



USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

January 29, 2025

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 5.50 , up 1.7 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand strengthen over the past week as supplies remain tight and competition remains elevated. Prices continue at record high levels. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose eggs are thinly tested with a higher undertone on moderate to good demand from marketers for very light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is relatively active. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are higher on good to very good demand from retail for very light offerings and very light to moderate supplies. Trading is very active. Wholesale breaking stock prices are higher on very light demand and offerings. Supplies are mostly light, schedules are full to reduced and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates an sharp increase in feature activity for conventional caged shell eggs with a modest increase in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	300,528,699	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	1.80%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	295,114,853	(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	81.6%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	240,825,448	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	67,738,834	(28.13% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	173,086,614	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	480,796	(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	1,145,600	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	62.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	298,094	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%)) (745,234 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	4.05	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	3.84	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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5.50 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand vs. National Large, Loose Shell Egg, Wed 5-day Wkly Avg (f.o.b. dock)

