



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 10.50, down 0.9 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand is unchanged for the week as retail features end and grocers shift their focus to the Memorial Day weekend. Wholesale prices struggle to maintain a weak steady. While the level of offerings has eased, supplies remain more than adequate for current needs which has dampened demand. Trading is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices remain under downward pressure but the undertone is steady. Offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy and trading is slow to moderate. Schedules are full to over time as breakers work ahead to compensate for the coming holiday slow down. Featuring of shell eggs at retail outlets slows but the average ad price remains unchanged at attractive levels to encourage consumers to put a few dozen away for egg-based salads for the big holiday weekend.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (337,934,091), Percentage flock in molt (2.4%), Productive table egg layer flock (329,823,673).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 4 rows: Table egg layer rate (80.2%), Total egg production (264,518,585), Total eggs into breaking stock (83,058,836), Table eggs for in-shell use (181,459,750), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (504,055).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

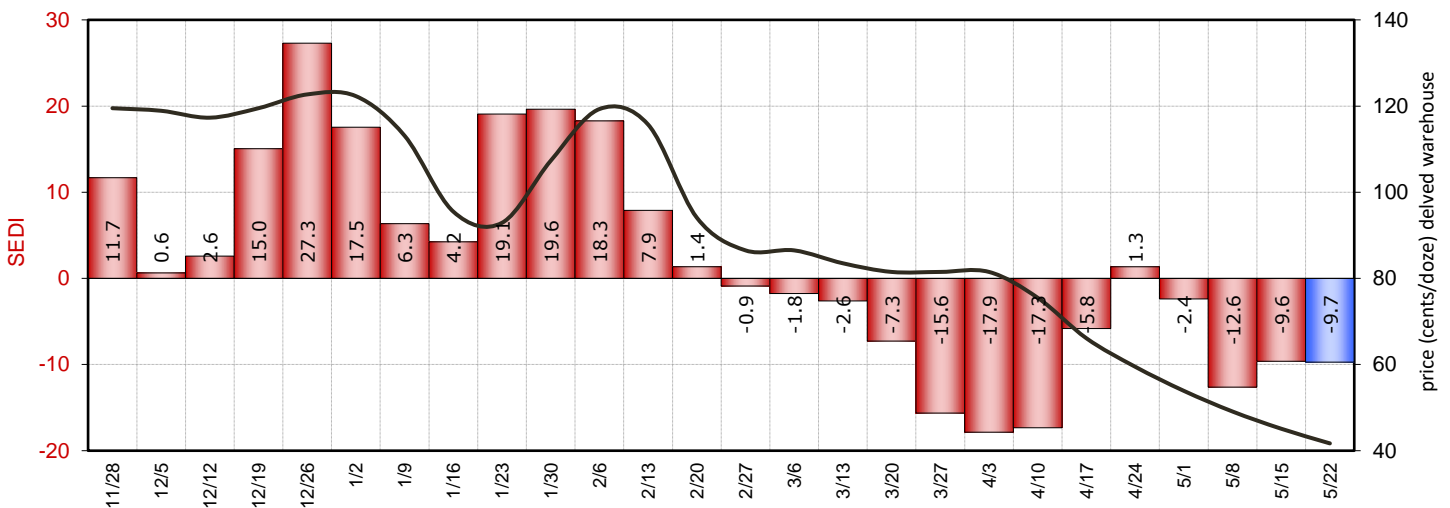
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 4 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,549,000), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (307,473), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.51), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.04).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-10.50 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large 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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