



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -5.20, up 1.5 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs posted a small improvement in light of increased retail promotional activity at attractive ad prices in the last ad cycle. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are weak but have stabilized for now with moderate offerings and moderate to heavy supplies. Interest is light to moderate and movement is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market remain weak to lower with adequate to heavy supplies and moderate to ample offerings. Movement has slowed and interest is improving in some areas. Wholesale breaking stock prices are unchanged on moderate supplies and adequate offerings. Interest is average, schedules full-time, and trading is slow to moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp decline in activity for conventional caged shell eggs with a sharp increase in the average ad price on the limited test.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (232,251,803), Percentage flock in molt (1.8%), Productive table egg layer flock (317,465,155).

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 (264,522,648), Total eggs into breaking stock (83,733,274), Table eggs for in-shell use (180,789,373), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (502,193).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

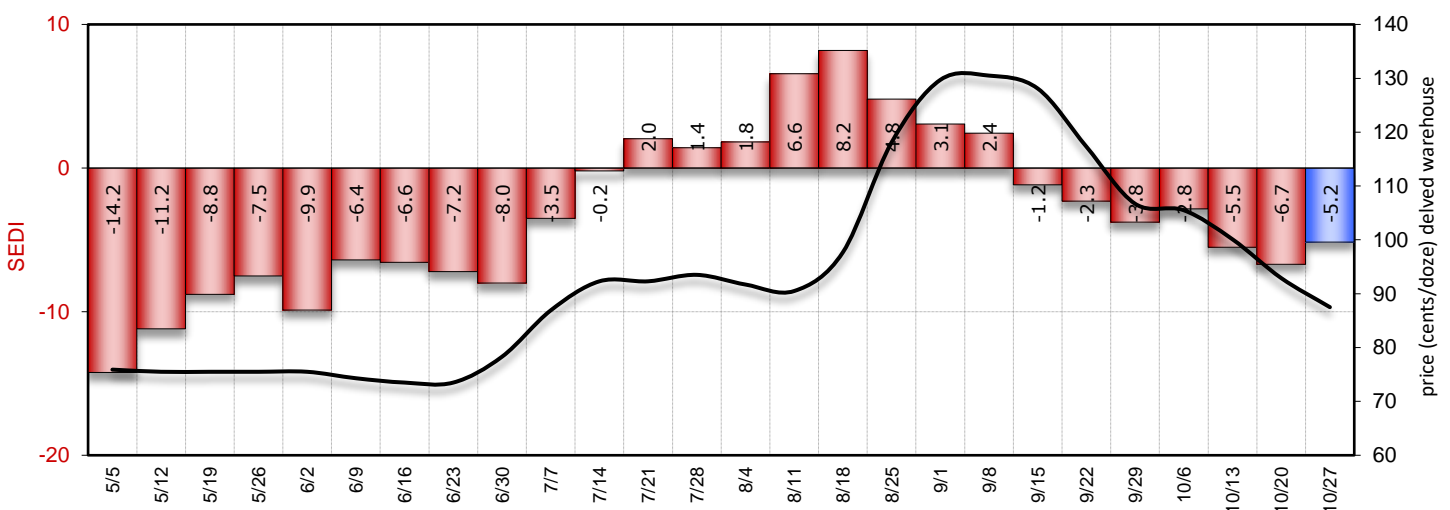
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,716,700), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (316,381), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (5.15), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.43).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-5.20 ((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)