



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 16.50 , down 11.9 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand has begun to decline as available supplies are increasing beyond current needs. Wholesale shell egg prices are declining daily on ample supplies and offerings. Breaking stock prices are unchanged for adequate to fully adequate offerings on full time schedules and balanced to adequate floor stocks. The preliminary sample of supermarket featuring into next week indicates a sharp decline in activity. The average ad price is up again but is based on a limited test that is providing no clear sense of direction.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Note. Includes U.S. table egg layer flock (282,418,257), Percentage flock in molt (2.7%), and Productive table egg layer flock (274,792,964).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Note. Includes Table egg layer rate (76.0%), Total egg production (208,842,653), Total eggs into breaking stock (60,982,055), Table eggs for in-shell use (147,860,598), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (410,724).

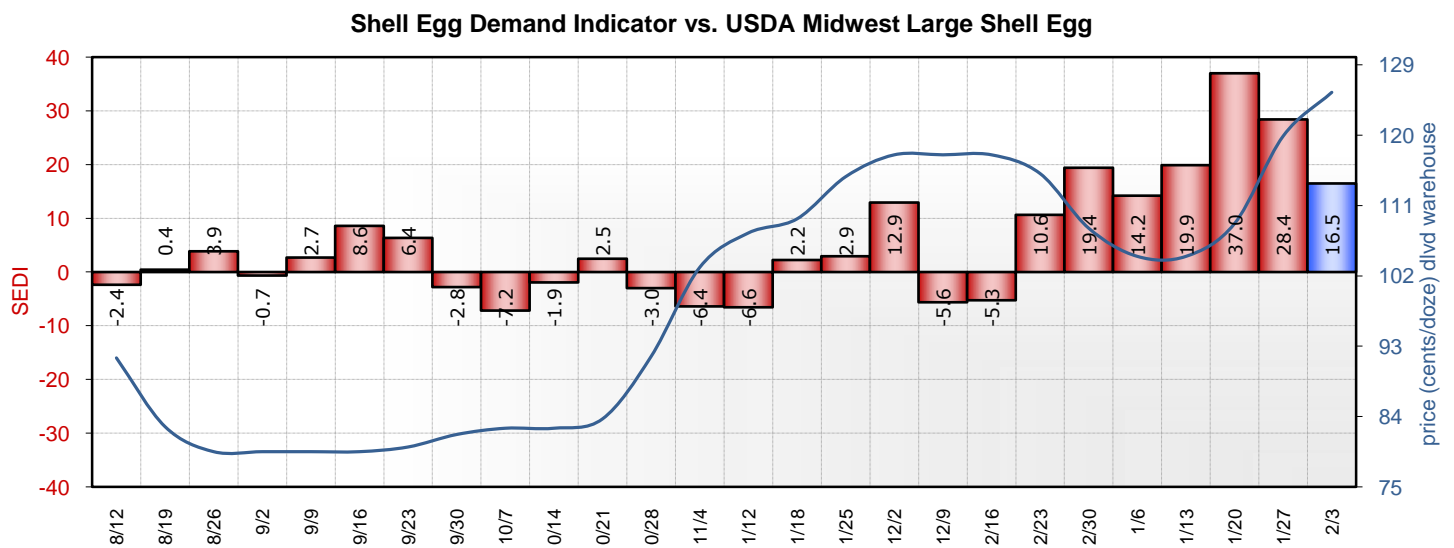
Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

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

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Note. Includes USDA shell egg inventory (897,000), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (59.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (242,327), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.31), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (3.70).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

16.50 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) \* 100



Sources: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type; USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon); USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

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