



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -10.20, down 3.5 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs continues to decline and is well below average. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are holding steady but supplies are moderate to heavy for moderate offerings. Interest is light to moderate and trading is slow to moderate. Prices for loose eggs are weak to lower with moderate offerings. Supplies are mixed and trading is mostly slow. Prices for breaking stock are lower. Supplies and offerings are in a balance and trading is moderate for normal schedules. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a slowdown in feature activity with a continuing focus on specialty types. The average ad price rises sharply on the reduced activity.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Metrics include U.S. table egg layer flock (324,926,089), Percentage flock in molt (1.5%), and Productive table egg layer flock (320,002,438).

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. Metrics include Table egg layer rate (80.9%), Total egg production (258,746,209), Total eggs into breaking stock (75,460,320), Table eggs for in-shell use (183,285,889), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (509,127).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

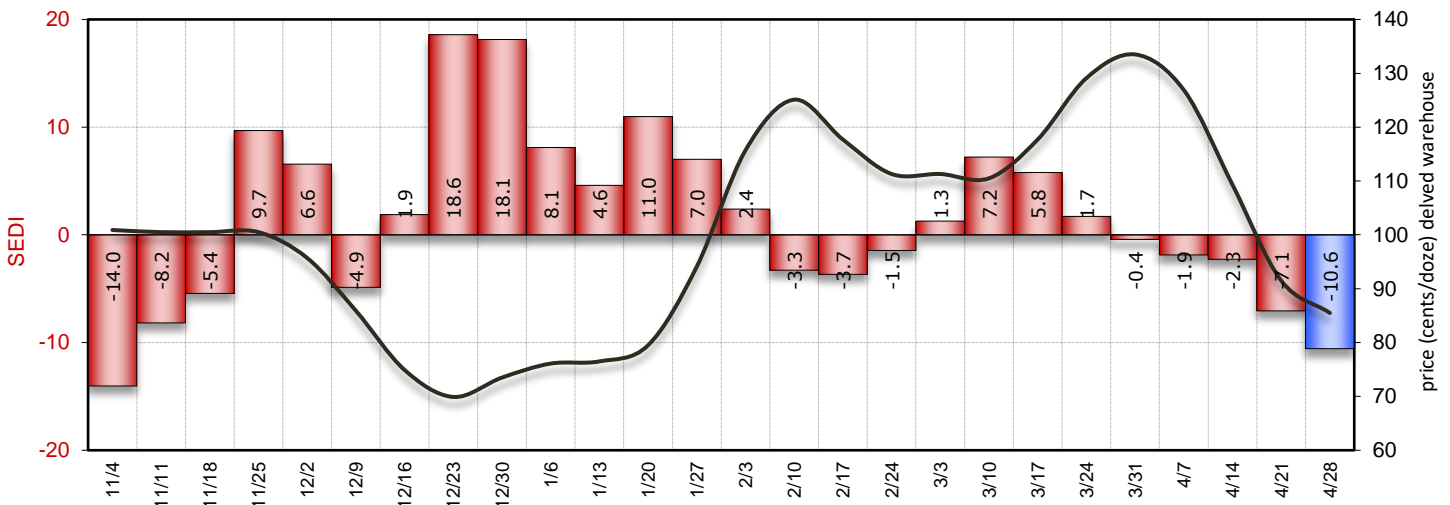
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Metrics include USDA shell egg inventory (1,700,700), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (320,750), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.30).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-10.20 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned 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)