The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 8.90, down 0.5 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer demand for shell eggs eased a bit over the past week as consumers are responding to the effects of recent price increases in the wholesale markets. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs continue to post sharp increases on light to moderate supplies and light to very light offerings. Interest is moderate to good and trading is moderate to active. Prices on the loose egg market are moving sharply higher on light to very light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Interest is moderate to good and trading is moderate to active. Wholesale breaking stock prices are firm to higher with light to moderate supplies and limited offerings. Trading is moderate to active, schedules full time. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates continued limited use of featuring with little change in the average ad price on the limited test.

**Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -**
- U.S. table egg layer flock: 293,972,281 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) (reflects HPAI losses)
- Percentage flock in molt: 2.1% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Productive table egg layer flock: 287,839,849 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

**Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -**
- Table egg layer rate: 82.8% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Total egg production: 238,251,946 (total productive flock * lay rate)
- Total eggs into breaking stock: 74,509,560 (31.27% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
- Table eggs for in-shell use: 163,742,386 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
- Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases): 454,840 (eggs for table use / 360 eggs per case)

**Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -**
- USDA shell egg inventory: 1,320,600 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: 286,549 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 63%))
- 26-week rolling average of days on hand: 5.02 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
- Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing: 4.61 (inventory / cases produced per day)

**Shell Egg Demand Indicator**
8.90 ((26-week average - current days on hand) - 1) * 100