



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News and Analysis Weekly Egg Products Report March 21, 2008

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending **21-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 |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------------|-------------------|
| This week | 156.00 | 156.50 | 149.50 | 157.50 | 154.96 |
| Last week | 156.00 | 156.50 | 149.50 | 157.50 | 154.96 |

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 21-Mar-08:

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

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 17-Mar-08 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

| | Northeast | North Central | South Central | South Atlantic | Pacific | 5-Area | Breaking Stock | Total |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Current week | 91.8 | 270.5 | 140.5 | 190.5 | 260.0 | 953.3 | 219.1 | 1172.4 |
| % change PW | -28% | -15% | -26% | -12% | -14% | -17% | 0% | -14% |

Breaking Stock 21-Mar-08 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

| | Central States | Eastern Region |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Breaking Stock | 105-117 M 116-117 | 110-116 M 113-115 |
| Checks & Undergrades | 100-105 M 100-102 | 94-104 M 97-102 |

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **15-Mar-08**. Lbs. in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

| | Cases Broken | Liquid Whole | Liquid White | Liquid Yolk | Dried | Inedible |
|----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Current Week | 1,212,106 | 30,789 | 10,917 | 5,803 | 2,126 | 4,287 |
| Previous Week | 1,186,199 | 29,847 | 10,817 | 5,752 | 2,383 | 4,056 |
| Last Year | 1,242,469 | 30,858 | 11,596 | 6,090 | 2,339 | 4,348 |
| % Change PWK | 2% | 3% | 1% | 1% | -11% | 6% |
| % Change LY | -2% | 0% | -6% | -5% | -9% | -1% |
| To-Date 2008 | 13,490,080 | 337,717 | 121,703 | 65,143 | 27,976 | 46,931 |
| To-Date 2007 | 13,297,482 | 330,852 | 124,061 | 66,013 | 26,756 | 46,800 |
| % Change YTD | 1% | 2% | -2% | -1% | 5% | 0% |

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.73 **Previous Week:** 42.55 **Last Year:** 42.57

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 39.20 **Previous Week:** 39.13 **Last Year:** 39.07

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 |
| CURRENT WEEK | 600,328 | 49.5% | 17,091 | 55.5% |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 601,229 | 50.7% | 16,846 | 56.4% |
| LAST YEAR | 602,097 | 48.5% | 17,048 | 55.2% |

National Liquid Eggs - 21-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 | 39 | 104-110 | 107.99 | -.98 |
| WHITES | 31 | 79-83.5 | 80.45 | -4.02 |
| YOLKS | 4 | 130-134 | 132.50 | |

Pasteurized whites and salted yolk were too few to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 21-Mar-08 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

| Class | Trucklot | | Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.) | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Eastern | Central | Eastern | South California ² |
| Whole | 118-125 M 120-122 | 120-123 M 122 | 121-130 | 126-130 |
| Blends ³ | TOO FEW TO REPORT | | | - |
| Whites | 90-99 M 95-97 | 95-99 | 100-105 | 102-105 |
| Yolks ⁴ | | | | |
| Sugared | 145-152 M 148-150 | 146-152 M 150-152 | 152-161 | 149-152 |
| Salted | 140-145 M 142-145 | 141-148 M 143-145 | 146-158 | 144-147 |

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

| Class | Range | Mostly |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| WHOLE | 4.65-5.00 | 4.70-4.80 |
| YOLKS | 3.45-3.70 | 3.50-3.60 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED | 6.65-6.95 | 6.75-6.85 |
| BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 3.40-3.60 | 3.50-3.60 |

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 15-Mar-08

| Fowl Slaughtered in U.S. | | U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada | | Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered | |
|--------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|--------|
| This week | 1,088 | This week | 290 | This week | 1,378 |
| Last week | 1,353 | Last week | 453 | Last week | 1,806 |
| Last year | 1,223 | Last year | 293 | Last year | 1,516 |
| To Date 2008 | 14,829 | To Date 2008 | 3,231 | To Date 2008 | 18,060 |
| To Date 2007 | 12,225 | To Date 2007 | 2,366 | To Date 2007 | 14,591 |

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

| | Liquid | Frozen | Dried | Total |
|----------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Current week | 49 | 0 | 0 | 49 |
| Last year /1 | 235 | 2 | 48 | 285 |
| To date 2008/2 | 49 | 2 | 98 | 149 |
| To date 2007 | 1,097 | 5 | 168 | 1,270 |

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

| | Liquid | Frozen | Dried | Total |
|----------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Current week | 202 | 18 | 0 | 220 |
| Last year /1 | 327 | 5 | 40 | 372 |
| To date 2008/2 | 3,685 | 191 | 0 | 3,876 |
| To date 2007 | 3,131 | 111 | 116 | 3,358 |

Inspected Shell Eggs

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

| | Jumbo | EX-Lg | Large | Medium | Ungraded | Misc | Total |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----------|------|--------|
| Current week | 0 | 800 | 2,300 | 750 | 3,680 | 0 | 7,530 |
| Last year /1 | 0 | 1,200 | 2,650 | 750 | 0 | 0 | 4,600 |
| To date 2008/2 | 0 | 2,330 | 5,050 | 5,670 | 33,790 | 0 | 46,840 |
| To date 2007 | 0 | 2,550 | 7,291 | 4,415 | 5,880 | 85 | 20,221 |

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

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in warehouses on 29-Feb-08
 Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

| | Whites | Yolks | Whole & Mixed | Unclassified | Total |
|---------------------|--------|-------|---------------|--------------|--------|
| Current Month | 2,618 | 878 | 6,622 | 5,716 | 15,834 |
| Previous Month | 2,619 | 1,093 | 4,814 | 3,481 | 12,007 |
| Last year | 2,926 | 1,065 | 6,393 | 5,309 | 15,693 |
| % of Previous Month | 100 | 80 | 138 | 164 | 132 |
| % of Last Year | 89 | 82 | 104 | 108 | 101 |