



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -6.80, up 2.4 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs over the past week remained about unchanged with most demand being driven from the egg product sector. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are declining with light to moderate supplies and offerings but reduced interest. Trading is slow. Prices on the loose egg market are lower on light to moderate offerings and moderate supplies. Interest varies by position with best interest for nest run stock. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are weak to lower with light to moderate supplies and offerings. Trading is mostly moderate, schedules are full to extended. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates no features in place into the current cycle over concerns about availability of supplies.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (286,240,437), Percentage flock in molt (1.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (282,763,428).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 rows: Table egg layer rate (82.7%), Total egg production (233,919,759), Total eggs into breaking stock (77,360,811), Table eggs for in-shell use (156,558,947), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (434,886).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

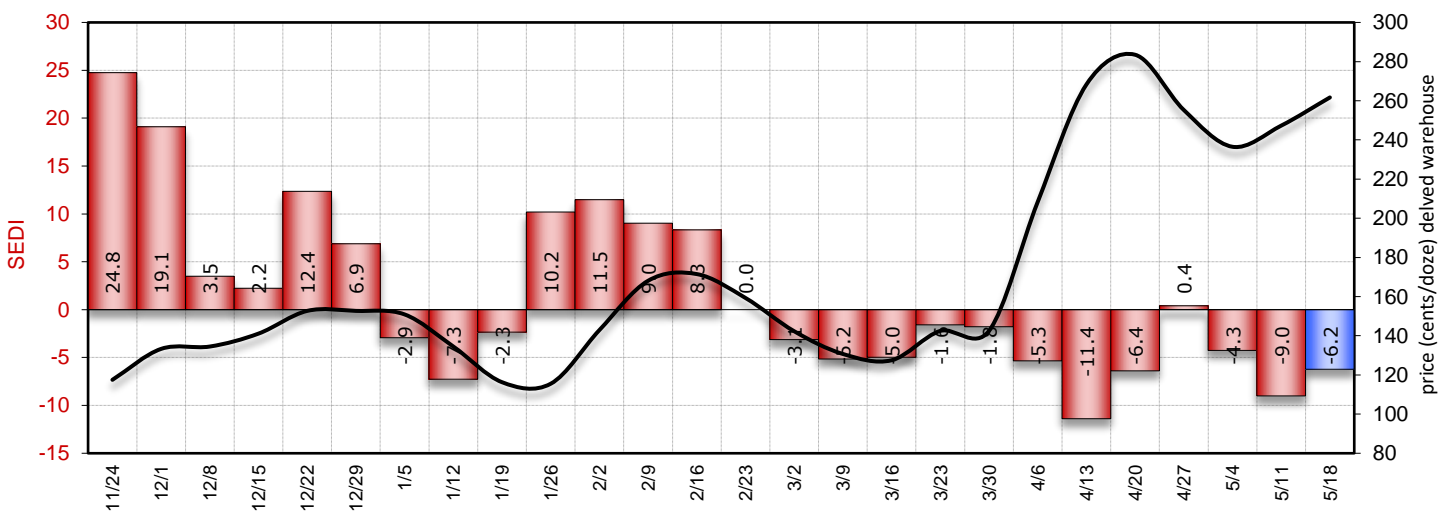
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,450,800), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (273,978), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.94), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.30).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-6.80 ((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); USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

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