



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 4.60 , down 3.5 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs continues to decline from the holiday highs but remains above average. Increased retail feature activity over the past week at attractive average ad pricing has helped to steel interest. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs are firm to higher on light to moderate offerings and moderate supplies. Trading is moderate. Prices for loose eggs are reversing last week's downward trend and are posting small gains, Supplies and offerings are in a moderate balance on moderate trading. Prices for breaking stock are unchanged on light offerings and moderate supplies. Demand is moderate with full-time schedules. Trading is slow. The survey of retail outlets indicates a decline in activity with not change in the average ad price, currently at very attractive level to incentivize consumption.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (325,290,677), Percentage flock in molt (1.0%), Productive table egg layer flock (322,037,770).

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 (82.6%), Total egg production (266,003,198), Total eggs into breaking stock (76,076,915), Table eggs for in-shell use (189,926,283), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (527,573).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

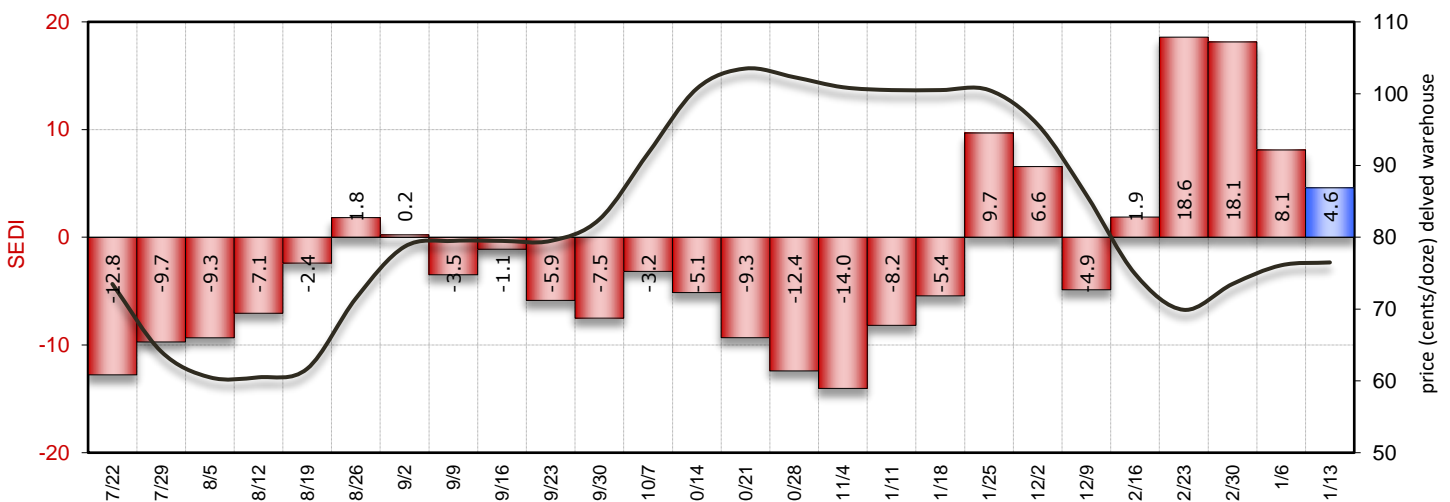
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,471,300), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (321,820), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.78), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.57).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

4.60 ((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)

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