



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -1.60, up 5.4 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs improved over the past week, changing the fortunes of the wholesale loose egg spot market which reversed a 4-week downward trend is moving higher. Much of the improved demand came from marketers looking to maintain an adequate supply on hand for regular needs. Retail demand remains light to moderate for increased spot market offerings but the pace of trading remains slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices halted their downward slide and are holding steady as offerings are slightly less available than in the past week and supplies are at a comfortable moderate level. Trading is slow and schedules are running full to slightly reduced. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a slight decrease in activity for conventional caged shell eggs this ad cycle with a sharp drop in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (311,122,204), Percentage flock in molt (1.71%), Productive table egg layer flock (305,812,155)

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 rows: Table egg layer rate (83.0%), Total egg production (253,887,489), Total eggs into breaking stock (81,981,103), Table eggs for in-shell use (171,906,387), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (477,518)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

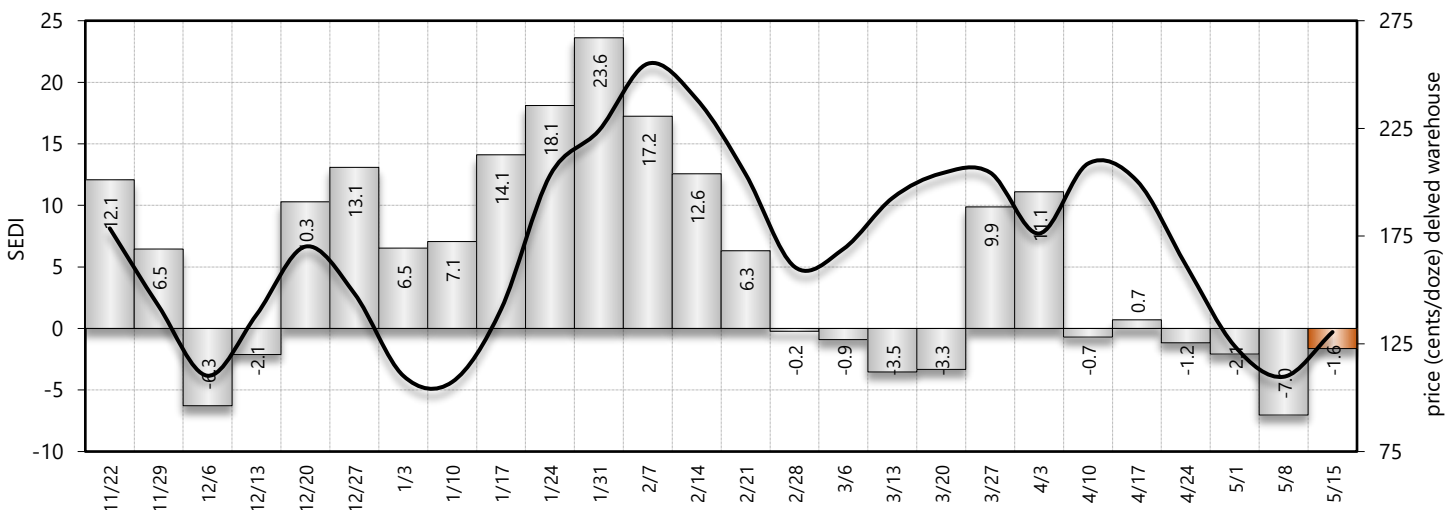
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,270,300), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (62.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (296,061), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.22), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.29)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-1.60 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand vs. National Large, Loose Shell Egg, Wed 5-day Wkly Avg (f.o.b. dock)



Sources: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type

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