
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,867,943	-21	-32
TOTAL	12,273,543	-5	-49

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:
 NOVEMBER 30, 2003 - JANUARY 3, 2004
 TOTAL 8,507,000 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.

USDA BUYS: WHOLE EGGS; ENDS PROGRAM

DATE: Jan. 7, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 256,000 pounds of whole eggs -- to be produced from about 6,000 cases of shell eggs -- at a cost of approximately \$172,000 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. 15	Accepted
5-pound cartons	160,000	\$0.7295-\$0.7595	1 of 2
bulk tankers	96,000	\$0.5550	1 of 3

It was also announced that the purchase program for whole eggs is complete.

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 12, 2003, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
30-pound containers	158,000	\$ 132,000
5-pound cartons	7,124,000	\$5,160,000
bulk tankers	7,296,000	\$4,435,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-268, Invitation 15, to be delivered from Feb. 15 to Feb. 29 follow:

5-pound Cartons
 Sonstegard Foods Company 160,080 @ \$0.7295-0.7595

Bulk Tankers
 Daybreak Foods, Inc. 96,000 @ \$0.5550

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>.