



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News and Analysis Weekly Egg Products Report December 19, 2008

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 19-Dec-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	115.00	115.50	106.50	116.50	113.49
Last week	115.00	115.50	106.50	116.50	113.49

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 19-Dec-08:

New York 125-129 **Midwest** 109-117 **California** 148

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 15-Dec-08 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	106.7	256.8	152.4	196.0	233.6	945.5	220.8	1166.3
% change PW	-13%	-11%	-4%	-6%	-5%	-8%	-6%	-7%

Breaking Stock 19-Dec-08 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States			Eastern Region	
Breaking Stock	50-54	M	52-54	50-54	
Checks & Undergrades	41-47	M	41-43	39-45	M 41-44

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 13-Dec-08. Lbs. in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,263,850	30,616	11,050	6,044	2,887	4,143
Previous Week	1,265,483	31,958	11,678	5,953	2,945	4,213
Last Year	1,265,916	33,553	10,218	5,541	2,204	4,488
% Change PWK	0%	-4%	-5%	2%	-2%	-2%
% Change LY	0%	-9%	8%	9%	31%	-8%
To-Date 2008	65,469,796	1,613,749	611,408	319,795	145,581	218,777
To-Date 2007	63,584,405	1,595,382	573,645	307,673	124,002	216,617
% Change YTD	3%	1%	7%	4%	17%	1%

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 41.03 **Previous Week:** 42.52 **Last Year:** 42.50

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 37.75 **Previous Week:** 39.19 **Last Year:** 38.95

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	628,218	49.7%	17,074	55.8%
PREVIOUS WEEK	624,998	49.4%	17,830	55.8%
LAST YEAR	630,215	49.8%	17,599	52.5%

National Liquid Eggs - 19-Dec-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		TFEWR		
WHITES		TFEWR		
YOLKS		TFEWR		

All liquid products prices were too few to report.

Frozen Egg Prices - 19-Dec-08 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot		Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)			
	Eastern		Central		Eastern	South California ²
Whole	56-64	M 58-60	56-68	M 58-60	61-67	57-61
Blends ³	TOO FEW TO REPORT					
Whites	53-64	M 62-63	62-67	M 62-64	62-69	69-72
Yolks ⁴						
Sugared	106-115	M 110-112	108-124	M 110-112	116-121	111-114
Salted	101-110	M 106-108	103-121	M 103-108	110-117	106-109

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

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	2.67-2.85	2.70-2.80
YOLKS	2.39-2.70	2.55-2.60
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	4.58-4.85	4.60-4.75
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.70-2.85	2.70-2.80

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 13-Dec-08

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,350	This week	331	This week	1,681
Last week	1,367	Last week	258	Last week	1,625
Last year	1,541	Last year	313	Last year	1,854
To Date 2008	67,833	To Date 2008	15,414	To Date 2008	83,247
To Date 2007	55,509	To Date 2007	13,189	To Date 2007	68,698

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Dec-08

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	48	0	48	96
Last year /1	0	0	0	0
To date 2008/2	1,436	84	532	2,052
To date 2007	3,277	71	753	4,101

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Dec-08

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	269	0	0	269
Last year /1	433	0	0	433
To date 2008/2	17,964	552	707	19,223
To date 2007	15,164	340	857	16,361

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 06-Dec-08

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	5,103	8,660	1,608	15,510	1,872	32,753
Last year /1	0	3,285	5,620	1,891	780	0	11,576
To date 2008/2	0	81,180	102,869	50,086	443,586	10,760	688,481
To date 2007	0	61,360	102,842	62,310	212,068	7,849	446,429

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

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s).

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 1,112,000 pounds of whole eggs - to be produced from about 28,000 cases of shell eggs - at a cost of approximately \$550,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Awarded Prices Inv. No. 13	No. of Bids Accepted
5-pound cartons	200,000	\$0.6249-\$0.6944	2 of 4
bulk tankers	912,000	\$0.4478-\$0.4674	1 of 3

It was also announced that the purchase program for 5-pound cartons is nearing completion.

Next offers for whole eggs under PY-334 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
14	5-lb. cartons and bulk tankers	Jan. 5	Jan. 9	Feb. 16-28, 2009

Total purchases of whole eggs since the program was announced on June 2 follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
5-pound cartons	3,922,000	\$3,584,000
bulk tankers	8,592,000	\$6,375,000

The awards for whole eggs made today under PY-334, Invitation 13, to be delivered from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15, 2009, follow:

5-pound Cartons

Deb-El Foods Corp.	160,080 @ \$0.6249-0.6994
Sonstegard Foods Company	40,020 @ \$0.6524

Bulk Tankers

Sonstegard Foods Company	912,000 @ \$0.4478-0.4674
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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/PYProcurement>.