



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 9 Percent from Last Year

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Shell eggs broken totaled 206 million dozen during December 2018, up 9 percent from December a year ago, and 4 percent above the 198 million dozen broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2018 through December, shell eggs broken totaled 2.40 billion dozen, up 4 percent from the comparable period in 2017. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2018 was 3.09 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2017.

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: December 2018 with Comparisons

| Inspected item | December 2017 | November 2018 | December 2018 | Percent of | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| | | | | December 2017 | November 2018 |
| | (1,000 dozen) | (1,000 dozen) | (1,000 dozen) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Shell eggs broken | 189,192 | 197,801 | 205,894 | 109 | 104 |
| | (1,000 pounds) | (1,000 pounds) | (1,000 pounds) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Edible product from shell eggs broken | | | | | |
| Whole | 156,633 | 159,897 | 164,548 | 105 | 103 |
| White | 59,907 | 62,792 | 66,419 | 111 | 106 |
| Yolk | 30,164 | 31,714 | 33,021 | 109 | 104 |
| Total | 246,704 | 254,403 | 263,988 | 107 | 104 |
| Inedible product from shell eggs broken | 20,437 | 22,013 | 22,685 | 111 | 103 |

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken, Cumulative – United States: January-December 2017 and 2018

| Inspected item | Cumulative | | 2018 as percent of 2017 |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| | January-December 2017 | January-December 2018 | |
| | (1,000 dozen) | (1,000 dozen) | (percent) |
| Shell eggs broken | 2,307,023 | 2,399,762 | 104 |
| | (1,000 pounds) | (1,000 pounds) | (percent) |
| Edible product from shell eggs broken | | | |
| Whole | 1,837,087 | 1,911,501 | 104 |
| White | 771,207 | 788,037 | 102 |
| Yolk | 383,655 | 390,716 | 102 |
| Total | 2,991,949 | 3,090,254 | 103 |
| Inedible product from shell eggs broken | 239,584 | 260,875 | 109 |

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.

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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