



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News Weekly Egg Products Report February 27, 2004

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 27-Feb-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	98.00	96.50	90.50	96.50	95.40
Last week	98.00	96.50	90.50	96.50	95.40

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 27-Feb-04:

New York 106-110	Chicago & Midwest 92-100	California 131
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WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 23-Feb-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	115.5	285.5	124.9	202.5	236.6	965.0	248.1	1213.1
% change PW	0	8	-7	-7	-1	-1	2	0

Breaking Stock 27-Feb-04 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	TFEWR	79-84 M 81-83
Checks & Undergrades	69-75 M 69-71	67-74 M 68-72

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 21-Feb-04.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,165,061	27,022	11,468	6,415	2,667	3,977
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,191,901	27,870	11,484	6,643	2,762	4,063
LAST YEAR	1,072,373	26,564	9,555	5,233	2,254	3,971
% CHANGE PW	-2	-3	0	-3	-3	-2
% CHANGE LY	9	2	20	23	18	0
TO-DATE 2004	8,040,997	187,111	79,041	44,033	19,017	28,525
TO-DATE 2003	7,889,984	186,352	74,219	41,253	19,135	29,259
% CHANGE YTD	2	0	6	7	-1	-3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.96 **Previous Week:** 42.00 **Last Year:** 42.26

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.54 **Previous Week:** 38.59 **Last Year:** 38.56

National Liquid Eggs - 27-Feb-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	7	68.5-73	71.07	5.77
WHITES	12	71-73.25	72.31	3.49
YOLKS	8	57-60	58.38	.38

Pasteurized whites reported at 81 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 56 to 62 cents fob, mostly 60 to 62 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 27-Feb-04 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Central	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern	M		Eastern	South California ²	
Whole	75-82	M 76-79	78-82	M 79	86-90	85-88
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT				86-105	-
Whites	83-86		83-86	M 84-85	89-94	89-92
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	74-78	M 75-77	74-77	M 77	81-89	81-84
Salted	71-75		71-74	M 72	77-82	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 - 27-Feb-04 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.97-3.40	3.08-3.18
YOLKS	1.58-2.10	1.58-1.68
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.00-6.70	6.20-6.49
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.96-2.40	2.00-2.10

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 21-Feb-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,291	229	1,520
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,230	153	1,383
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,534	347	1,881
To Date 2004	To Date 2004	To Date 2004
9,125	1,821	10,946
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
11,918	2,693	14,611

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Feb-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	147	0	40	187
Last year /1	0	0	0	0
To date 2004	732	0	49	781
To date 2003	1,464	0	84	1,548

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Feb-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	73	48	40	161
Last year /1	193	42	0	235
To date 2004	684	105	475	1,264
To date 2003	1,037	369	40	1,446

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 14-Feb-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	780	750	1,500	7,200	0	10,230

Last year / 1	0	0	1,000	100	0	0	2,117
To date 2004	50	780	4,443	2,280	7,950	0	15,503
To date 2003	0	150	2,785	2,679	1,470	0	7,084

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

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 31-Jan-04

	Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)				
	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,896	1,149	12,484	4,857	21,386
Previous Month	2,972	1,242	10,805	3,017	18,036
Last year	1,818	924	8,778	3,820	15,340
% of Previous Month	97	93	116	161	119
% of Last Year	159	124	142	127	139

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

Total All Layers on 01-Feb-04 totaled 338 million, down 1% from a year ago.
Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Feb-04 averaged 69.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.
Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Feb-04 = 279.8 million, down 1% from a year ago.
Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Feb-04 averaged 72.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 01-Feb-04.
30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.88 billion eggs during Jan-04, down 1% from Jan-03.
Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Jan-04 totaled 35.4 million, up 6% from Jan-03.
Eggs in Incubators totaled 30.5 million on 01-Feb-04, up 11% from a year ago.
Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 164,000 during Jan-04, down 17% from Jan-03.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-Feb-04 = 261.7 million, down 1% from 01-Feb-03.
Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-Feb-04 = 69.9, up 0% from 01-Feb-03.
Layers in forced molt on 01-Feb-04 were 5.0, up 16% from those in molt on 01-Feb-03.
Layers with molt completed on 01-Feb-04 were 21.8, down 9% from 01-Feb-03.
Layers sold during Jan-04 totaled 14.5 million, up 1% from Jan-03.
Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Jan-04 were 5.7 million, up 6% from Jan-03.
Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Feb-04 = 90.7 million, up 2% from 01-Feb-03.
Pullets added during Jan-04 = 21.5 million, down 9% from Jan-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.

USDA BUYS: ALL PURPOSE EGG MIX; ENDS PROGRAM

DATE: Feb. 19, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 216,000 pounds of all purpose egg mix in 6-ounce pouches for domestic food nutrition assistance programs. This purchase—to be produced from about 16,000 cases of shell eggs from domestic production—was made at an approximate cost of \$508,000. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds Accepted	Award Prices Inv. No. 7	No. of Bids Accepted
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all purpose 216,000 \$2.2524-\$2.5416 1 01 4
egg mix (6-oz.)

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, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
all purpose egg mix (6-oz.)	720,000	\$ 1,804,000
all purpose egg mix (10-lb.)	240,000	\$ 568,000

The awards for all purpose egg mix made under Announcement PY-277, Invitation 7, to be delivered from April 30 to July 15 follow:

Sonstegard Foods Co. 216,000 @ \$2.2524-\$2.5416

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>.