



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
October 8, 2004**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **08-Oct-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	63.00	62.50	57.50	63.50	61.68
Last week	63.00	62.50	57.50	63.50	61.68

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 08-Oct-04:

New York 58-62	Chicago & Midwest 59-67	California 95
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WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 04-Oct-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	148.1	382.8	150.2	236.4	250.9	1168.4	257.9	1426.3
% change PW	-1	14	7	13	2	8	3	7

Breaking Stock 08-Oct-04 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	30-34 M 30	32-36 M 33-34
Checks & Undergrades	17-23 M 17-19	18-24 M 19-22

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **02-Oct-04**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,248,956	29,404	12,269	6,532	2,331	4,432
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,255,426	28,351	13,070	7,030	2,437	4,315
LAST YEAR	1,229,298	30,591	11,064	6,006	2,352	4,317
% CHANGE PWK	-1	4	-6	-7	-4	3
% CHANGE LY	2	-4	11	9	-1	3
TO-DATE 2004	48,044,404	1,140,074	461,983	249,779	107,310	164,619
TO-DATE 2003	45,485,444	1,109,005	414,703	225,910	92,089	163,601
% CHANGE YTD	6	3	11	11	17	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week:	42.15	Previous Week:	42.03	Last Year:	42.28
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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week:	38.60	Previous Week:	38.59	Last Year:	38.77
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National Liquid Eggs - 08-Oct-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	17	32-36	33.85	-.88
WHITES	8	30	30.00	
YOLKS	13	50-53	51.23	-.65

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 43.5 to 48 cents fob with no pasteurized whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 08-Oct-04 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot				Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central		Eastern	South California ²		
Whole	40-46	M	41-44	41-44	M	43-44	48-52	47-50
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT						57-85	-
Whites	40-46	M	42-44	43-44			49-58	49-52
Yolks ⁴								
Sugared	55-51	M	56-61	56-60			63-67	63-66
Salted	52-57	M	54-57	54-56			59-65	61-64

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

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.59-1.90	1.65-1.72
YOLKS	1.36-1.80	1.40-1.50
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.99-3.85	3.25-3.37
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.47-1.70	1.50-1.55

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 02-Oct-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,416	410	1,826
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,523	256	1,779
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,346	266	1,612
To Date 2004	To Date 2004	To Date 2004
53,304	9,456	62,760
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
57,874	9,376	67,250

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 25-Sep-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	535	0	0	535
Last year /1	362	0	0	362
To date 2004/2	12,297	11	492	12,800
To date 2003	12,314	96	388	12,798

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 25-Sep-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	84	3	40	127
Last year /1	159	118	40	317
To date 2004/2	6,785	1,328	1,853	9,966
To date 2003	4,329	2,682	943	7,954

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 25-Sep-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	8,148	10,598	1,422	8,976	0	29,144
Last year /1	17	510	3,330	1,920	10,830	0	16,607
To date 2004/2	378	144,324	292,899	97,122	235,746	16,790	787,259
To date 2003	339	21,017	84,296	47,007	126,630	13,442	292,731

/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

SHELL EGGS BROKEN UP 8 PERCENT

released October 6, 2004

Shell eggs broken = 169 million dozen during August 2004, up 8% from August 2003.

August 2004 contained 22 weekdays and four Saturdays, compared to 21 weekdays and five Saturdays in August 2003.

Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, United States, August 2003-04

Month & Region	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
August 2004: United States	(1,000 Dozen) 168,947	(1,000 Pounds) 135,337	(1,000 Pounds) 53,863	(1,000 Pounds) 26,515	(1,000 Pounds) 215,715	(1,000 Pounds) 19,033
August 2003: United States	155,742	124,556	47,004	24,662	196,222	17,726

Egg Products Inspected: Shell Eggs Broken and Products Produced, United States, January - August 2003-04

Period	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
January 1, 2004- August 31 2004	(1,000 Dozen) 1,272,049	(1,000 Pounds) 1,010,460	(1,000 Pounds) 406,472	(1,000 Pounds) 218,146	(1,000 Pounds) 1,635,078	(1,000 Pounds) 143,540
January 1, 2003 - August 31, 2003	1,201,417	970,218	365,376	195,797	1,531,391	143,952

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.

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: WHOLE EGGS

DATE: October. 6, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 1,120,000 pounds of whole eggs -- to be produced from about 28,000 cases of shell eggs -- at a cost of approximately \$493,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices Inv. No. 9	No. of Bids Accepted
5-pound cartons	400,000	\$0.4542-\$0.5638	2 of 4
bulk tankers	720,000	\$0.3994-\$0.4096	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
10	5-pound cartons and bulk tankers	Oct. 18	Oct. 22	Dec. 1-15

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

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	3,962,000	\$ 2,237,000
bulk tankers	5,280,000	\$ 2,545,000
30-pound containers	317,000	\$ 178,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under Announcement PY-284, Invitation 9, to be delivered from Nov. 16 to Nov. 30, follow:

5-pound Cartons

American Egg Products, Inc.	240,120 @ \$0.4542-0.4867
Sonstegard Foods Company	160,080 @ \$0.5524-0.5638

Bulk Tankers

Sonstegard Foods Company	720,000 @ \$0.3994-0.4096
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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>.