



## USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News and Analysis Weekly Egg Products Report March 7, 2008

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

**COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT** - Combined regional for week ending 07-Mar-08 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>	156.00	156.50	149.50	157.50	154.96
<b>Last week</b>	150.00	150.50	142.50	151.50	148.73

**SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE** - 07-Mar-08:

**New York** 161-165      **Midwest** 152-160      **California** 192

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY** - 03-Mar-08 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
<b>Current week</b>	135.3	298.4	201.9	228.3	294.6	1158.5	220.8	1379.3
<b>% change PW</b>	19%	-5%	8%	9%	18%	8%	4%	7%

**Breaking Stock** 07-Mar-08 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
<b>Breaking Stock</b>	114-116	107-111 M 108-110
<b>Checks &amp; Undergrades</b>	97-102 M 97-99	92-100 M 93-98

**Eggs Processed** under federal inspection week ending 01-Mar-08. Lbs. in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
<b>Current Week</b>	1,222,464	30,435	11,068	5,839	2,464	4,353
<b>Previous Week</b>	1,215,577	30,278	11,109	6,047	2,358	4,205
<b>Last Year</b>	1,244,556	30,640	12,266	6,505	2,050	4,398
<b>% Change PWK</b>	1%	1%	0%	-3%	5%	4%
<b>% Change LY</b>	-2%	-1%	-10%	-10%	20%	-1%
<b>To-Date 2008</b>	11,091,775	277,081	99,969	53,587	23,467	38,587
<b>To-Date 2007</b>	10,789,854	268,511	100,625	53,703	21,845	37,850
<b>% Change YTD</b>	3%	3%	-1%	0%	7%	2%

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

**Current Week:** 42.29      **Previous Week:** 42.48      **Last Year:** 43.24

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**Current Week:** 38.73      **Previous Week:** 39.02      **Last Year:** 39.70

**In-Line Production** (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	612,401	50.1%	17,063	56.1%
<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>	616,385	50.7%	16,986	56.1%
<b>LAST YEAR</b>	576,489	46.3%	16,022	52.3%

**National Liquid Eggs - 07-Mar-08** - 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	35	103-111	106.07	6.94
WHITES	12	78-84	79.79	3.99
YOLKS		TFEWR		

Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report.

**Frozen Egg Prices - 07-Mar-08** 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	118-126 M	121-123	118-126 M	123-125	121-130	126-130
Blends <sup>3</sup>	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
Whites	90-101 M	92-94	92-101 M	92-94	96-101	99-102
Yolks <sup>4</sup>						
Sugared	144-154 M	146-149	144-154 M	150-152	152-161	149-152
Salted	140-145 M	142-145	141-148 M	142-145	146-158	144-147

<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 - 07-Mar-08** - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	4.60-4.77	4.60-4.65
YOLKS	3.40-3.70	3.50-3.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.55-6.90	6.65-6.75
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	3.40-3.60	3.40-3.56

**Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 01-Mar-08**

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada	Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered
This week	This week	This week
1,409	378	1,787
Last week	Last week	Last week
1,204	126	1,330
Last year	Last year	Last year
1,085	283	1,368
To Date 2008	To Date 2008	To Date 2008
12,388	2,488	14,876
To Date 2007	To Date 2007	To Date 2007
9,820	1,908	11,728

**U.S. Exports To Canada**, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 23-Feb-08

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	0	0	0	0
Last year /1	96	0	0	96
To date 2008/2	0	0	40	40
To date 2007	717	3	80	800

**U.S. Imports From Canada**, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 23-Feb-08

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	367	0	0	367
Last year /1	366	40	0	406
To date 2008/2	3,053	133	0	3,186
To date 2007	2,338	106	36	2,480

**Inspected Shell Eggs**

**U.S. Exports To Canada**, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 23-Feb-08

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	510	150	1,590	2,250	0	4,500
Last year /1	0	0	0	1,415	0	85	1,500
To date 2008/2	0	1,530	450	4,170	21,120	0	27,270
To date 2007	0	390	2,581	2,915	5,880	85	11,851

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

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

**SHELL EGGS BROKEN UP 8 PERCENT**

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**Shell eggs broken** = 152 million dozen during January 2008, up 8% from January 2007.

January 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays, compared to 23 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays in January 2007.

**Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, United States, January 2007-08**

Month & Region	Eggs Broken	Edible Liquid Whole	Edible Liquid White	Edible Liquid Yolk	Edible Liquid Total	Inedible Liquid
January 2008: United States	(1,000 Dozen) 172,040	(1,000 Pounds) 145,572	(1,000 Pounds) 51,466	(1,000 Pounds) 27,332	(1,000 Pounds) 224,370	(1,000 Pounds) 20,229
January 2007: United States	159,642	133,385	47,895	26,396	207,676	19,303

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 Fleming Gibson at 202-690-3237, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET.

**National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 29-Feb-08****Total All Layers** on 01-Feb-08 totaled 345 million, down 1% from a year ago.**Rate of lay per day** for all layers on 01-Feb-08 averaged 70.8 eggs per 100 layers, up slightly from a year ago.**Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers** on 01-Feb-08 = 284.2 million, down 2% from a year ago.**Rate of lay per day** for table egg type on 01-Feb-08 averaged 73.0 eggs per 100 layers, up 0% from 01-Feb-07.**Egg Type Chicks Hatched** during Jan-08 totaled 40.2 million, up 9% from Jan-07.**Eggs in Incubators** totaled 35.5 million on 01-Feb-08, down 4% from a year ago.**Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks** = 210,000 during Jan-08, down 21% from Jan-07.

For information on "Layers and Eggs" call Kim Linonis at (202) 690-8632, for "Chicks Hatched" call Sharyn Lavender at (202) 720-3244, office hours 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. ET.