



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 0.70 , up 1.4 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs is about unchanged over the past week with most interest limited to basic needs with little price incentive to move additional units. Negotiated prices on the loose egg market are weak with light to moderate interest and light to moderate offerings and supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are steady on a full range of demand. Offerings are light with very light to moderate supplies. Breaking schedules are full to reduced with moderate trading. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates continued limited use of store features to push egg sales beyond what current supplies can cover. At mid-week, the average ad price is sharply lower on the limited test.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (311,696,666), Percentage flock in molt (1.79%), Productive table egg layer flock (306,109,912).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 rows: Table egg layer rate (82.6%), Total egg production (252,949,227), Total eggs into breaking stock (73,037,520), Table eggs for in-shell use (179,911,707), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (499,755).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

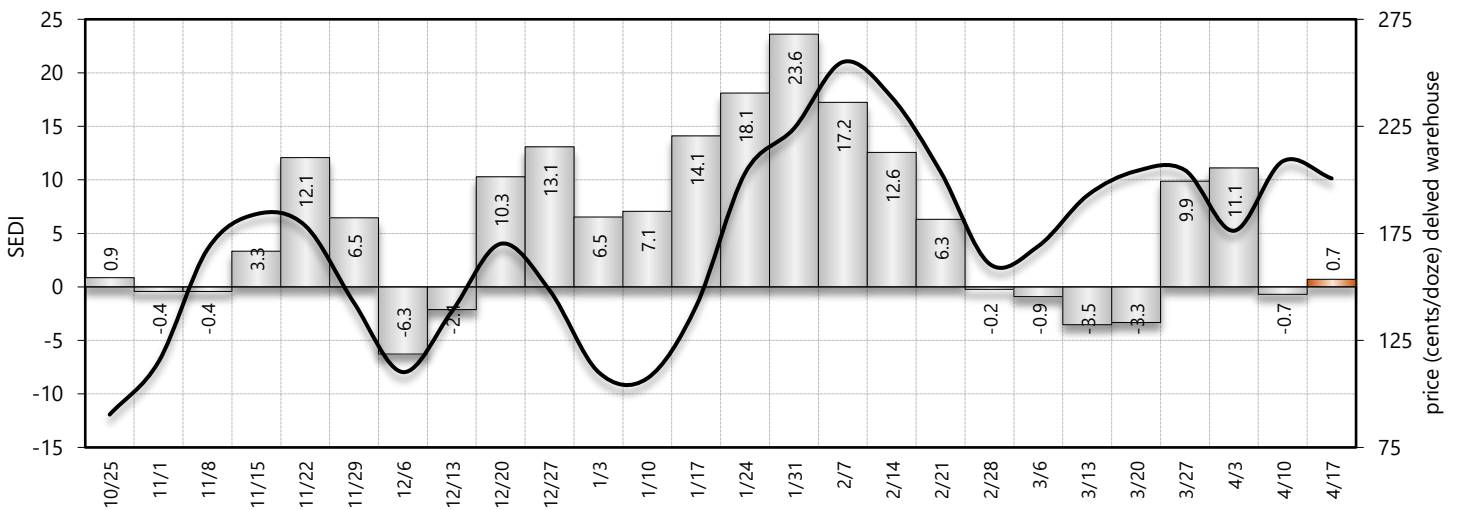
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,311,200), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (62.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (309,848), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.26), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.23).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

0.70 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand vs. National Large, Loose Shell Egg, Wed 5-day Wkly Avg (f.o.b. dock)



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)