



# Egg Products

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## Shell Eggs Broken Down 3 Percent from Last Year

**March 2020** contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

**March 2021** contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Shell eggs broken totaled 187 million dozen during March 2021, down 3 percent from March a year ago, but 10 percent above the 171 million dozen broken during the previous month.

During calendar year 2021 through March, shell eggs broken totaled 535 million dozen, down 14 percent from the comparable period in 2020. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2021 was 674 million pounds, down 16 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: March 2021 with Comparisons

Inspected item	March 2020	February 2021	March 2021	March 2021 as percent of	
				March 2020	February 2021
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Shell eggs broken</b> .....	193,603	170,681	187,089	97	110
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Edible product from shell eggs broken</b>					
Whole .....	149,521	122,636	141,810	95	116
White .....	67,701	59,816	62,940	93	105
Yolk .....	33,326	29,933	31,405	94	105
Total .....	250,548	212,385	236,155	94	111
<b>Inedible product from shell eggs broken</b> .....	20,354	18,681	20,174	99	108

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

Inspected item	Cumulative		2021 as percent of 2020
	January-March 2020	January-March 2021	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
<b>Shell eggs broken</b> .....	618,960	535,231	86
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
<b>Edible product from shell eggs broken</b>			
Whole .....	490,465	396,089	81
White .....	207,105	185,903	90
Yolk .....	104,923	92,342	88
Total .....	802,493	674,334	84
<b>Inedible product from shell eggs broken</b> .....	66,786	57,181	86

## 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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