The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 18.70, up 7.1 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs rises sharply into mid-month in a pattern last seen in September 2017. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are higher on light supplies and offerings. Demand is moderate to good and trading is moderate to active. Prices on the loose egg market are advancing on light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Demand is moderate to good and trading is moderate to active. Wholesale breaking stock prices are higher on moderate supplies and light offerings. Interest varies, schedules full-time on slow to moderate trading. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates rising feature activity for all shell egg types and the average ad price for conventional caged shell eggs moves lower.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
- U.S. table egg layer flock: 306,095,451 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Percentage flock in molt: 1.4% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Productive table egg layer flock: 301,805,111 (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: 82.2% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Total egg production: 247,993,023 (total productive flock * lay rate)
- Total eggs into breaking stock: 72,013,783 (29.04% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
- Table eggs for in-shell use: 175,979,240 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
- Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases): 488,831 (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: 1,264,900 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: 307,964 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%))
- 26-week rolling average of days on hand: 4.88 (average of the last 26 week’s days of eggs on hand)
- Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing: 4.11 (inventory + cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator
- 18.70 ((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)

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