



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
June 25, 2004**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **25-Jun-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	69.00	69.50	64.50	71.50	68.76
Last week	69.00	69.50	64.50	71.50	68.76

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 25-Jun-04:

New York 74-78	Chicago & Midwest 66-74	California 101
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WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 14-Jun-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	134.1	296.7	125.8	221.4	217.9	995.9	254.4	1250.3
% change PW	7	-5	10	5	3	2	-4	1

Breaking Stock 25-Jun-04 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	47-48	43.5-48 M 45-47
Checks & Undergrades	33-39 M 33-35	30.0-37 M 31-35

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **12-Jun-04**.

	Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)					
	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,258,034	29,959	11,952	6,566	2,872	3,991
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,265,669	*28,639*	12,655	7,023	3,050	*4,305*
LAST YEAR	1,197,007	29,222	10,934	5,917	2,306	4,149
% CHANGE PWK	-1	5	-6	-7	-6	-7
% CHANGE LY	5	3	9	11	25	-4
TO-DATE 2004	28,975,256	*684,806*	279,615	155,036	65,791	*99,565*
TO-DATE 2003	27,195,254	665,351	247,086	135,923	54,687	99,278
% CHANGE YTD	7	3	13	14	20	0

Revision to previous week

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week:	41.71	Previous Week:	41.58	Last Year:	41.96
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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week:	38.53	Previous Week:	38.17	Last Year:	38.49
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National Liquid Eggs - 25-Jun-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	43.5-46	44.17	.17
WHITES	10	48.0-50	49.20	-.19
YOLKS	11	49.5-54	50.82	.20

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43 to 49 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 25-Jun-04 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot				Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central		Eastern	South California ²		
Whole	53-59	M	55-58	55-58	M	56	62-66	61-64
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT						70-85	-
Whites	63-79	M	65-70	64-70			71-78	70-73
Yolks ⁴								
Sugared	57-63	M	58-63	59-64	M	62	66-70	66-69
Salted	56-60	M	58-60	58-61	M	58-59	63-73	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 - 25-Jun-04 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.25-2.40	2.25-2.35
YOLKS	1.35-1.60	1.45-1.55
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.45-6.20	5.60-5.75
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.55-2.00	1.58-1.75

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 12-Jun-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week 1,551	This week 150	This week 1,701
Last week 1,456	Last week 401	Last week 1,857
Last year 1,564	Last year 287	Last year 1,851
To Date 2004 31,789	To Date 2004 5,829	To Date 2004 37,618
To Date 2003 40,215	To Date 2003 6,291	To Date 2003 46,506

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Jun-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	357	0	27	384
Last year /1	608	0	0	608
To date 2004	4,405	11	305	4,721
To date 2003	6,854	63	231	7,148

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Jun-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	200	11	0	211
Last year /1	151	2	0	153
To date 2004	2,495	650	1,259	4,404
To date 2003	2,469	1,445	640	4,554

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 12-Jun-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	17	200	4,766	1,160	8,820	750	15,713
Last year /1	15	1,145	3,440	1,500	2,160	0	8,260
To date 2004	197	12,817	44,277	29,300	137,734	12,794	237,119
To date 2003	226	8,835	39,219	26,722	27,366	3,432	105,800

/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-May-04

Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,728	1,146	12,423	4,175	20,472
Previous Month	2,837	966	13,193	3,910	20,906
Last year	2,664	815	10,548	3,672	17,699
% of Previous Month	96	119	94	107	98
% of Last Year	102	141	118	114	116

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS

DATE: June 24, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 1,039,000 pounds of whole eggs -- to be produced from about 26,000 cases of shell eggs -- at a cost of approximately \$627,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices	No. of Bids
		Inv. No. 2	Accepted
5-pound cartons	680,000	\$0.5795-\$0.6834	3 of 3
bulk tankers	240,000	\$0.5062-\$0.5159	1 of 5
30-pound containers	119,000	\$0.5899-\$0.6032	2 of 4

Next offers under Announcement PY-284 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance	Delivery Period
			Not Later Than Date	
3	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	July 6	July 9	Aug. 16-31

Tuesday

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on May 19 follow:

Product	Cumulative	Cumulative
	Pounds	Dollars
5-pound cartons	680,000	\$ 435,000
bulk tankers	240,000	\$ 367,000
30-pound containers	277,000	\$ 156,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-284, Invitation 2, to be delivered from Aug. 1 to Aug. 15, follow:

30-pound Containers

American Egg Products Inc.	39,600 @ \$0.6032
Deb-El Foods Corp.	79,200 @ \$0.5899

5-pound Cartons

American Egg Products Inc.	280,140 @ \$0.5795-\$0.6132
Crystal Lake Egg Products	240,120 @ \$0.6184-\$0.6834
Sonstegard Foods Co.	160,080 @ \$0.6699

Bulk Tankers

Deb-El Foods Corp.	240,000 @ \$0.5062-\$0.5159
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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>.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 22-Jun-04

Total All Layers on 01-Jun-04 totaled 343 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Jun-04 averaged 70.3 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Jun-04 = 282.7 million, up 3% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Jun-04 averaged 72.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Jun-03.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 7.00 billion eggs during May-04, up 2% from May-03.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during May-04 totaled 38.6 million, up 3% from May-03.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 34.4 million on 01-Jun-04, up 2% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 255,000 during May-04, down 12% from May-03.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-Jun-04 = 265.0 million, up 3% from 01-Jun-03.

Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-Jun-04 = 72.6, up 1% from 01-Jun-03.

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

Layers with molt completed on 01-Jun-04 were 23.3, down 0% from 01-Jun-03.

Layers sold during May-04 totaled 13.0 million, down 12% from May-03.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during May-04 were 5.4 million, down 16% from May-03.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Jun-04 = 94.8 million, down 1% from 01-Jun-03.

Pullets added during May-04 = 23.9 million, down 7% from May-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.