The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -6.60, up 4.8 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs improves into the holiday demand week but remains subdued from past years. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs have begun to move lower on adequate supplies and increasing offerings. Interest and trading are moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are moving sharply lower as offerings increase and supplies vary but are mostly moderate. Trading is moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are weak with moderate offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is moderate and schedules are varied. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp drop in featuring in the immediate post-Easter week with a rise in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 302,939,466 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) (reflects HPAI losses)
Percentage flock in molt 1.7% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 297,762,220 (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 243,600,548 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 79,946,229 (32.82% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 163,654,320 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 454,595 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -
USDA shell egg inventory 1,524,200 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 286,395 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand 4.97 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 5.32 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator -6.60

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)
USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)

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