



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 7.90 , down 10.4 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand declines as retail activity eases and grocers shift focus to other areas. Wholesale prices are declining as buyers fill their needs and become more selective. Offerings are outpacing demand and supplies are nearly adequate for current needs. Breaking stock prices are steady for moderate to available offerings. Supplies are moderate. Schedules are mostly full-time and trading is slow. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates a level of activity and a rise in the average ad price. Specialty types are the focus of shell egg ads this week. Retailers have their eye (and hearts) on Valentine's Day and conventional shell eggs cede ad space to specialty types where eggs are even being featured.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Note. Includes U.S. table egg layer flock (332,449,744), Percentage flock in molt (1.2%), and Productive table egg layer flock (328,460,347).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Note. Includes Table egg layer rate (79.7%), Total egg production (261,782,897), Total eggs into breaking stock (78,796,652), Table eggs for in-shell use (182,986,245), and Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (508,295).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

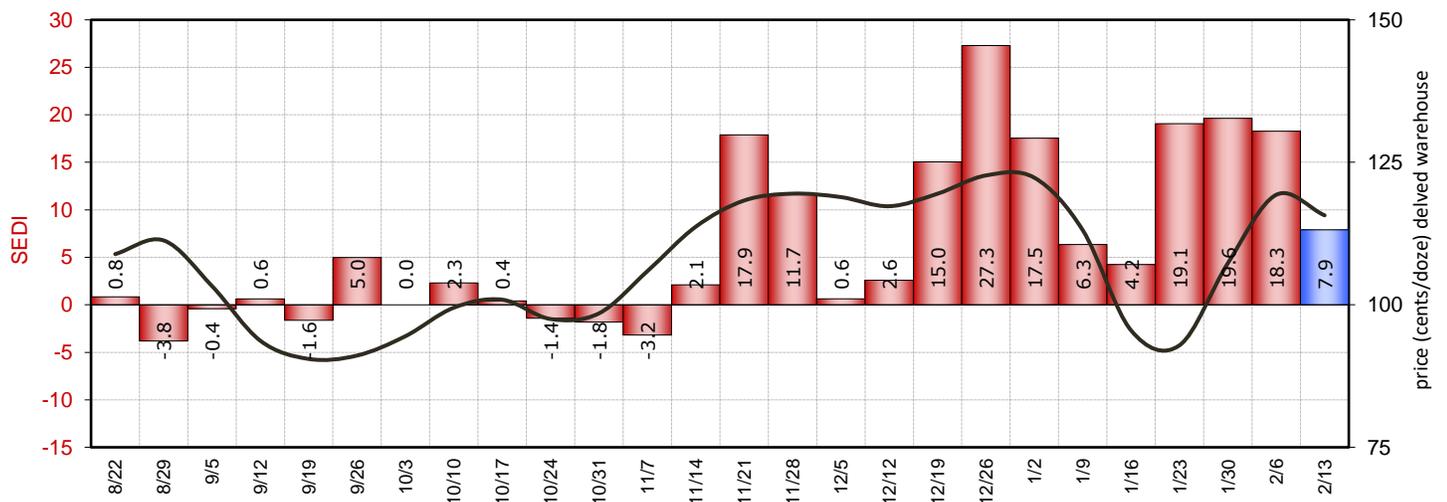
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Note. Includes USDA shell egg inventory (1,294,800), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (310,060), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.51), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.18).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

7.90 ((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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