The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 1.80, up 4.2 points from last week.

This Week:
Shell egg demand continues to improve as the market nears the start of September and rises above average for the first time in many weeks following the COVID-19 market disruptions. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs have steadied following a week of increases as supplies have improved to moderate levels with continued light to moderate offerings. Trading is moderate for steady interest. Prices for breaking stock are holding after sharp increases over the past week. Offerings are more available while supplies are light to moderate after breakers drew down stocks by 5% over the past week. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a slowdown in promotional activity and a slight decline in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
- U.S. table egg layer flock: 315,799,508 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Percentage flock in molt: 1.5% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Productive table egg layer flock: 311,062,515 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -
- Table egg production rate: 83.1% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Total egg production: 258,492,950 (total productive flock * lay rate)
- Total eggs into breaking stock: 75,479,941 (29.20% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
- Table eggs for in-shell use: 183,013,009 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
- Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases): 508,369 (eggs for table use / 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -
- USDA shell egg inventory: 1,358,400 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)
- Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock: 61.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 61% of productive flock)
- Shell egg cases produced each day: 310,105 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 61%))
- 26-week rolling average of days on hand: 4.46 (average of the last 26 weeks’ days of eggs on hand)
- Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing: 4.38 (inventory / cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator: 1.80 ((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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