



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 1.40 , down 6.5 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand declines to average levels as retailers reduce their promotional activity, offerings little incentive for consumers to purchase beyond their immediate needs. Wholesale prices have steadied as offerings and supplies are close to balanced. Trading is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady to weak for moderate offerings and adequate supplies as reduced carton business increase spot market availability of product. Schedules are mostly full-time and trading is slow to moderate. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates a decline in activity for both conventional and specialty types. The average ad price declines. Supermarket featuring of shell eggs has maintained a fairly consistent pace but is slowing as the market moves into the end of the month.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (332,534,796), Percentage flock in molt (1.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (328,544,378).

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 (79.6%), Total egg production (261,521,325), Total eggs into breaking stock (79,502,483), Table eggs for in-shell use (182,018,842), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (505,608).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

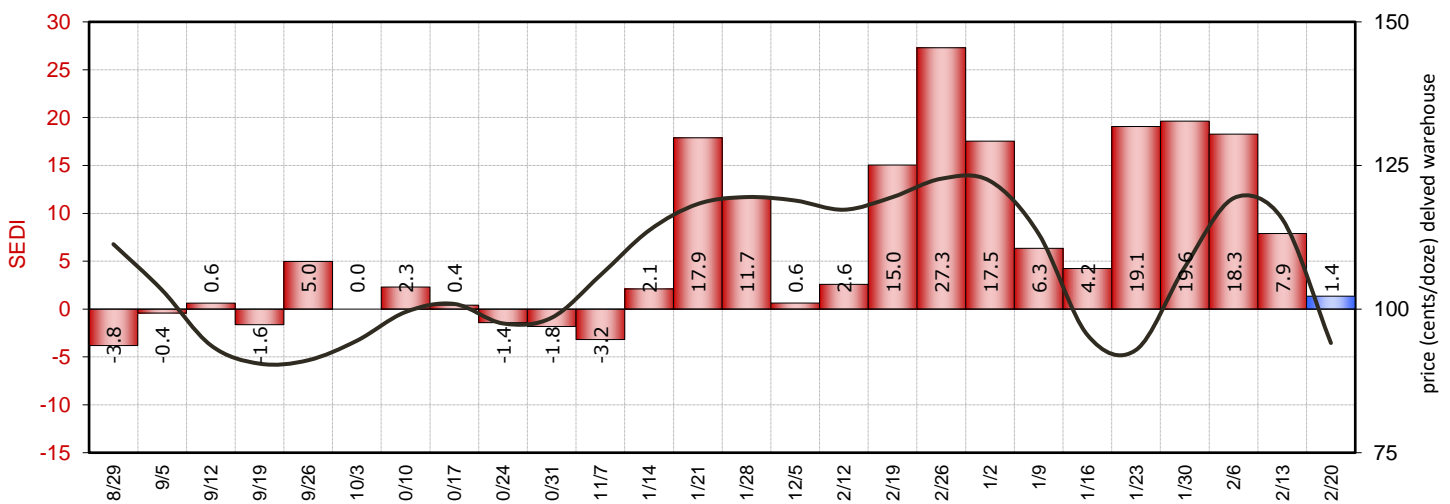
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,368,300), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (308,421), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.50), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.44).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

1.40 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large 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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