



USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

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The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 9.60, up 3.0 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs improves slightly, driven by active retail featuring over the past ad cycle at attractive prices. Wholesale prices continue to search for a firm footing, made more difficult by the sheer volume of offerings and supplies disproportionate to needs. Trading is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are lower as breakers are faced with a heavy volume of offerings despite full to, at times, extended breaking schedules and moderate to heavy supplies. Featuring of shell eggs in retail outlets has slowed considerably from last week's active pace but the deals that are being offered are at very attractive price levels as retailers translate lower wholesale prices into extra consumer purchasing.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	339,783,706	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	1.2%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	335,706,301	(total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate	80.3%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	269,572,160	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	83,028,225	(30.80% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	186,543,935	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	518,178	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

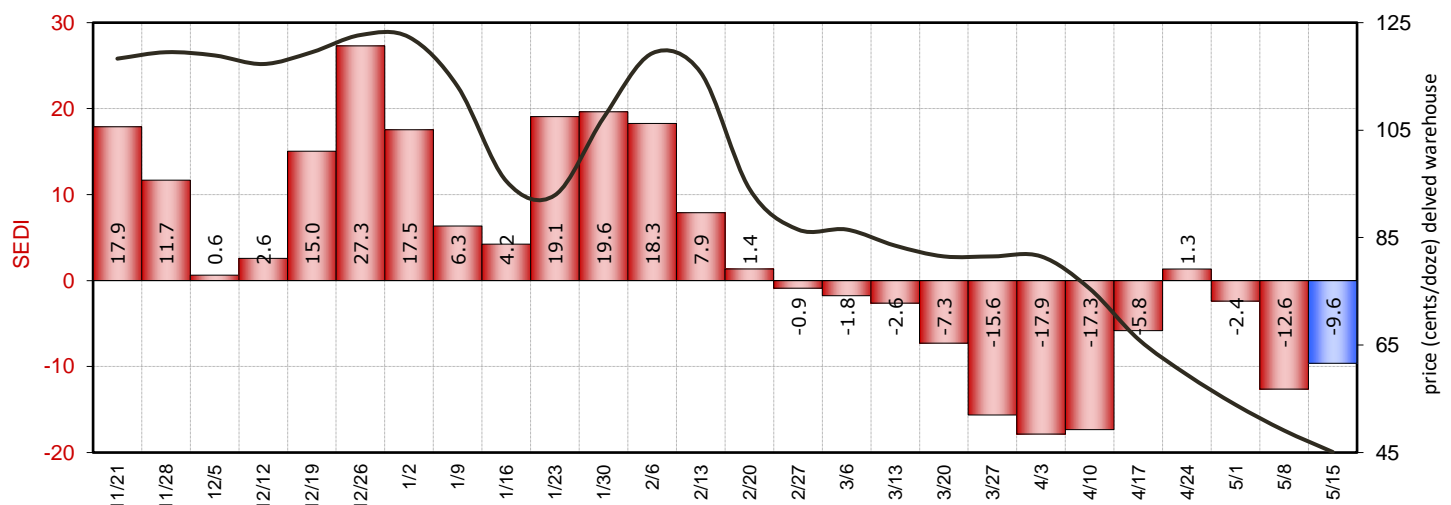
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory	1,577,100	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	61.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 61% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	316,088	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 60%)) (790,221 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	4.51	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	4.99	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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-9.60 ((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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