

# Did You Know?

- On a per capita basis, Americans consume about 234 eggs per year.
- About 70 percent of the edible shell eggs are sold as table eggs, while the remainder are processed into liquid, frozen, or dried pasteurized egg products.
- Commercial egg production in the western United States is concentrated in California. In the eastern United States, it's centered in Iowa, Ohio, Indiana, and Pennsylvania.
- More than 4,000 farms have 3,000 or more egg-laying hens, which represents 99 percent of all domestic egg-laying hens and accounts for 99 percent of total egg production.
- An additional 65,000 farms with fewer than 3,000 egg-laying hens account for the balance of the eggs produced in this country.
- According to an analysis done by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the mid-1980s, shell eggs were the predominant source of Salmonella enteritidis cases of salmonellosis in the United States where a food was identified as the vehicle for the illness.
- Between 1985 and 2002, 53 percent of all Salmonella enteritidis illnesses identified through CDC outbreak surveillance were attributed to eggs. In cases where a vehicle of transmission was identified, 81 percent of outbreaks and 79 percent of illnesses identified through outbreaks were attributed to eggs.

(Source: U.S. Food and Drug Administration)