



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is , down 2.1 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs continues to decline and has fallen to average for the first time since last summer. Resistance to current price levels in the dairy case is helping to dampen consumer buying. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs continue to fall as eggs become more available. Supplies are mostly moderate but on the light side while interest and trading are moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are weak to lower as supplies are moderate with light to moderate offerings. Trading is moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are weak as demand is light to moderate for light to moderate offerings and supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates continued minimal activity as retailers continue to opt to not run features in the current price climate. The average ad price for conventional Large caged eggs is hovering around \$3.99 per dozen.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (304,584,920), Percentage flock in molt (0.8%), Productive table egg layer flock (302,142,750).

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 (81.5%), Total egg production (246,111,553), Total eggs into breaking stock (73,100,006), Table eggs for in-shell use (173,011,548), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (480,588).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

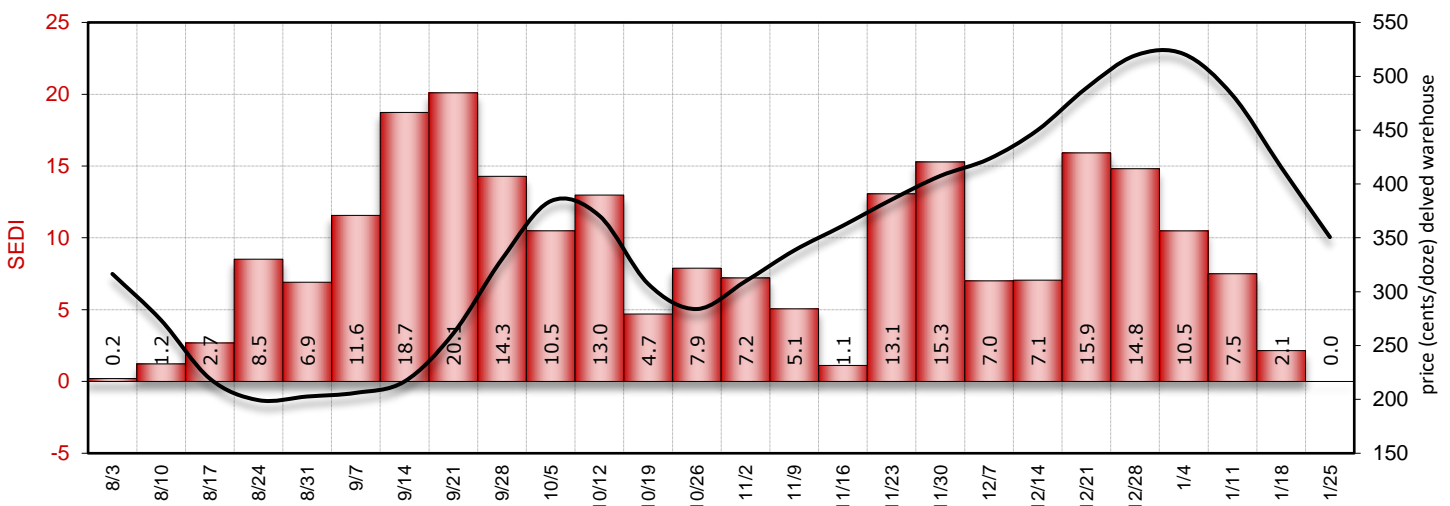
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,291,400), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (302,770), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.27), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.27).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

0.00 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) \* 100

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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