The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 1.10, down 1.3 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs weakens following a brief increase into October. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are steady with light to moderate demand and offerings and moderate supplies. Movement is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are weak to lower for light to moderate offerings, moderate supplies, and light to moderate interest. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices have firmed with light to moderate demand and offerings and mixed supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp reversal from the active pace of the prior cycle with a decline in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock
320,470,483 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt
2.20% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock
313,427,762 (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
81.8% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production
256,440,307 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock
81,155,263 (31.65% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use
175,285,044 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)
486,903 (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
1,436,400 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
306,749 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 63%))
(766,872 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand
4.73 (average of the last 26 week’s days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing
4.68 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator
1.10 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large, Cartoned Shell Egg Divd. Warehouse

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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