



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 6 Percent from Last Year

February 2019 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

February 2020 contained 20 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Shell eggs broken totaled 202 million dozen during February 2020, up 6 percent from February a year ago, but 10 percent below the 224 million dozen broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2020 through February, shell eggs broken totaled 426 million dozen, up 6 percent from the comparable period in 2019. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2020 was 552 million pounds, up 7 percent from 2019.

Data presented in this report were compiled from Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) inspection reports. The best available data at the time of publication were used.

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken – United States: February 2020 with Comparisons

Inspected item	February 2019	January 2020	February 2020	Percent of	
				February 2019	January 2020
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	190,800	223,920	201,995	106	90
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	153,318	180,642	160,868	105	89
White	61,623	74,566	64,770	105	87
Yolk	31,295	38,434	33,005	105	86
Total	246,236	293,642	258,643	105	88
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	20,254	25,302	21,185	105	84

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken, Cumulative – United States: January-February 2019 and 2020

Inspected item	Cumulative		2020 as percent of 2019
	January-February 2019	January-February 2020	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	401,327	425,915	106
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	320,213	341,510	107
White	129,851	139,336	107
Yolk	65,836	71,439	109
Total	515,900	552,285	107
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	42,920	46,487	108

Statistical Methodology

Data Sources: Data for the *Egg Products* report are obtained from Egg Products Volume Reports (FSIS Form 5200-11) completed by inspectors of FSIS, USDA. FSIS is responsible for administering a mandatory inspection program for egg products under the authority of the Egg Products Inspection Act of 1970. The act and its associated regulations require that all commercial egg breaking and processing plants operate under continuous USDA supervision. Reports are currently received from approximately 60 plants in the United States. Plant management provides monthly volume data to the resident USDA inspector at the applicable plant.

Revision Policy: Revisions are generally the result of late reports received by FSIS from plants. Revisions for the previous month and year-to-date totals are published in each monthly release. Additional revisions are published annually in the February report.

Procedures and Reliability: FSIS reviews plant data for accuracy and completeness and provides NASS a data file. NASS reviews the data for unusual values. The egg products estimates are based on a census of all commercial egg breaking and processing plants; therefore, there are no statistical estimation and sampling errors.

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