## **USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator**

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

## The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -11.00, down 0.2 points from last week.

#### This Week:

Shell egg demand remains about unchanged. While the supply situation has become stable, retail prices have been slow to adjust which is helping to dampen demand. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose caged eggs are higher with light to moderate demand and offerings. Supplies are moderate and trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are steady after increasing slightly early in the week on light to moderate demand. Wholesale breaking stock prices are unchanged with moderate demand for light to moderate offerings. Supplies are light to moderate with mixed schedules and moderate trading. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a slight slowdown in the pace of feature activity from last week for shell eggs with an increase in the average ad price.

#### Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock

282,852,787 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Percentage flock in molt

2.40% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Productive table egg layer flock

276,058,434 (total flock \* molt))

### **Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -**

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate 82.2% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 226,922,481 (total productive flock \* lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 75,663,823 (33.34% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

Table eggs for in-shell use 151,258,658 (egg production \* (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 420,163 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

## Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

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

USDA shell egg inventory

Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock

Shell egg cases produced each day

26-week rolling average of days on hand

Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing

1,235,300 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

62.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)

260,501 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production \* 62%))

(651,253 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

4.22 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

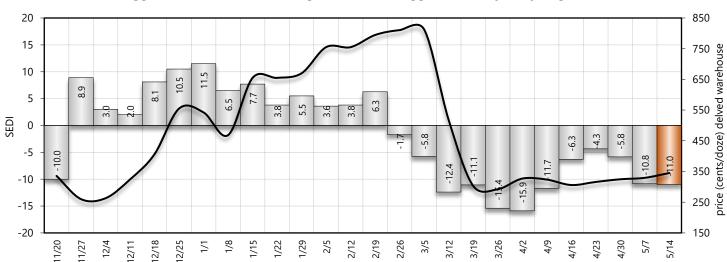
4.22 (average of the last 20 week's days of eggs of flatic

**4.74** (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

**Shell Egg Demand Indicator** 

**-11.00** ((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: <u>USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type</u>

USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon)

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