



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 4.20 , down 2.1 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand eases slightly as marketers take advantage of recent declines in wholesale prices to conduct shell egg promotions into mid-January which has traditionally been a good demand period. Wholesale prices have quickly responded and are posting daily gains. Offerings are light to moderate for moderate supplies. Trading is moderate. Breaking stock prices are steady for light to moderate offerings and adequate supplies. Trading is slow. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates a continued increase in activity with a continued sharp decline in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Note. Rows include U.S. table egg layer flock (332,143,742), Percentage flock in molt (1.2%), and Productive table egg layer flock (328,158,017).

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/Note. Rows include Table egg layer rate (79.8%), Total egg production (261,870,097), Total eggs into breaking stock (87,726,483), Table eggs for in-shell use (174,143,615), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (483,732).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

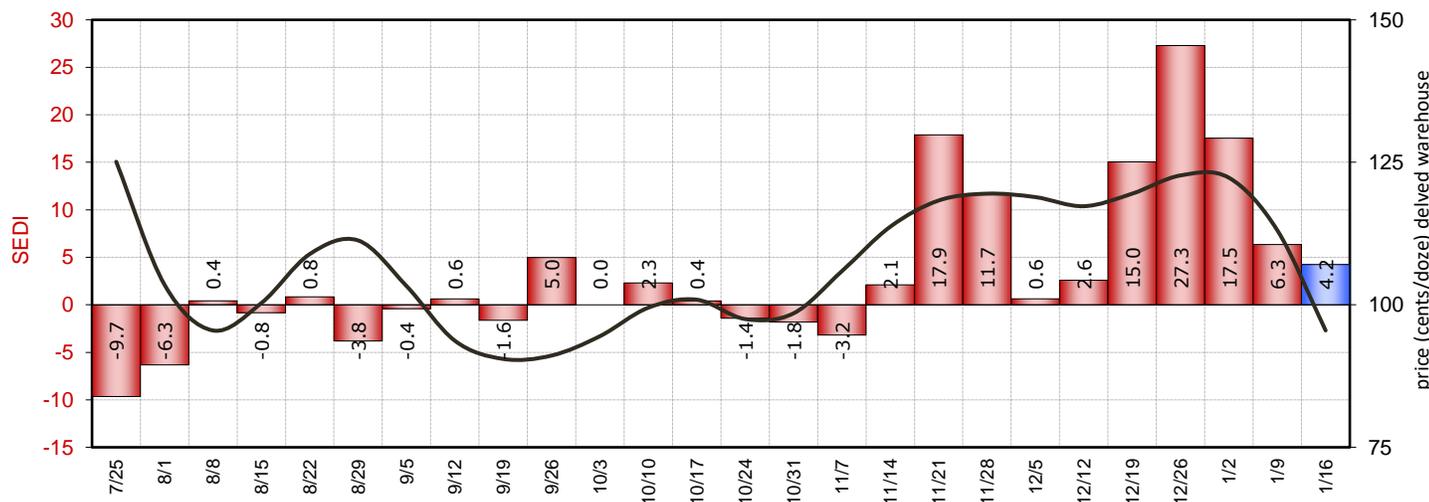
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Note. Rows include USDA shell egg inventory (1,322,300), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (295,077), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.67), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.48).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

4.20 ((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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