Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 14 Percent from Last Year

April 2020 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.
April 2021 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Shell eggs broken totaled 181 million dozen during April 2021, up 14 percent from April a year ago, but 3 percent below the 187 million dozen broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2021 through April, shell eggs broken totaled 717 million dozen, down 8 percent from the comparable period in 2020. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2021 was 909 million pounds, down 9 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: April 2021 with Comparisons

Inspected item	April 2020	March 2021	April 2021	April 2021 as percent of	
				April 2020	March 2021
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	158,636	187,410	180,974	114	97
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	102,683	142,022	136,917	133	96
White	65,889	64,299	65,024	99	101
Yolk	33,025	31,080	31,920	97	103
Total	201,597	237,401	233,861	116	99
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	17,665	20,191	18,294	104	91

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

Inspected item	Cumulative		2021 as percent of 2020
	January-April 2020	January-April 2021	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	777,596	716,526	92
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	593,148	533,218	90
White	272,994	252,286	92
Yolk	137,948	123,937	90
Total	1,004,090	909,441	91
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	84,451	75,492	89

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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