The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 2.00, up 2.2 points from last week.

This Week:
Shell egg demand continues to improve and rises above average for the first time since late Winter supported by active feature activity at retail outlets for specialty shell eggs. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs have steadied after posting gains over the past few weeks. Supplies are adequate for current needs despite light to moderate offerings. Trading is moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are weak to lower on reduced trading. Offerings are mostly moderate while supplies are in a full range. Wholesale breaking stock prices remain steady with supplies and offerings in a balance. Interest is good and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates little change in the level of featuring from last week’s reduced level. The average ad price is about unchanged. Specialty egg featuring is down considerably this week following two weeks of robust promotions.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 313,190,134 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt 2.1% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 306,678,527 (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 82.5% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production 253,089,038 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 78,618,394 (31.06% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 174,470,643 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 484,641 (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 1,495,500 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 305,324 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 63%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand 5.00 (average of the last 26 week’s days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 4.90 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator
2.00 ((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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