



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 8 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 196 million dozen during August 2012, up 8 percent from August a year ago, and 13 percent above the 172 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2012 through August, shell eggs broken totaled 1,405 million dozen, up 1 percent from the comparable period in 2011. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2012 was 1,820 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.

August 2011 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

August 2012 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

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

Inspected item	August 2011	July 2012	August 2012	Percent of	
				August 2011	July 2012
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	181,817	172,446	195,689	108	113
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	146,192	135,594	150,515	103	111
White	57,121	56,114	67,381	118	120
Yolk	28,885	28,478	33,437	116	117
Total	232,198	220,186	251,333	108	114
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	19,887	18,132	20,582	103	114

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

Inspected item	Cumulative		2012 as percent of 2011
	January-August 2011	January-August 2012	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	1,390,706	1,404,650	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	1,092,842	1,089,474	100
White	468,353	483,893	103
Yolk	239,021	246,555	103
Total	1,800,216	1,819,922	101
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	154,153	157,030	102

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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