



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News  
Weekly Egg Products Report  
March 19, 2004**

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

**COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT** - Combined regional for week ending 19-Mar-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
<b>This week</b>	122.00	123.50	117.50	122.50	121.40
<b>Last week</b>	113.00	112.50	106.50	113.50	111.17

**SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 19-Mar-04:**

<b>New York</b> 127-131	<b>Chicago &amp; Midwest</b> 119-127	<b>California</b> 157
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**WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 15-Mar-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)**

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
<b>Current week</b>	155.1	301.5	166.7	245.1	232.2	1100.6	217.0	1317.6
<b>% change PW</b>	8	17	29	19	1	14	-1	11

**Breaking Stock 19-Mar-04** - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
<b>Nest Run</b>	91-93.5	90-94 M 91-93
<b>Checks &amp; Undergrades</b>	80-86 M 80-82	76-83 M 78-82

**Eggs Processed** under federal inspection week ending 13-Mar-04.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	1,167,965	28,880	10,633	5,989	2,371	4,140
<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>	1,184,079	29,179	10,820	6,342	2,418	4,156
<b>LAST YEAR</b>	1,119,153	28,985	9,562	5,183	1,822	4,117
<b>% CHANGE PW</b>	-1	-1	-2	-6	-2	0
<b>% CHANGE LY</b>	4	0	11	16	30	1
<b>TO-DATE 2004</b>	11,596,688	273,854	111,945	62,735	26,658	40,884
<b>TO-DATE 2003</b>	11,183,360	270,428	102,368	56,726	24,977	41,498
<b>% CHANGE YTD</b>	4	1	9	11	7	-1

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

<b>Current Week:</b>	42.50	<b>Previous Week:</b>	42.65	<b>Last Year:</b>	42.75
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**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)**

<b>Current Week:</b>	38.96	<b>Previous Week:</b>	39.14	<b>Last Year:</b>	39.07
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**National Liquid Eggs - 19-Mar-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
<b>WHOLE</b>	14	81-82	81.71	.62
<b>WHITES</b>	5	77-78	77.40	-.30
<b>YOLKS</b>	5	61-62	61.80	-.60

Pasteurized whites reported at 83 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 56 to 66 cents fob.

**Frozen Egg Prices - 19-Mar-04** 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	78-94	M 87-89	87-92	M 89	96-100	95-98	
Blends <sup>3</sup>	TOO FEW TO REPORT				97-110	-	
Whites	88-92	M 89-91	89-92	M 90-92	94-99	94-97	
Yolks <sup>4</sup>							
Sugared	73-81	M 75-78	74-78	M 78	81-92	81-84	
Salted	71-78	M 72-76	72-75		78-83	79-82	

<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 - 19-Mar-04** - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	3.17-3.65	3.35-3.55
YOLKS	1.60-2.10	1.65-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.65-7.35	7.00-7.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.55	2.10-2.25

**Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 13-Mar-2004**

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,344	377	1,721
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,129	78	1,207
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,558	190	1,748
To Date 2004	To Date 2004	To Date 2004
12,737	2,371	15,108
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
16,627	3,344	19,971

**Inspected Egg Products**

**U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Mar-04**

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	239	0	0	239
Last year /1	103	0	0	103
To date 2004	1,310	0	97	1,407
To date 2003	1,773	0	84	1,857

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Mar-04**

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	133	42	0	175
Last year /1	43	193	0	236
To date 2004	984	200	515	1,699
To date 2003	1,260	725	160	2,145

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

**U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Mar-04**

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	1,200	1,500	750	2,208	0	5,658
Last year /1	0	0	480	1,590	0	720	2,790
To date 2004	50	2,160	9,093	6,030	13,488	0	30,821
To date 2003	0	150	5,203	5,764	1,470	732	13,319

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