



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 19.60 , up 0.5 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand is holding despite record cold temps across the nation and preparations for this Sunday's football game. Wholesale prices continue to advance but the pace is slowing. Offerings are light for light to moderate supplies and moderate to active trading. Breaking stock prices are firm to higher on light offerings and shrinking supplies. Schedules are full-time and trading is moderate. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates a consistent level of activity with a slightly higher average ad price. In between mountains of chicken wings and pork ribs, retailers are slipping in a few dozen eggs. With record cold temps across the country and Super Bowl Sunday upon us, consumers will be hibernating this weekend.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Metrics include U.S. table egg layer flock (332,279,706), Percentage flock in molt (1.2%), and Productive table egg layer flock (328,292,350).

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 (79.7%), Total egg production (261,649,003), Total eggs into breaking stock (81,111,191), Table eggs for in-shell use (180,537,812), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (501,494).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

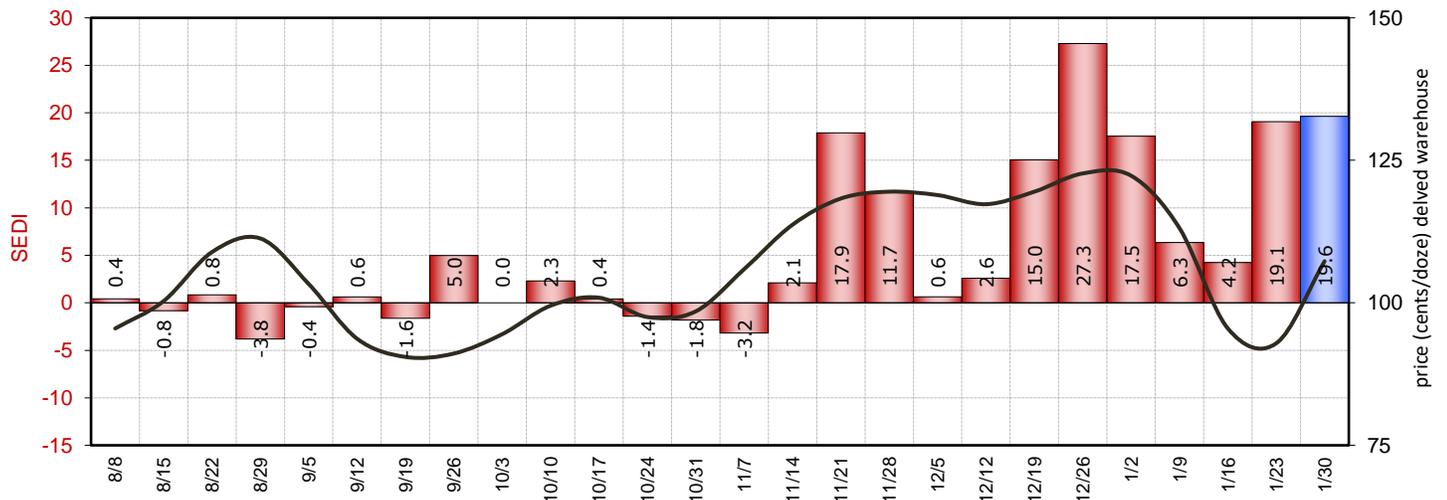
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Metrics include USDA shell egg inventory (1,168,500), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (305,911), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.57), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (3.82).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

19.60 ((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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