



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Down 7 Percent from Last Year

March 2019 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

March 2020 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Shell eggs broken totaled 191 million dozen during March 2020, down 7 percent from March a year ago, and 5 percent below the 201 million dozen broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2020 through March, shell eggs broken totaled 616 million dozen, up 2 percent from the comparable period in 2019. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2020 was 803 million pounds, up 3 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: March 2020 with Comparisons

Inspected item	March 2019	February 2020	March 2020	March 2020 as percent of	
				March 2019	February 2020
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	205,414	201,437	190,707	93	95
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	163,921	160,302	150,565	92	94
White	67,094	64,838	67,240	100	104
Yolk	34,042	33,163	33,112	97	100
Total	265,057	258,303	250,917	95	97
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	22,039	21,130	20,386	92	96

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

Inspected item	Cumulative		2020 as percent of 2019
	January-March 2019	January-March 2020	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	606,741	616,064	102
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	484,134	491,509	102
White	196,945	206,644	105
Yolk	99,878	104,709	105
Total	780,957	802,862	103
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	64,959	66,818	103

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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