



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News  
Weekly Egg Products Report  
September 24, 2004**

**The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information**

**COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT** - Combined regional for week ending **24-Sep-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
<b>This week</b>	61.00	58.50	54.50	59.50	58.40
<b>Last week</b>	55.00	50.50	48.50	52.50	51.66

**SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 24-Sep-04:**

<b>New York</b> 68-72	<b>Chicago &amp; Midwest</b> 56-64	<b>California</b> 92
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**WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 20-Sep-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)**

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
<b>Current week</b>	112.8	306.9	142.0	198.5	208.3	968.5	257.5	1226.0
<b>% change PW</b>	1	-2	5	-16	2	-3	-8	-4

**Breaking Stock 24-Sep-04** - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
<b>Nest Run</b>	37-41	34-38 M 36-38
<b>Checks &amp; Undergrades</b>	24-30 M 24-26	21-28 M 22-27

**Eggs Processed** under federal inspection week ending **18-Sep-04**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	1,280,565	31,056	12,115	6,189	2,935	4,317
<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>	1,173,586	28,309	11,133	5,889	2,534	4,055
<b>LAST YEAR</b>	1,256,837	31,190	11,301	5,818	2,533	4,405
<b>% CHANGE PWK</b>	9	10	9	5	16	6
<b>% CHANGE LY</b>	2	0	7	6	16	-2
<b>TO-DATE 2004</b>	45,540,022	1,082,319	436,644	236,217	102,542	155,872
<b>TO-DATE 2003</b>	43,012,689	1,047,342	392,750	213,920	87,164	154,994
<b>% CHANGE YTD</b>	6	3	11	10	18	1

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)**

<b>Current Week:</b>	41.92	<b>Previous Week:</b>	42.08	<b>Last Year:</b>	41.94
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**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)**

<b>Current Week:</b>	38.55	<b>Previous Week:</b>	38.63	<b>Last Year:</b>	38.44
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**National Liquid Eggs - 24-Sep-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
<b>WHOLE</b>	12	33-39	35.21	2.71
<b>WHITES</b>	15	29-32	30.77	-.38
<b>YOLKS</b>	18	48-52.5	50.58	3.38

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43 to 47 cents 10b with no pasteurized whites reported.

**Frozen Egg Prices - 24-Sep-04** wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot				Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central		Eastern		South California <sup>2</sup>	
Whole	41-46	M	43-44	42-46	M	43-44	50-54	49-52
Blends <sup>3</sup>	TOO FEW TO REPORT				60-75			
Whites	42-49	M	43-45	43-48	M	45	49-58	49-52
Yolks <sup>4</sup>								
Sugared	55-60	M	55-58	57-59		63-67		63-66
Salted	53-58	M	55-57	55-57	M	55	59-65	61-64

<sup>2</sup> f.o.b. shipping point

<sup>3</sup> whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

<sup>4</sup> minimum 43% solids

**National Dried Egg Prices - 24-Sep-04** - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.58-1.90	1.65-1.75
YOLKS	1.32-1.80	1.38-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	3.19-4.15	3.30-3.45
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.50-1.70	1.50-1.55

**Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 18-Sep-2004**

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,443	333	1,776
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,231	153	1,384
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,153	288	1,441
To Date 2004	To Date 2004	To Date 2004
50,365	8,790	59,155
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
55,248	8,808	64,056

**Inspected Egg Products**

**U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Sep-04**

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	256	0	60	316
Last year /1	460	0	3	463
To date 2004/2	11,104	11	499	11,614
To date 2003	11,593	96	388	12,077

**U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Sep-04**

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	79	40	0	119
Last year /1	251	223	0	474
To date 2004/2	5,520	1,176	1,764	8,460
To date 2003	4,094	2,376	903	7,373

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

**U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 11-Sep-04**

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	5,600	7,068	1,752	11,076	0	25,496
Last year /1	0	1,080	1,640	2,430	7,204	0	12,354
To date 2004/2	349	75,940	163,636	76,212	218,988	15,504	550,629
To date 2003	290	19,367	76,426	43,527	102,060	12,642	254,312

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

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

**National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 31-Aug-04  
Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)**

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	1,030	1,379	11,244	3,504	17,157
Previous Month	2,567	1,387	9,495	3,271	16,720
Last year	2,680	1,006	11,195	3,163	18,044
% of Previous Month	40	99	118	107	103
% of Last Year	38	137	100	111	95

**National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 21-Sep-04**

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

**Rate of lay per day** for all layers on 01-Sep-04 averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.

**Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers** on 01-Sep-04 = 284.0 million, up 3% from a year ago.

**Rate of lay per day** for table egg type on 01-Sep-04 averaged 73.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 01-Sep-03.

**30 Major Egg Production States** produced 7.03 billion eggs during Aug-04, up 2% from Aug-03.

**Egg Type Chicks Hatched** during Aug-04 totaled 36.0 million, up 9% from Aug-03.

**Eggs in Incubators** totaled 32.5 million on 01-Sep-04, up 1% from a year ago.

**Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks** = 313,000 during Aug-04, up 66% from Aug-03.

**30 SELECTED STATES**

**Table Egg Type layers** on 01-Sep-04 = 266.4 million, up 3% from 01-Sep-03.

**Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers** on 01-Sep-04 = 73.0, up 0% from 01-Sep-03.

**Layers in forced molt** on 01-Sep-04 were 4.5, up 15% from those in molt on 01-Sep-03.

**Layers with molt completed** on 01-Sep-04 were 23.1, up 3% from 01-Sep-03.

**Layers sold** during Aug-04 totaled 15.3 million, up 11% from Aug-03.

**Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason** during Aug-04 were 5.6 million, down 13% from Aug-03.

**Pullets less than 20 weeks of age** on 01-Sep-04 = 93.2 million, down 2% from 01-Sep-03.

**Pullets added** during Aug-04 = 21.5 million, down 7% from Aug-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.*

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS

DATE: Sept. 23, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 472,000 pounds of whole eggs -- to be produced from about 12,000 cases of shell eggs -- at a cost of approximately \$216,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices Inv. No. 8	No. of Bids Accepted
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5-pound cartons	280,000	\$0.4599-\$0.5589	3 of 4
bulk tankers	192,000	\$0.3949-\$0.4049	1 of 5

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

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
9	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	Oct. 4	Oct. 8	Nov. 16-30

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

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	3,562,000	\$ 2,034,000
bulk tankers	4,560,000	\$ 2,254,000
30-pound containers	317,000	\$ 178,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-284, Invitation 8, to be delivered from Nov. 1 to Nov. 15, follow:

**5-pound Cartons**

American Egg Products, Inc.	80,040 @ \$0.4826-0.4828
Crystal Lake Egg Products	80,040 @ \$0.5589
Deb-El Foods Corp.	120,060 @ \$0.4599-0.4674
**Silver Wolf Enterprises	80,040 @ \$0.4674

**Bulk Tankers**

Daybreak Foods, Inc.	192,000 @ \$0.3949-0.4049
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\*\*In addition, on September 17, the following award was made under the Small Business Administration's 8(a) program.

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>.