The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 4.80, down 3.4 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs softened over the past week as the initial promotional push targeting the start of the new school year subsides. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs have steadied following recent sharp gains as supplies have finally caught up to needs and offerings are more available. Interest is waning and has slowed. Prices on the loose egg market have weakened as offerings and supplies reach a balance and interest ebbs. The pace of trading has slowed. Wholesale breaking stock prices are higher. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate. Interest remains good and trading is moderate to active. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a pace of featuring consistent with the prior ad cycle, especially for conventional caged types. The preliminary average ad price has declined to $0.95 per dozen.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 321,370,943 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt 2.0% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 314,924,203 (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 257,528,993 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 79,960,166 (31.05% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 177,568,827 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 493,247 (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 1,489,400 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 310,745 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 63%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand 5.02 (776,864 cases expected weekend (2.5 days carryover)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 4.79 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator 4.80 ((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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