

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -4.30, up 2.0 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand improved into the Easter weekend but remained muted relative to recent Easters with few grocers offering feature incentives to spur consumer interest beyond basic needs. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose eggs are mixed but generally steady with light to moderate demand and offerings. Supplies are moderate and trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are steady on light to moderate demand. Wholesale breaking stock prices are higher with mostly light demand and light to moderate offerings and moderate supplies. Schedules are full to extended and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates limited feature activity on shell eggs with no change in the average ad price at \$3.99 per dozen.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	284,070,166	(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	277,249,754	(total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate	82.4%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	228,365,467	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	71,185,783	(31.17% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	157,179,685	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	436,610	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

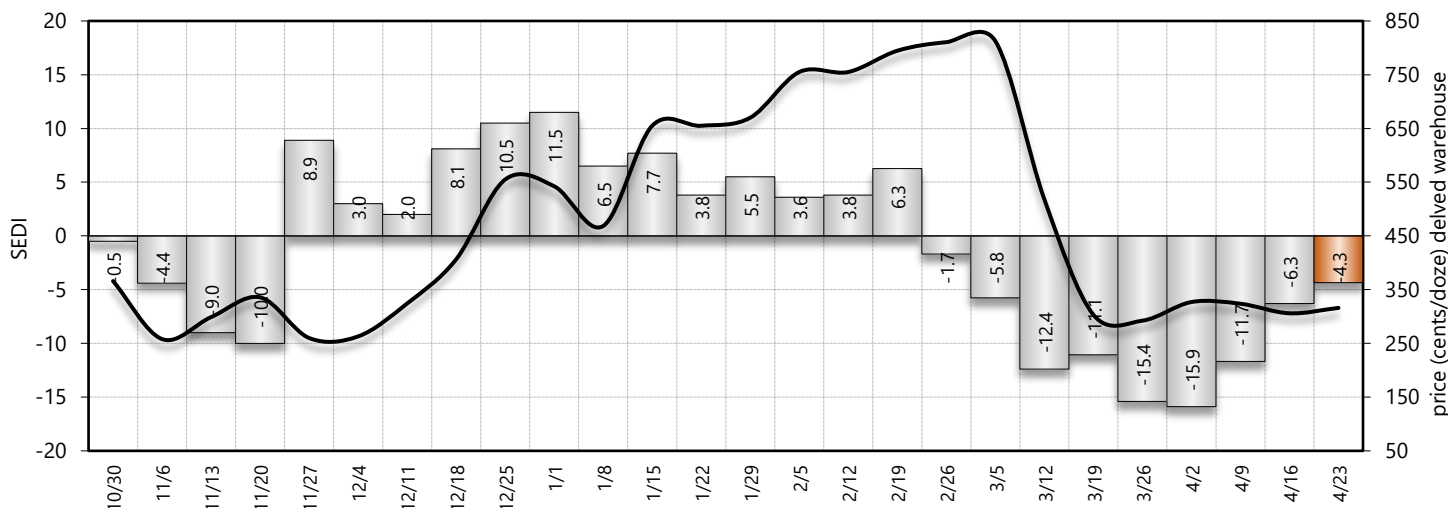
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory	1,183,400	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	62.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	270,698	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%))
		(676,746 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	4.18	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	4.37	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-4.30 $((26\text{-week average} \div \text{current days on hand}) - 1) * 100$

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*

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

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