The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 3.30, up 2.7 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs is on the rise with the start of the new school year in many parts of the country. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are moving higher with moderate to good interest for light to moderate offerings. Supplies and trading are moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are also advancing with light to moderate supplies and offerings. Trading is moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are steady with light to moderate demand, light to very light offerings, and light to moderate supplies. Schedules vary and trading is slow to moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a reduced but still respectable level of activity although the average ad price rises on the reduced activity but BOGO specials are in wide use.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
- U.S. table egg layer flock: 320,326,817 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Percentage flock in molt: 1.70% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Productive table egg layer flock: 314,887,780 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -
- Table egg layer rate: 82.0% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Total egg production: 258,360,029 (total productive flock * lay rate)
- Total eggs into breaking stock: 82,576,594 (31.96% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
- Table eggs for in-shell use: 175,783,435 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
- Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases): 488,287 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -
- USDA shell egg inventory: 1,398,200 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: 307,621 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%))
- (769,053 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
- 26-week rolling average of days on hand: 4.70 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
- Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing: 4.55 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator: 3.30 ((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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