



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 24.80 , up 20.1 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs responds favorably to last minute shopping and to active retail promotional activity as folks looked at their calendars and realized Thanksgiving is here at last. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs have steadied following recent sharp gains. Supplies and offerings are light to moderate on moderate trading and good interest. Prices on the loose egg market have peaked and are seeing some downward adjustment as marketers take stock of their needs and slow their purchasing activity. Supplies and offerings are in a light to moderate balance and trading has slowed. Wholesale breaking stock prices are steady to weak with light to moderate supplies and offerings and moderate trading. Schedules are short to full-time due to the holiday disruption. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a continued slowdown in retail featuring as retailers look past Thanksgiving to the start of cookie season. The average ad price is lower on the reduced activity.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (329,668,957), Percentage flock in molt (1.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (325,723,789).

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 (82.7%), Total egg production (269,519,233), Total eggs into breaking stock (78,029,743), Table eggs for in-shell use (191,489,490), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (531,915).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

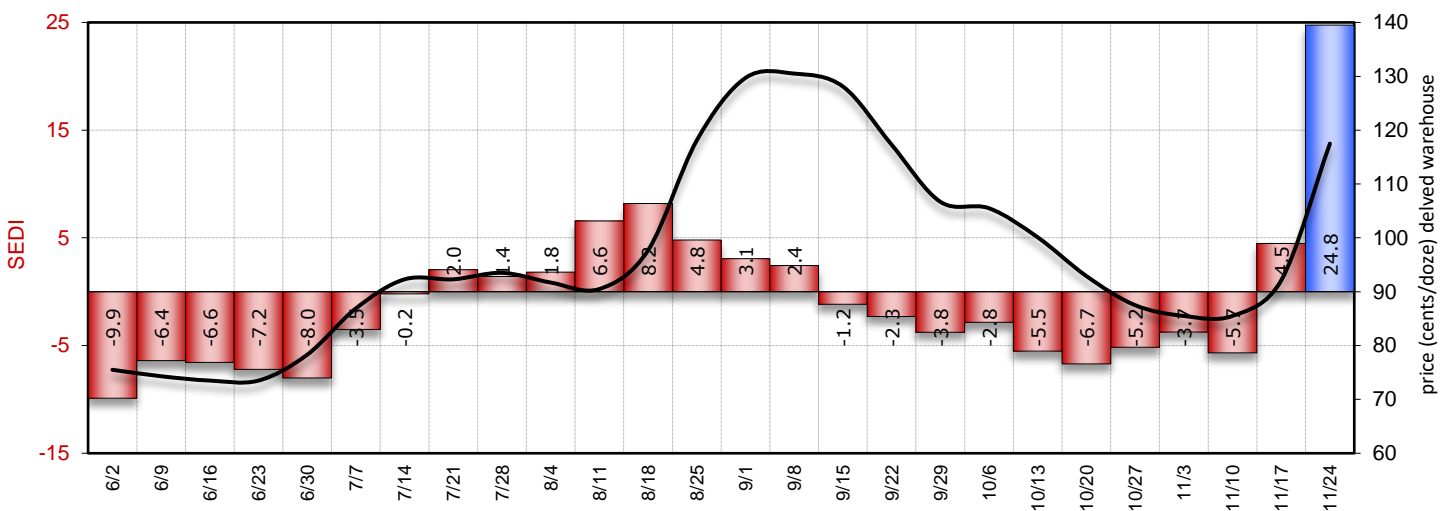
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,365,600), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (335,107), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (5.09), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.08).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

24.80 ((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)