The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -7.30, down 4.4 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs over the past week continued to decline from its holiday highs and on minimal retail promotional activity. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are on the decline with more than adequate supplies and moderate offerings. Trading is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are moving lower on slow to moderate trading, moderate to heavy supplies, and moderate offerings. Wholesale breaking stock prices are lower with moderate offerings and mostly moderate supplies. Demand is good, schedules full-time and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp increase in feature activity with increased average ad pricing.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 328,084,058 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt 1.2% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 324,115,935 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -
Table egg layer rate 82.3% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production 266,854,624 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 81,426,343 (30.51% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 185,428,282 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 515,079 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -
USDA shell egg inventory 1,741,200 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 324,499 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 63%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand 4.98 (average of the last 26 week’s days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 5.37 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator -7.30 (((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 Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon)
USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)
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