



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 5 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 183 million dozen during May 2012, up 5 percent from May a year ago, and 8 percent above the 169 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2012 through May, shell eggs broken totaled 859 million dozen, up 2 percent from the comparable period in 2011. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2012 was 1,116 million pounds, up 1 percent from 2011.

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.

May 2011 contained 22 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

May 2012 contained 23 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken – United States: May 2012 with Comparisons

Inspected item	May 2011	April 2012	May 2012	Percent of	
				May 2011	April 2012
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	175,135	169,009	183,282	105	108
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	134,171	127,429	134,625	100	106
White	62,918	60,749	67,203	107	111
Yolk	31,979	30,217	33,759	106	112
Total	229,068	218,395	235,587	103	108
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	18,715	19,793	20,188	108	102

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken, Cumulative – United States: January-May 2011 and 2012

Inspected item	Cumulative		2012 as percent of 2011
	January-May 2011	January-May 2012	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	844,239	859,426	102
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	671,015	663,182	99
White	285,117	300,467	105
Yolk	146,906	152,559	104
Total	1,103,038	1,116,208	101
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	94,877	98,341	104

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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