



# Egg Products

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## Shell Eggs Broken Up 4 Percent from Last Year

**March 2015** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**March 2016** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Shell eggs broken totaled 188 million dozen during March 2016, up 4 percent from March a year ago, and 14 percent above the 165 million broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2016 through March, shell eggs broken totaled 522 million dozen, down 5 percent from 2015. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2016 was 671 million pounds, down 6 percent from 2015.

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 2016 with Comparisons

Inspected item	March 2015	February 2016	March 2016	Percent of	
				March 2015	February 2016
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Shell eggs broken</b> .....	180,912	164,532	188,240	104	114
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Edible product from shell eggs broken</b>					
Whole .....	145,910	134,713	156,458	107	116
White .....	59,604	50,229	57,592	97	115
Yolk .....	29,540	25,383	29,130	99	115
Total .....	235,054	210,325	243,180	103	116
<b>Inedible product from shell eggs broken</b> .....	18,916	18,446	20,915	111	113

## Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken, Cumulative – United States: January-March 2015 and 2016

Inspected item	Cumulative		2016 as percent of 2015
	January-March 2015	January-March 2016	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
<b>Shell eggs broken</b> .....	552,298	521,934	95
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Edible product from shell eggs broken</b>			
Whole .....	428,296	429,051	100
White .....	192,268	160,638	84
Yolk .....	95,312	81,644	86
Total .....	715,876	671,333	94
<b>Inedible product from shell eggs broken</b> .....	58,135	58,134	100

## 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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