



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
May 21, 2004**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **21-May-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	64.00	62.50	58.50	63.50	62.18
Last week	64.00	62.50	58.50	63.50	62.18

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 21-May-04:

New York 73-77	Chicago & Midwest 60-68	California 95
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WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 17-May-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	118.1	294.7	123.9	190.0	206.7	933.4	257.0	1190.4
% change PW	13	0	-9	-12	-5	-4	-8	-5

Breaking Stock 21-May-04 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	45-48 M 46-47	44-48 M 45-47
Checks & Undergrades	32-38 M 32-34	30-37 M 31-35

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **15-May-04**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,304,131	30,602	12,936	7,070	3,170	4,357
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,304,625	29,867	12,783	7,497	3,066	4,428
LAST YEAR	1,241,568	30,113	11,856	6,225	2,545	4,178
% CHANGE PWK	0	2	1	-6	3	-2
% CHANGE LY	5	2	9	14	25	4
TO-DATE 2004	22,724,228	539,236	218,357	121,439	50,545	78,866
TO-DATE 2003	21,395,800	520,945	195,262	107,678	42,711	78,919
% CHANGE YTD	6	4	12	13	18	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week:	42.15	Previous Week:	41.83	Last Year:	42.18
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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week:	38.81	Previous Week:	38.44	Last Year:	38.82
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National Liquid Eggs - 21-May-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	25	41.5-45	44.00	.00
WHITES	11	60-66.5	63.45	-4.41
YOLKS	7	46-50	47.86	-.64

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43 to 48 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 21-May-04 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot			Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern		Central	Eastern	South California ²	
Whole	53-66	M 57-59	57-60 M 59	64-72	63-66	
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT			70-85	-	
Whites	79-88	M 83-87	84-87	88-94	88-91	
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	55-66	M 59-62	60-64 M 61-62	66-70	66-69	
Salted	55-61	M 57-60	56-61	63-68	64-67	

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

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.25-3.00	2.40-2.57
YOLKS	1.42-1.85	1.45-1.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.05-6.90	6.40-6.60
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.70-2.05	1.70-1.90

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 15-May-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,410	310	1,720
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,328	163	1,491
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,493	211	1,704
To Date 2004	To Date 2004	To Date 2004
24,795	4,519	29,314
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
32,516	5,248	37,764

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 08-May-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	49	0	49	98
Last year /1	411	0	41	452
To date 2004	2,758	0	203	2,961
To date 2003	4,703	63	176	4,942

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 08-May-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	34	87	80	201
Last year /1	141	42	0	183
To date 2004	1,284	612	1,139	3,035
To date 2003	1,860	1,267	440	3,567

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 08-May-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	33	767	3,340	2,790	15,216	30	22,176
Last year /1	45	290	2,825	690	5,250	30	9,130
To date 2004	83	8,717	22,673	22,350	90,575	8,814	153,212
To date 2003	166	4,150	20,848	21,392	17,706	3,432	67,694

/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-Apr-04
Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,840	972	13,203	3,914	20,929
Previous Month	2,860	1,003	11,895	3,489	19,247
Last year	2,433	1,078	8,883	3,349	15,743
% of Previous Month	99	97	111	112	109
% of Last Year	117	90	149	117	133

USDA BUYS: ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX; ENDS PROGRAM

DATE: May 19, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 324,000 pounds of all purpose egg mix in 6-ounce pouches for domestic food nutrition assistance programs. This purchase—to be produced from about 23,000 cases of shell eggs from domestic production—was made at an approximate cost of \$710,000. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds Accepted	Award Prices Inv. No. 8	No. of Bids Accepted
all purpose egg mix (6-oz.)	324,000	\$2.1500-\$2.2400	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, 2003, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
all purpose egg mix (6-oz.)	1,044,000	\$ 2,514,000
all purpose egg mix (10-lb.)	240,000	\$ 568,000

The awards for all purpose egg mix made under Announcement PY-277, Invitation 8, to be delivered from July 1 to July 31, Aug. 1 to Aug. 15, and Sept. 1 to Sept. 15 follow:

Sonstegard Foods Co. 324,000 @ \$2.1500-\$2.2400

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>.

USDA WHOLE EGGS PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

DATE: May 19, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase whole eggs for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited from the trade for whole eggs in one or more of the following forms:

Thirty-pound containers (082030) - Frozen whole eggs (without color stabilizer) packed in a full opening type plastic container with snap-on type lid, 30 pounds (13.61 kg) net in each plastic container. A purchase unit will consist of 1,320 shipping containers totaling 39,600 pounds (17,962 kg).

Five-pound cartons (082065) - Frozen homogenized whole eggs with a color stabilizer packaged 5 pounds (2.27 kg) net weight in a pitcher-pour type, polyethylene-coated paperboard carton, and packed six 5-pound (2.27 kg) cartons per fiberboard shipping container with 30 pounds (13.61 kg) net weight. A purchase unit will consist of 1,334 shipping containers totaling 40,020 pounds (18,153 kg).

Bulk liquid whole eggs (083090) - Bulk liquid whole eggs (without color stabilizer) for further processing, packed and shipped in insulated tankers, 48,000 pounds (21,772 kg) net weight in each tanker. A purchase unit will total 48,000 pounds (21,772 kg).

Invitation No. 1 inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, June 7, is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, June 11, for delivery from July 16 to July 31. Subsequent invitations will be issued inviting offers due the first and third Monday of each month.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mbdc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

There is an important change to this year's program. The contractor/producer must immediately report all complaints received on the commodity to the Contracting Officer. As with last year's program, all contractors and suppliers in USDA's purchase programs must register with the Central Contractor Registration System. Certifications, representations, and warranties (Appendix-1) will be made one time only for all Poultry Program Announcements for the program year. Certifications must be received by the Contracting Officer prior to submitting a bid.

Information regarding these requirements is contained in Announcement PY-284, which is being distributed to the trade. Offerors are urged to review the bid format and product specification and are cautioned to only offer quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver during the contracted delivery period.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-284, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2004, and Invitation No. 1.

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