The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 0.20, down 6.5 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs declines to an average level after a 2-month sustained run at above average levels, atypical of this time of year. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are declining on increased offerings and moderate to, at times, heavy supplies. Demand remains moderate to good but buyers are more selective. Trading is moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are declining on light to moderate offerings and mostly moderate supplies. Demand is mostly moderate and the pace of trading remains slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are weak with light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Interest is average to good while trading is moderate and schedules mostly full-time. The preliminary survey of retail outlets is not showing any feature activity as of mid-week as retailers shift their attention to promoting specialty shell eggs. As a result, there currently is no average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 300,736,232 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt 1.7% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 294,980,863 (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 82.7% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production 243,929,736 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 77,405,811 (31.73% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 166,523,925 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 462,566 (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 1,443,700 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 291,417 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand 4.96 (average of the last 26 weeks' days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 4.95 (inventory + cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator 0.20 ((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)
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