



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
July 30, 2004**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **30-Jul-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	65.00	67.50	62.50	69.50	66.27
Last week	60.00	56.50	54.50	60.50	57.99

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 30-Jul-04:

New York 72-76	Chicago & Midwest 64-72	California 100
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WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 26-Jul-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	129.4	278.0	114.4	196.0	209.3	927.1	266.2	1193.3
% change PW	-1	-2	-7	-3	8	-1	-3	-1

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

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	39-41 M 41	37-41 M 39-41
Checks & Undergrades	26-32 M 26-28	25-31 M 26-30

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **24-Jul-04**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,258,892	31,278	11,213	5,795	2,875	4,295
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,255,737	30,191	11,732	6,115	3,207	4,285
LAST YEAR	1,231,641	29,207	11,291	6,275	2,451	4,341
% CHANGE PWK	0	4	-4	-5	-10	0
% CHANGE LY	2	7	-1	-8	17	-1
TO-DATE 2004	35,265,565	836,990	338,809	185,905	80,870	120,958
TO-DATE 2003	33,177,943	808,057	303,183	166,237	67,220	120,361
% CHANGE YTD	6	4	12	12	20	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week:	41.77	Previous Week:	41.67	Last Year:	41.50
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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week:	38.36	Previous Week:	38.26	Last Year:	37.98
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National Liquid Eggs - 30-Jul-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	14	40-43	41.50	.87
WHITES	22	45.5-49	46.88	.01
YOLKS	11	47-50	48.18	-.53

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 46 to 48 cents fob, with pasteurized whites reported at 50 cents fob.

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

Class	Trucklot			Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central	Eastern		South California ²	
Whole	48-55	M	49-54	49-52 M	49-51	56-60	55-58
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT					65-85	-
Whites	59-64	M	60-64	60-64 M	60	67-72	67-70
Yolks ⁴							
Sugared	57-64	M	60-63	59-63 M	61-62	66-70	66-69
Salted	55-60	M	57-59	57-59		63-69	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 - 30-Jul-04 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.89-2.30	2.05-2.15
YOLKS	1.40-1.65	1.45-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.50-5.43	4.60-4.95
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.58-1.90	1.60-1.70

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 24-Jul-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,438	336	1,774
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,614	301	1,915
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,105	276	1,381
To Date 2004	To Date 2004	To Date 2004
39,110	6,999	46,109
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
46,107	7,599	53,706

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 17-Jul-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	148	0	0	148
Last year /1	362	0	55	417
To date 2004/2	7,090	11	434	7,535
To date 2003	8,884	96	325	9,305

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 17-Jul-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	367	0	0	367
Last year /1	148	30	17	195
To date 2004/2	4,705	949	3,218	8,872
To date 2003	3,027	1,589	817	5,433

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 17-Jul-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	830	4,650	4,338	3,876	0	13,694
Last year /1	0	750	2,828	2,321	1,400	0	7,299
To date 2004/2	272	52,485	123,399	54,158	171,264	14,724	416,302
To date 2003	256	12,707	55,814	34,953	47,966	3,432	155,128

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

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 23-Jul-04

Total All Layers on 01-Jul-04 totaled 342 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Jul-04 averaged 71.3 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Jul-04 = 282.6 million, up 3% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Jul-04 averaged 73.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 01-Jul-03.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.79 billion eggs during Jun-04, up 2% from Jun-03.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Jun-04 totaled 38.1 million, up 4% from Jun-03.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 36.1 million on 01-Jul-04, up 12% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 212,000 during Jun-04, down 31% from Jun-03.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-Jul-04 = 264.8 million, up 3% from 01-Jul-03.

Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-Jul-04 = 73.6, down 1% from 01-Jul-03.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Jul-04 were 4.6, up 5% from those in molt on 01-Jul-03.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Jul-04 were 23.7, up 1% from 01-Jul-03.

Layers sold during Jun-04 totaled 14.8 million, up 5% from Jun-03.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Jun-04 were 5.5 million, down 1% from Jun-03.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Jul-04 = 97.8 million, up 3% from 01-Jul-03.

Pullets added during Jun-04 = 23.8 million, up 10% from Jun-03.

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