The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -0.20, up 7.6 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs improved over the past week as demand from the egg product sector has begun to ease. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are holding steady on moderate supplies and light to moderate offerings. Interest is still limited and trading is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are moving lower on light to moderate offerings and mixed supplies. Interest is light to moderate and trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are weak with light to moderate supplies and offerings. Trading is moderate to active, schedules varied in preparation for the upcoming holiday weekend. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates continued limited use of featuring.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 296,023,396 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) (reflects HPAI losses)
Percentage flock in molt 0.9% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 293,356,519 (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 82.8% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production 242,767,463 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 76,044,343 (31.32% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 166,723,120 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 463,120 (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 1,449,200 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock 63.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 63% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day 291,765 279,414 cases expected weekend (2.5 days carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand 4.96 (average of the last 26 week’s days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 4.97 (inventory + cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator -0.20 ((26-week average + current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg

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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