



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
January 23, 2004**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 23-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	108.00	109.50	103.50	109.50	107.70
Last week	96.00	96.50	89.50	97.50	94.98

Selected Cities Large - 23-Jan-04: New York 123-127 Chicago & Midwest 105-114 California 141

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 19-Jan-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	102.1	248.7	123.3	186.9	166.6	827.6	252.2	1079.8
% change PW	4	-6	-7	-1	-2	-3	-16	-6

Breaking Stock 23-Jan-04 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States		Eastern Region	
Nest Run	77-80	M 80	75-80	M 77-79
Checks & Undergrades	65-71	M 65-67.5	63-70	M 64-68

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 17-Jan-04.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,121,425	26,135	11,028	6,108	2,619	4,155
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,166,377	28,442	10,665	6,011	2,826	4,157
LAST YEAR	1,124,446	26,440	10,550	5,851	3,179	4,093
% CHANGE PW	-4	-8	3	2	-7	0
% CHANGE LY	0	-1	5	4	-18	2
TO-DATE 2003	2,287,802	54,577	21,693	12,119	5,445	8,312
TO-DATE 2002	2,337,369	54,437	22,198	12,398	6,063	8,542
% CHANGE YTD	-2	0	-2	-2	-10	-3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.29 Previous Week: 42.25 Last Year: 41.74

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.59 Previous Week: 38.68 Last Year: 38.10

National Liquid Eggs - 23-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	14	57.5-66.25	61.88	
WHITES	12	68-69.75	69.06	2.63
YOLKS	9	57-59	58.33	.02

Pasteurized whites were too few to report with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 61 to 66 cents fob, mostly 61 to 62 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 23-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	68-78	M 74-76	73-76	M 74-75	82-92		81-84	
Blends ³	TOO FEW	TO REPORT			83-105		-	
Whites	74-83	M 76-83	80-83		86-91		86-89	
Yolks ⁴								
Sugared	73-85	M 75-79	74-81	M 77-78	81-97		81-84	
Salted	67-75	M 71-75	71-78	M 71-74	77-93		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 - 23-Jan-04 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.82-3.30	3.00-3.15
YOLKS	1.65-2.10	1.70-1.85
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.85-6.50	5.95-6.20
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.98-2.10	2.00-2.10

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 03-Jan-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,118	150	1,268
Last week	Last week	Last week
918	88	1,006
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,179	169	1,348
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
74,013	11,121	85,134
To Date 2002/1	To Date 2002/1	To Date 2002/1
89,440	15,401	104,841

/1 Due to 53 weeks in 2003 to date 2002 unchanged from last week.

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 10-Jan-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,258	343	1,601
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,118	150	1,268
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,736	425	2,161
To Date 2004	To Date 2004	To Date 2004
1,258	343	1,601
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
1,736	425	2,161

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 10-Jan-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	49	0	0	49
Last year /1	416	0	0	416
To date 2004	49	0	0	49
To date 2003	416	0	0	416

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 10-Jan-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	83	0	0	83
Last year /1	78	48	40	166
To date 2004	83	0	0	83
To date 2003	78	48	40	166

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 10-Jan-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	50	0	2,093	30	0	0	2,173
Last year /1	0	0	905	20	1,470	0	2,395
To date 2004	50	0	2,093	30	0	0	2,173
To date 2003	0	0	905	20	1,470	0	2,395

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

SHELL EGGS BROKEN DOWN 6 PERCENT

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Shell eggs broken = 141 million dozen during November 2003, down 6% from November 2002.

November 2003 contained 20 weekdays, including 2 holidays, and five Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays, 2 holidays, and five Saturdays in November 2002.

Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, United States, November 2002-03

Month & Region	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
November 2003: United States	(1,000 Dozen) 141,269	(1,000 Pounds) 121,853	(1,000 Pounds) 38,997	(1,000 Pounds) 20,872	(1,000 Pounds) 181,722	(1,000 Pounds) 16,138
November 2002: United States	149,902	121,197	41,116	22,838	185,151	17,585

Egg Products Inspected: Shell Eggs Broken and Products Produced, United States, January - November 2002-03

Period	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
January 1, 2003 - November 30, 2003	(1,000 Dozen) 1,669,830	(1,000 Pounds) 1,362,581	(1,000 Pounds) 501,660	(1,000 Pounds) 267,764	(1,000 Pounds) 2,132,005	(1,000 Pounds) 197,500
January 1, 2002 - November 30, 2002	1,731,078	1,348,965	542,615	295,017	2,186,597	211,711

Data presented in this report were compiled from inspection reports of the Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS). The best available data at time of publication was used. For information on "Egg Products" call Tom Kruchten at 202-6904870, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 31-Dec-03
Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,972	1,244	10,822	3,017	18,055
Previous Month	2,654	843	8,290	3,122	14,909
Last year	2,316	478	7,467	3,264	13,525
% of Previous Month	112	148	131	97	121
% of Last Year	128	260	145	92	133