



**USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News
Weekly Egg Products Report
November 26, 2004**

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **26-Nov-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	73.00	72.50	68.50	76.50	72.80
Last week	63.00	62.50	58.50	66.50	62.81

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 26-Nov-04:

New York 78-82	Chicago & Midwest 70-75	California 107
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WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 22-Nov-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	125.1	286.2	103.7	217.5	205.1	937.6	205.7	1143.3
% change PW	-23	-7	-21	-22	3	-13	-12	-13

Breaking Stock 26-Nov-04 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	23-28 M 26-28	24-29 M 25-27
Checks & Undergrades	13-19 M 13-15	12-18 M 13-16

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **20-Nov-04**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,255,972	31,336	11,467	6,173	1,988	4,435
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,262,174	30,599	11,648	6,354	2,133	4,494
LAST YEAR	1,165,662	30,760	9,437	5,114	1,993	4,077
% CHANGE PWK	0	2	-2	-3	-7	-1
% CHANGE LY	8	2	22	21	0	9
TO-DATE 2004	57,156,114	1,358,116	549,913	297,131	123,698	196,485
TO-DATE 2003	53,891,158	1,323,836	486,289	264,497	106,016	192,683
% CHANGE YTD	6	3	13	12	17	2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week:	42.53	Previous Week:	42.07	Last Year:	42.37
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AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week:	38.99	Previous Week:	38.51	Last Year:	38.87
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National Liquid Eggs - 26-Nov-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	8	27-30	28.13	-.55
WHITES	26	27.5-31.5	28.81	.10
YOLKS	19	46-49	47.29	.59

No pasteurized salt yolk or whites reported.

Frozen Egg Prices - 26-Nov-04 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot				Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central		Eastern		South California ²	
Whole	38-43	M 38-39	38-42	M 38-39	45-49		44-47	
Blends ³	TOO FEW	TO REPORT			59-80		-	
Whites	43-46	M 43-45	43-45	M 44-45	48-54		49-52	
Yolks ⁴								
Sugared	56-60	M 56-59	56-59	M 59	63-67		63-66	
Salted	54-58	M 55-57	54-57	M 55-56	58-65		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 - 26-Nov-04 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	1.48-1.70	1.50-1.55
YOLKS	1.34-1.47	1.35-1.45
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.70-3.15	2.85-3.00
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.33-1.70	1.40-1.45

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 20-Nov-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,380	249	1,629
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,516	160	1,676
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,097	34	1,131
To Date 2004	To Date 2004	To Date 2004
63,169	11,068	74,237
To Date 2003	To Date 2003	To Date 2003
66,012	10,093	76,105

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Nov-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	661	0	80	741
Last year /1	254	0	0	254
To date 2004/2	16,141	36	684	16,861
To date 2003	15,205	96	471	15,772

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Nov-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	128	5	63	196
Last year /1	55	113	0	168
To date 2004/2	7,287	1,471	1,956	10,714
To date 2003	4,952	3,297	1,139	9,388

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Nov-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	900	3,300	2,571	8,838	0	15,609
Last year /1	0	767	5,107	1,550	3,600	0	11,024
To date 2004/2	392	161,304	328,644	112,095	308,224	16,790	927,449
To date 2003	437	29,420	122,093	55,926	172,778	14,222	394,876

/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-Oct-04
Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,898	1,321	10,138	3,613	17,970
Previous Month	3,026	1,501	10,569	3,624	18,720
Last year	2,653	1,050	9,916	3,235	16,854
% of Previous Month	96	88	96	100	96
% of Last Year	109	126	102	112	107

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

Total All Layers on 01-Nov-04 totaled 344 million, up 2% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Nov-04 averaged 71.8 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Nov-04 = 286.5 million, up 3% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Nov-04 averaged 74.2 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 01-Nov-03.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 7.15 billion eggs during Oct-04, up 3% from Oct-03.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Oct-04 totaled 36.0 million, up 3% from Oct-03.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 37.0 million on 01-Nov-04, up 27% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 268,000 during Oct-04, down 14% from Oct-03.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-Nov-04 = 269.3 million, up 3% from 01-Nov-03.

Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-Nov-04 = 74.3, up 0% from 01-Nov-03.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Nov-04 were 4.2, up 20% from those in molt on 01-Nov-03.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Nov-04 were 23.4, down 2% from 01-Nov-03.

Layers sold during Oct-04 totaled 12.7 million, up 1% from Oct-03.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Oct-04 were 5.5 million, down 4% from Oct-03.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Nov-04 = 91.8 million, down 3% from 01-Nov-03.

Pullets added during Oct-04 = 22.9 million, down 3% from Oct-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.

WHOLE EGGS, INVITATION NO. 13, ANNOUNCEMENT PY-284

Date Issued: Nov. 19, 2004

The U.S. Department of Agriculture invites offers to sell whole eggs as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers are due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, Dec. 6. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, Dec. 10. Deliveries are to be made from Jan. 16 to Jan. 31, 2005.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. **Note that some item numbers and the associated quantities for the 5-pound cartons have been set-aside for small business concerns and are indicated by a single asterisk.**

Shipping instructions will indicate quantity to be delivered to each point.

Inquiries about Announcement PY-284, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Whole Eggs dated May 2004, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-7693. An electronic version of this Invitation can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.