The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 14.30, down 5.8 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs weakened over the past week as price levels post sharp advances. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are year-higs as offerings remain light and supplies light to moderate. Interest is moderate to good but tempered and trading is moderate to active. Prices on the loose egg market are sharply higher but on limited trading. Offerings are light with very light to moderate supplies. Demand is moderate to good and trading is slowing. Wholesale breaking stock prices are sharply higher on light to very light offerings and mostly light supplies. Interest is light to moderate, schedules full-time to reduced on slow to moderate trading. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates no detectable feature activity for conventional shell eggs.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
- U.S. table egg layer flock: 303,026,124 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) (HPAI adjusted)
- Percentage flock in molt: 1.7% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Productive table egg layer flock: 297,875,967 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -
- Table egg layer rate: 82.6% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Total egg production: 246,187,622 (total productive flock * lay rate)
- Total eggs into breaking stock: 74,711,623 (30.35% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
- Table eggs for in-shell use: 171,475,999 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
- Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases): 476,322 (eggs for table use / 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -
- USDA shell egg inventory: 1,260,900 (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: 300,083 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%))
- 26-week rolling average of days on hand: 4.80 (average of the last 26 weeks' days of eggs on hand)
- Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing: 4.20 (inventory + cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator: 14.30 = (26-week average - current days on hand) * 100

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