



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 6 Percent from Last Year

December 2022 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

December 2023 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Shell eggs broken totaled 192 million dozen during December 2023, up 6 percent from December a year ago, but 5 percent below the 202 million dozen broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2023 through December, shell eggs broken totaled 2.36 billion dozen, up 2 percent from the comparable period in 2022. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2023 was 3.01 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2022.

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 2023 with Comparisons

Inspected item	December 2022	November 2023	December 2023	December 2023 as percent of	
				December 2022	November 2023
Shell eggs broken	(1,000 dozen) 181,674	(1,000 dozen) 201,946	(1,000 dozen) 192,245	(percent) 106	(percent) 95
Edible product from shell eggs broken	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Whole	147,984	160,323	153,722	104	96
White	53,615	65,392	58,197	109	89
Yolk	26,901	32,592	29,341	109	90
Total	228,500	258,307	241,260	106	93
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	19,066	20,447	19,877	104	97

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken, Cumulative – United States: January-December 2022 and 2023

Inspected item	Cumulative		2023 as percent of 2022
	January-December 2022	January-December 2023	
Shell eggs broken	(1,000 dozen) 2,305,562	(1,000 dozen) 2,360,822	(percent) 102
Edible product from shell eggs broken	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Whole	1,879,384	1,888,616	100
White	711,026	749,667	105
Yolk	345,954	370,822	107
Total	2,936,364	3,009,105	102
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	235,447	240,927	102

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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