



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

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **30-Apr-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	78.00	76.50	72.50	77.50	76.18
Last week	78.00	76.50	72.50	77.50	76.18

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

New York 78-82	Chicago & Midwest 74-82	California 109
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WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 26-Apr-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	117.2	350.3	152.7	212.2	230.6	1063.0	278.0	1341.0
% change PW	13	16	3	6	10	10	1	8

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

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	50-55 M 50-52	53-57 M 54-55
Checks & Undergrades	42-48 M 42-44	40-46 M 41-44

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

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,275,904	29,940	12,810	6,866	2,645	4,468
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,250,367	29,610	11,954	6,784	2,771	4,288
LAST YEAR	1,140,780	26,695	11,101	6,184	1,940	4,208
% CHANGE PW	2	1	7	1	-5	4
% CHANGE LY	12	12	15	11	36	6
TO-DATE 2004	18,846,646	448,275	180,256	100,196	41,091	65,784
TO-DATE 2003	17,756,019	431,900	161,567	89,334	35,852	66,076
% CHANGE YTD	6	4	12	12	15	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week:	42.39	Previous Week:	42.10	Last Year:	42.24
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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week:	38.89	Previous Week:	38.67	Last Year:	38.55
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National Liquid Eggs - 30-Apr-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	49.5-56	53.79	-2.32
WHITES	9	74.5-75	74.94	.35
YOLKS	14	51-53	51.86	-.29

No pasteurized whites reported with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 53 to 57 cents fob.

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

Class	Trucklot			Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)		
	Eastern		Central	Eastern	South California ²	
Whole	67-75	M	68-71	68-72	74-83	73-76
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT				86-95	-
Whites	87-92	M	89-91	88-92	94-99	94-97
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	61-71	M	67-71	69-71	73-80	73-76
Salted	63-68	M	65-67	65-67	70-75	71-74

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

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.69-3.20	2.86-2.95
YOLKS	1.55-1.90	1.60-1.65
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.70-7.25	6.90-7.10
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.94-2.30	1.95-2.00

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

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,424	228	1,652
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,464	341	1,805
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,880	134	2,014
To Date 2004	To Date 2004	To Date 2004
20,758	3,769	24,527
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
27,591	4,660	32,251

Inspected Egg Products

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

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	196	0	0	196
Last year /1	301	49	0	350
To date 2004	2,366	0	154	2,520
To date 2003	3,335	63	135	3,533

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

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	29	45	149	223
Last year /1	41	37	40	118
To date 2004	1,196	464	981	2,641
To date 2003	1,620	1,206	400	3,226

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	810	180	2,670	9,123	270	13,053
Last year /1	0	0	1,430	1,680	3,720	30	6,860
To date 2004	50	5,820	13,753	15,030	38,167	6,184	79,004
To date 2003	106	2,550	10,863	17,637	8,016	3,342	42,514

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

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

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

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Apr-04 averaged 72.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Apr-04 = 282.7 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Apr-04 averaged 74.7 eggs per 100 layers, up 2% from 01-Apr-03.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 7.03 billion eggs during Mar-04, up 1% from Mar-03.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Mar-04 totaled 37.5 million, up 2% from Mar-03.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 33.9 million on 01-Apr-04, down 3% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 401,000 during Mar-04, up 26% from Mar-03.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-Apr-04 = 264.7 million, up 1% from 01-Apr-03.

Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-Apr-04 = 74.6, up 2% from 01-Apr-03.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Apr-04 were 2.5, up 14% from those in molt on 01-Apr-03.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Apr-04 were 23.3, down 5% from 01-Apr-03.

Layers sold during Mar-04 totaled 10.8 million, down 22% from Mar-03.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Mar-04 were 5.8 million, down 12% from Mar-03.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Apr-04 = 89.9 million, down 1% from 01-Apr-03.

Pullets added during Mar-04 = 21.2 million, down 11% from Mar-03.

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