



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Down 21 Percent from Last Year

April 2019 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

Shell eggs broken totaled 163 million dozen during April 2020, down 21 percent from April a year ago, and 16 percent below the 194 million dozen broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2020 through April, shell eggs broken totaled 782 million dozen, down 4 percent from the comparable period in 2019. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2020 was 1.01 billion pounds, down 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: April 2020 with Comparisons

Inspected item	April 2019	March 2020	April 2020	April 2020 as percent of	
				April 2019	March 2020
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	206,100	193,603	163,429	79	84
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	158,519	149,521	108,908	69	73
White	70,404	67,701	65,889	94	97
Yolk	36,573	33,326	33,025	90	99
Total	265,496	250,548	207,822	78	83
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	21,874	20,354	18,228	83	90

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

Inspected item	Cumulative		2020 as percent of 2019
	January-April 2019	January-April 2020	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	812,841	782,389	96
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	642,653	599,373	93
White	267,349	272,994	102
Yolk	136,451	137,948	101
Total	1,046,453	1,010,315	97
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	86,833	85,014	98

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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