

Egg Products

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Shell Eggs Broken Up 2 Percent from Last Year

Shell eggs broken totaled 163 million dozen during December 2008, up 2 percent from December a year ago, and 2 percent above the 160 million broken last month.

December 2008 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays. December 2007 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and 5 Saturdays.

During calendar year 2008 through December, shell eggs broken totaled 2.05 billion dozen, up 3 percent from the comparable period in 2007. To date, cumulative total edible product from eggs broken in 2008 was 2.68 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 2007.

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.

Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, United States, December 2008

Inspected Item	Dec 2007	Nov 2008 ¹	Dec 2008	Percent of	
				Dec 2007	Nov 2008
	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Shell Eggs Broken	158,820	159,602	162,708	102	102
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Edible Product from Shell Eggs Broken					
Whole	137,277	136,991	136,361	99	100
White	44,296	44,289	48,458	109	109
Yolk	24,385	26,964	25,079	103	93
Total	205,958	208,244	209,898	102	101
Inedible Product from Shell Eggs Broken	18,431	18,209	17,982	98	99

¹ Revised.

**Shell Eggs Broken: Federally Inspected, Cumulative,
United States, January-December, 2007-08**

Inspected Item	Period		2008 as % of 2007
	Jan-Dec, 2007	Jan-Dec, 2008	
	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>1,000 Dozen</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Shell Eggs Broken	1,996,904	2,047,776	103
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Edible Product from Shell Eggs Broken			
Whole	1,683,547	1,709,414	102
White	601,653	631,157	105
Yolk	320,482	334,529	104
Total	2,605,682	2,675,100	103
Inedible Product from Shell Eggs Broken	228,070	231,629	102

Reliability of Egg Product Estimates

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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