



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
May 28, 2004**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **28-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	68.00	67.50	63.50	65.50	66.06
Last week	64.00	62.50	58.50	63.50	62.18

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 28-May-04:

New York 74-78	Chicago & Midwest 65-73	California 100
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WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 24-May-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	134.9	290.5	129.9	205.6	223.7	984.6	243.5	1228.1
% change PW	14	-1	5	8	8	5	-5	3

Breaking Stock 28-May-04 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	46-48	44-48 M 45-47
Checks & Undergrades	33-39 M 33-35	30-37 M 31-35

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **22-May-04**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,267,025	29,858	11,925	6,696	3,009	4,145
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,304,131	30,602	12,936	7,070	3,170	4,357
LAST YEAR	1,165,269	29,905	9,832	5,327	2,483	4,147
% CHANGE PWK	-3	-2	-8	-5	-5	-5
% CHANGE LY	9	0	21	26	21	0
TO-DATE 2004	23,991,253	569,095	230,282	128,135	53,553	83,011
TO-DATE 2003	22,561,069	550,850	205,093	113,005	45,194	83,066
% CHANGE YTD	6	3	12	13	18	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week:	41.53	Previous Week:	42.15	Last Year:	42.23
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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week:	38.26	Previous Week:	38.81	Last Year:	38.67
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National Liquid Eggs - 28-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	9	44	44.00	.00
WHITES	10	58-63	59.60	-3.85
YOLKS	16	46-48	46.91	-.95

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 44 to 47 cents fob with pasteurized whites report at 68.25 fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 28-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	55-61	M 57-60	57-59 M 57	64-68	63-66	
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT			70-90	-	
Whites	80-90	M 81-84	81-84	85-94	85-88	
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	58-66	M 59-62	59-62	66-70	66-69	
Salted	55-60	M 58-60	57-60 M 58-60	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 - 28-May-04 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.25-2.90	2.40-2.55
YOLKS	1.42-1.75	1.45-1.55
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.00-6.90	6.30-6.50
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.65-2.00	1.65-1.80

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 22-May-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,472	334	1,806
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,410	310	1,720
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,624	58	1,682
To Date 2004	To Date 2004	To Date 2004
26,267	4,853	31,120
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
34,140	5,306	39,446

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-May-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	303	0	35	338
Last year /1	512	0	0	512
To date 2004	3,061	0	238	3,299
To date 2003	5,215	63	176	5,454

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 15-May-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	256	4	80	340
Last year /1	66	53	40	159
To date 2004	1,540	616	1,219	3,375
To date 2003	1,926	1,320	480	3,726

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 15-May-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	33	1,530	3,300	2,310	6,060	800	14,033
Last year /1	0	810	2,783	890	2,340	0	6,823
To date 2004	116	10,247	25,973	24,660	96,635	9,614	167,245
To date 2003	166	4,960	23,631	22,282	20,046	3,432	74,517

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

Total All Layers on 01-May-04 totaled 342 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-May-04 averaged 71.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-May-04 = 281.9 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-May-04 averaged 73.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-May-03.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.85 billion eggs during Apr-04, up 2% from Apr-03.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Apr-04 totaled 37.5 million, down 1% from Apr-03.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 34.1 million on 01-May-04, down 3% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 311,000 during Apr-04, up 11% from Apr-03.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-May-04 = 264.0 million, up 2% from 01-May-03.

Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-May-04 = 73.3, up 1% from 01-May-03.

Layers in forced molt on 01-May-04 were 4.5, up 10% from those in molt on 01-May-03.

Layers with molt completed on 01-May-04 were 22.1, down 6% from 01-May-03.

Layers sold during Apr-04 totaled 12.6 million, down 16% from Apr-03.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Apr-04 were 5.5 million, down 17% from Apr-03.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-May-04 = 93.3 million, down 0% from 01-May-03.

Pullets added during Apr-04 = 22.5 million, down 7% from Apr-03.

For information on "Chickens and Eggs" call Tom Kruchten at (202)690-4870, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.

WHOLE EGGS, INVITATION NO. 1, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-284

Date Issued: May 21, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell whole eggs as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs.

Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, June 7. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, June 11. Deliveries are to be made from July 16 to July 31.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. **Note that some item numbers and the associated quantities for the 5-pound cartons have been set-aside for small business concerns and are indicated by a single asterisk.** Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-284, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.