Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 22 Percent from Last Year

May 2020 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.
May 2021 contained 21 weekdays (including 1 holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

Shell eggs broken totaled 182 million dozen during May 2021, up 22 percent from May a year ago, but 2 percent below the 186 million dozen broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2021 through May, shell eggs broken totaled 903 million dozen, down 3 percent from the comparable period in 2020. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2021 was 1.15 billion pounds, down 4 percent from 2020.

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: May 2021 with Comparisons

Inspected item	May 2020	April 2021	May 2021	May 2021 as percent of	
				May 2020	April 2021
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	148,530	185,526	181,885	122	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	108,788	139,071	139,546	128	100
White	54,135	67,532	66,743	123	99
Yolk	28,370	32,602	32,207	114	99
Total	191,293	239,205	238,496	125	100
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	17,864	18,854	19,478	109	103

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken, Cumulative – United States: January-May 2020 and 2021

Inspected item	Cumulative		2021 as percent of 2020
	January-May 2020	January-May 2021	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	926,126	902,963	97
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	701,936	674,918	96
White	327,129	321,537	98
Yolk	166,318	156,826	94
Total	1,195,383	1,153,281	96
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	102,315	95,530	93

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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