



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 2.00 , up 2.2 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand continues to improve and rises above average for the first time since late Winter supported by active feature activity at retail outlets for specialty shell eggs. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs have steadied after posting gains over the past few weeks. Supplies are adequate for current needs despite light to moderate offerings. Trading is moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are weak to lower on reduced trading. Offerings are mostly moderate while supplies are in a full range. Wholesale breaking stock prices remain steady with supplies and offerings in a balance. Interest is good and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates little change in the level of featuring from last week's reduced level. The average ad price is about unchanged. Specialty egg featuring is down considerably this week following two weeks of robust promotions.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (313,190,134), Percentage flock in molt (2.1%), Productive table egg layer flock (306,678,527)

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 rows: Table egg layer rate (82.5%), Total egg production (253,089,038), Total eggs into breaking stock (78,618,394), Table eggs for in-shell use (174,470,643), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (484,641)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

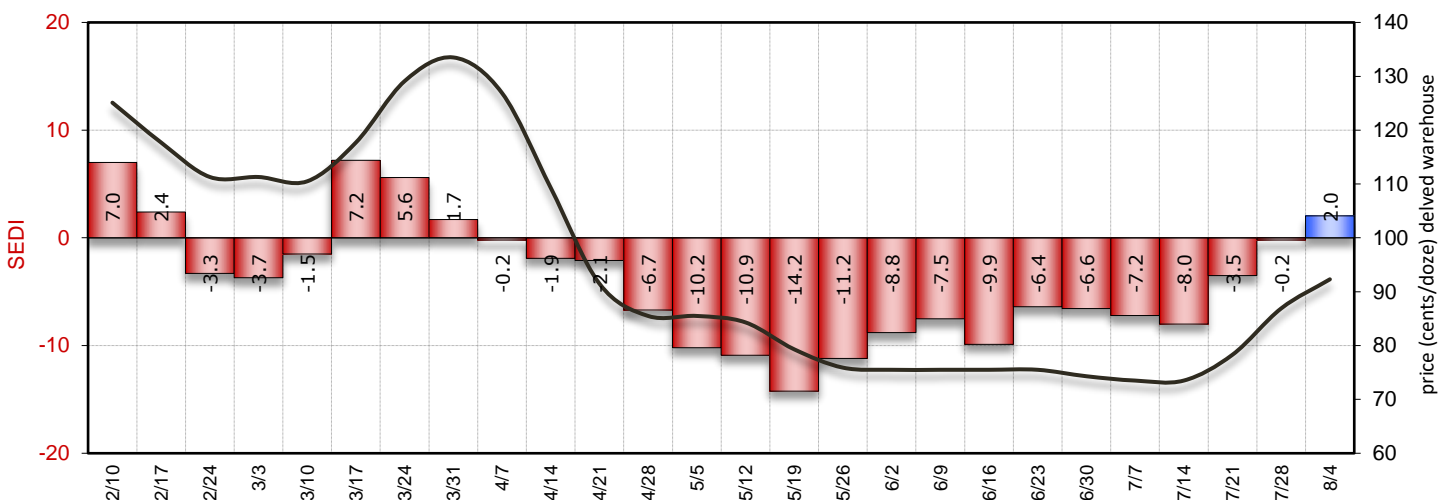
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,495,500), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (305,324), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (5.00), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.90)

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2.00 ((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)