The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 2.50, up 0.0 points from last week.

This Week:
Demand for shell eggs over the past week was unchanged, driven more by tight supplies than by consumer demand that remains flat. Newly reported HPAI outbreaks in table egg flocks in recent days has raised marketer concerns over supply, leading to firm to higher price levels. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose eggs are advancing on light to moderate demand for light offerings. Trading is slow to moderate. Formula trading of carton stock is moving higher with moderate demand for light offerings. Trading is moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are steady with light demand and offerings. Supplies are light to moderate and trading is slow to moderate. Schedules are full-time. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp rise in activity for conventional shell eggs with an increase in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 304,438,843 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt 1.80% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 298,963,829 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -
Table egg layer rate 82.0% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production 245,268,619 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 73,724,914 (30.06% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 171,543,704 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 476,510 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -
USDA shell egg inventory 1,196,700 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock 62.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day 295,438 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand 4.15 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 4.05 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator 2.50 ((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: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type
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