



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 175 million dozen during March 2013, up 2 percent from March a year ago, and 9 percent above the 161 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2013 through March, shell eggs broken totaled 509 million dozen, up slightly from the comparable period in 2012. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2013 was 657 million pounds, down 1 percent from 2012.

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.

March 2012 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

March 2013 contained 21 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken – United States: March 2013 with Comparisons

Inspected item	March 2012	February 2013	March 2013	Percent of	
				March 2012	February 2013
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	171,436	161,212	174,941	102	109
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	137,729	128,279	140,935	102	110
White	57,082	53,478	56,287	99	105
Yolk	29,174	26,972	28,918	99	107
Total	223,985	208,729	226,140	101	108
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	19,953	17,282	18,881	95	109

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken, Cumulative – United States: January-March 2012 and 2013

Inspected item	Cumulative		2013 as percent of 2012
	January-March 2012	January-March 2013	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	507,135	509,108	100
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	401,128	404,615	101
White	172,515	166,395	96
Yolk	88,583	85,682	97
Total	662,226	656,692	99
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	58,360	54,814	94

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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