



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 9 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 165 million dozen during November 2010, up 9 percent from November a year ago, but 6 percent below the 175 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2010 through November, shell eggs broken totaled 1,896 million dozen, up 4 percent from the comparable period in 2009. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2010 was 2,456 million pounds, up 3 percent from 2009.

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.

November 2010 contained 22 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

November 2009 contained 21 weekdays (including 2 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken – United States: November 2010 with Comparisons

Inspected item	November 2009	October 2010	November 2010	Percent of	
				November 2009	October 2010
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	150,946	175,248	164,741	109	94
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	130,659	146,592	136,333	104	93
White	43,031	50,161	50,733	118	101
Yolk	22,649	25,762	25,663	113	100
Total	196,339	222,515	212,729	108	96
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	16,808	18,534	18,078	108	98

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken, Cumulative – United States: January-November 2009 and 2010

Inspected item	Cumulative		2010 as percent of 2009
	January-November 2009	January-November 2010	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	1,825,035	1,896,247	104
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	1,515,576	1,558,527	103
White	571,192	599,999	105
Yolk	293,471	297,630	101
Total	2,380,239	2,456,156	103
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	200,772	211,361	105

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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