The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -7.80, down 1.0 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs over the past week continues to track below average while demand from the egg product sector continues to drive the wholesale market. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs continue to decline with light to moderate supplies and offerings but reduced interest. Trading is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are moving lower on light to moderate offerings and moderate supplies. Interest varies by position with best interest for nest run stock. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are weak with light to moderate supplies and moderate offerings. Trading is moderate to active, schedules full to extended, interest moderate to good. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates continued limited use of featuring.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 285,399,430 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) (reflects HPAI losses)
Percentage flock in molt 1.2% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 281,931,481 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -
Table egg layer rate 82.7% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production 233,095,547 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 75,183,634 (32.25% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 157,911,913 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 438,644 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -
USDA shell egg inventory 1,486,000 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 276,346 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand 4.96 (690,865 cases expected weekend (2.5 days carryover))
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 5.38 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator -7.80 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100