



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Down 8 Percent from Last Year

December 2019 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

December 2020 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Shell eggs broken totaled 195 million dozen during December 2020, down 8 percent from December a year ago, but 5 percent above the 186 million dozen broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2020 through December, shell eggs broken totaled 2.24 billion dozen, down 10 percent from the comparable period in 2019. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2020 was 2.89 billion pounds, down 9 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: December 2020 with Comparisons

Inspected item	December 2019	November 2020	December 2020	December 2020 as percent of	
				December 2019	November 2020
Shell eggs broken	(1,000 dozen) 212,624	(1,000 dozen) 186,045	(1,000 dozen) 194,675	(percent) 92	(percent) 105
Edible product from shell eggs broken	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Whole	166,827	146,177	152,612	91	104
White	70,913	60,634	65,371	92	108
Yolk	34,764	30,493	32,954	95	108
Total	272,504	237,304	250,937	92	106
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	21,956	19,266	20,586	94	107

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

Inspected item	Cumulative		2020 as percent of 2019
	January-December 2019	January-December 2020	
Shell eggs broken	(1,000 dozen) 2,487,743	(1,000 dozen) 2,244,552	(percent) 90
Edible product from shell eggs broken	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Whole	1,954,150	1,737,261	89
White	823,858	765,662	93
Yolk	413,509	387,284	94
Total	3,191,517	2,890,207	91
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	261,836	235,834	90

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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