The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 5.10, down 2.1 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs declines in the short term as the Thanksgiving demand season is well underway. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are firm to higher on light to moderate offerings and supplies. Interest is moderate to good and trading is moderate to active. Prices on the loose egg market are weak to lower as the market is starting to look past the current demand period. Supplies and offerings are light to moderate while interest is moderate to good on trading is mostly moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are firm with light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Demand is light to moderate, trading is slow to moderate with full to reduced schedules. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp decline in activity as the holiday demand season is already passing. The average ad price rises sharply on the reduced test.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 308,907,298 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt 1.7% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 303,686,574 (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 82.6% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production 250,760,040 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 73,199,623 (29.19% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 177,560,417 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 493,223 (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 1,352,700 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 310,731 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 63%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand 4.57 (average of the last 26 weeks' days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 4.35 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator 5.10

((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)