The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -1.60, down 5.9 points from last week.

This Week:
Demand for cartoned shell eggs falls below average for the first time since Easter as consumers shifted their focus to outdoor staples for the Memorial Day holiday. Eggs remain available in retail outlets with a few retailers running features on specialty types. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs have steadied but supplies are moderate to heavy despite light to moderate offerings. Trading is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady on increasing offerings and moderate supplies. Schedules are normal to reduced while trading is slow to moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a decline in feature activity for conventional eggs with specialty types seeing more ad exposure. The average ad price was up slightly on the thin test.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 323,169,093 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt 3.2% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 312,827,682 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -
Table egg layer rate 80.2% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production 250,887,801 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 61,467,511 (24.50% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 189,420,290 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 526,167 (eggs for table use / 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -
USDA shell egg inventory 1,433,300 (30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report))
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock 61.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 61% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day 320,962 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 61%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand 4.40 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 4.47 (inventory / cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator -1.60 (((26-week average + current days on hand) - 1) * 100)

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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