



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

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 1.50, up 2.4 points from last week.**This Week:**

Shell egg demand improves slightly as supermarket feature activity for conventional caged eggs increased its pace and as weather-related impacts disrupted normal shopping habits. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are steady as supplies are usually sufficient for needs and offerings are light to moderate. Trading is slow to moderate. Prices for loose eggs rise sharply but trading slows. Supplies are sufficient for current needs and offerings are light to moderate. Prices for breaking stock are higher on reduced offerings and supplies. Interest is good to maintain full schedules and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp decline in feature activity and the average ad price is down slightly despite the reduce ads. The focus shifts to specialty shell eggs this ad cycle.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	323,708,826	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	2.1%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	316,910,941	(total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

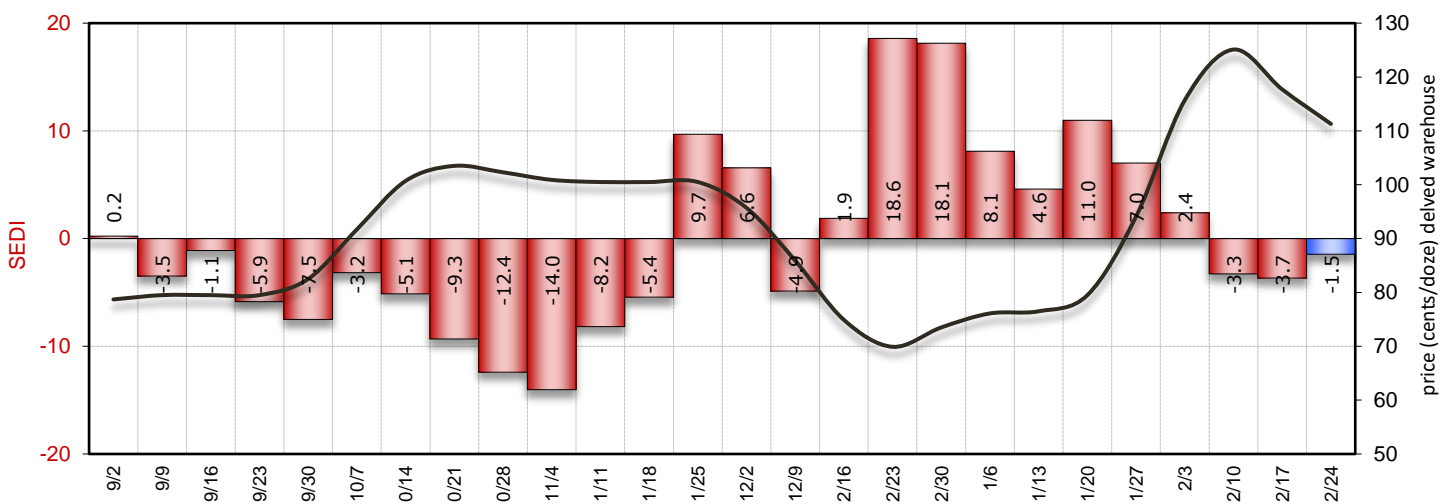
(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate	81.1%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	257,014,773	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	70,165,033	(27.30% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	186,849,740	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	519,027	(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	1,552,600	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	62.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	321,797	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%)) <i>(804,492 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)</i>
26-week rolling average of days on hand	4.75	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	4.82	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator**-1.50** ((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 \(Wed\)](#)