The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 6.90, down 5.0 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs begins to recede as the holiday demand season passes. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are on the decline with adequate supplies and light to moderate offerings. Trading has slowed. Prices on the loose egg market are moving lower on very limited trading, moderate supplies, and light to mostly moderate offerings. Wholesale breaking stock prices are unsettled with moderate supplies and mostly moderate offerings. Demand is average, schedules mixed, and trading is slow to moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp drop in feature activity as the market looks to the new year. The average ad price declines from last week's highs.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

- U.S. table egg layer flock: 329,239,693 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Percentage flock in molt: 1.2% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Productive table egg layer flock: 325,265,553 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

Table egg layer rate: 82.4% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production: 268,069,009 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock: 74,273,297 (27.71% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use: 193,795,712 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases): 538,321 (eggs for table use / 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

- USDA shell egg inventory: 1,577,800 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: 339,142 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 63%))
- 26-week rolling average of days on hand: 4.97 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
- Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing: 4.65 (inventory / cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

6.90

((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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