



Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 175 million dozen during May 2013, down 4 percent from May a year ago, and 2 percent below the 178 million broken last month.

During calendar year 2013 through May, shell eggs broken totaled 862 million dozen, up 1 percent from the comparable period in 2012. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2013 was 1,116 million pounds, up slightly from 2012.

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.

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Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken – United States: May 2013 with Comparisons

Inspected item	May 2012	April 2013	May 2013	Percent of	
				May 2012	April 2013
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	181,720	178,497	174,598	96	98
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken					
Whole	136,307	137,199	131,321	96	96
White	64,592	62,919	63,777	99	101
Yolk	34,133	31,602	32,584	95	103
Total	235,032	231,720	227,682	97	98
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	20,065	18,530	17,818	89	96

Federally Inspected Shell Eggs Broken, Cumulative – United States: January-May 2012 and 2013

Inspected item	Cumulative		2013 as percent of 2012
	January-May 2012	January-May 2013	
	(1,000 dozen)	(1,000 dozen)	(percent)
Shell eggs broken	857,864	862,203	101
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)
Edible product from shell eggs broken			
Whole	664,864	673,135	101
White	297,856	293,091	98
Yolk	152,933	149,868	98
Total	1,115,653	1,116,094	100
Inedible product from shell eggs broken	98,218	91,162	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.

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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