



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 9.70 , up 15.1 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs rises sharply in the week leading up to Thanksgiving. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs are on the decline as the market looks to the immediate post holiday period. Supply and interest is mixed for moderate offerings. Trading is slow. Loose egg prices are in decline as marketers are weighing their current stocks and potential needs as the market moves into the December demand period. Prices for breaking stock are moving lower as offerings are more than adequate for holiday-shortened needs. Offerings are sufficient, supplies are more than adequate, and trading is slow. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a rise in caged egg promotions as the Thanksgiving marketing period crests and the average ad price returns to more favorable levels on the increased activity.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (326,468,822), Percentage flock in molt (1.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (322,551,197).

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 (83.3%), Total egg production (268,685,147), Total eggs into breaking stock (77,381,322), Table eggs for in-shell use (191,303,824), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (531,400).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

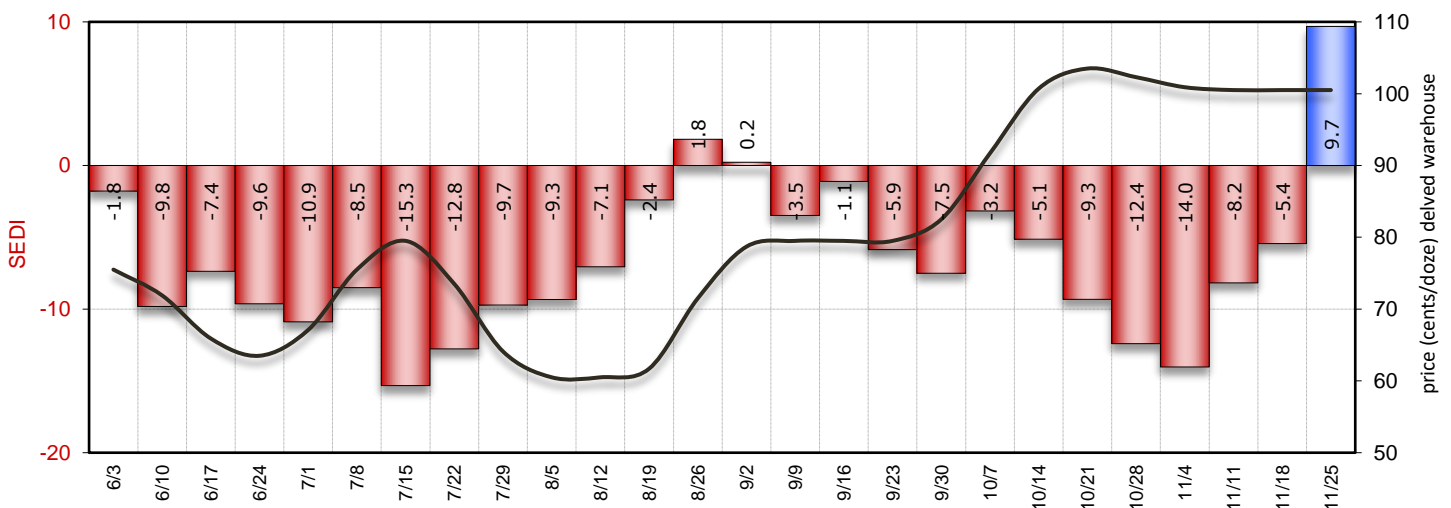
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,440,200), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (324,154), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.87), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.44).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

9.70 ((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)