The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 3.10, down 1.7 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs continues to soften as the calendar moves past the start of the new school year and in to he lull before the big holiday demand season. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are holding steady but caution is creeping into the market. Supplies are adequate for needs and offerings are light to moderate. Trading has slowed. Prices on the loose egg market have weakened as offerings and supplies reach an uneasy balance. The pace of trading has slowed considerably. Wholesale breaking stock prices are about steady. Supplies are sufficient and offerings are light to moderate. Interest is moderate to good and trading is moderate to active. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp drop in shell egg featuring as ahead of the Labor Day holiday as grocers focus on outdoor activity needs. The preliminary average ad price rises sharply on the reduced test.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock: 321,693,291 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt: 2.0% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock: 315,242,235 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -
Table egg layer rate: 81.8% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production: 257,892,220 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock: 80,661,960 (31.28% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use: 177,230,600 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases): 492,306 (eggs for table use / 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -
USDA shell egg inventory: 1,516,000 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: 310,153 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 63%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand: 5.04 (average of the last 26 week’s days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing: 4.89 (inventory / cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator: 3.10

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg

Sources:
USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs: 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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