



## USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

November 20, 2019

**The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 3.30 , up 4.1 points from last week.**

### This Week:

Demand for shell eggs improves as retail holiday promotions peak but remains behind last year's pace at this point relative to the holiday. The upward track of wholesale prices has topped out and is steady on light to moderate offerings and supplies. Interest is moderate to good on moderate to, at times, active trading. Breaking stock prices are steady with light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is slow for mostly full-time schedules. The preliminary survey of retail featuring into next week indicates an increase in activity and the average ad price declines as attractively-priced offers fill store circulars. Retailers have already begun to shift the focus of their breaking ads to centerplate protein items with the holiday just one week away.

### Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

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| U.S. table egg layer flock       | 338,356,715        | (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) |
| Percentage flock in molt         | 1.9%               | (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) |
| Productive table egg layer flock | <b>331,927,938</b> | (total flock - (total flock * molt))              |

### Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

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| Table egg layer rate                   | 81.1%          | (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)  |
| Total egg production                   | 269,193,558    | (total productive flock * lay rate)                |
| Total eggs into breaking stock         | 80,219,680     | (29.80% of daily shell egg production to breakers) |
| Table eggs for in-shell use            | 188,973,877    | (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))    |
| Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) | <b>524,927</b> | (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)           |

### Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

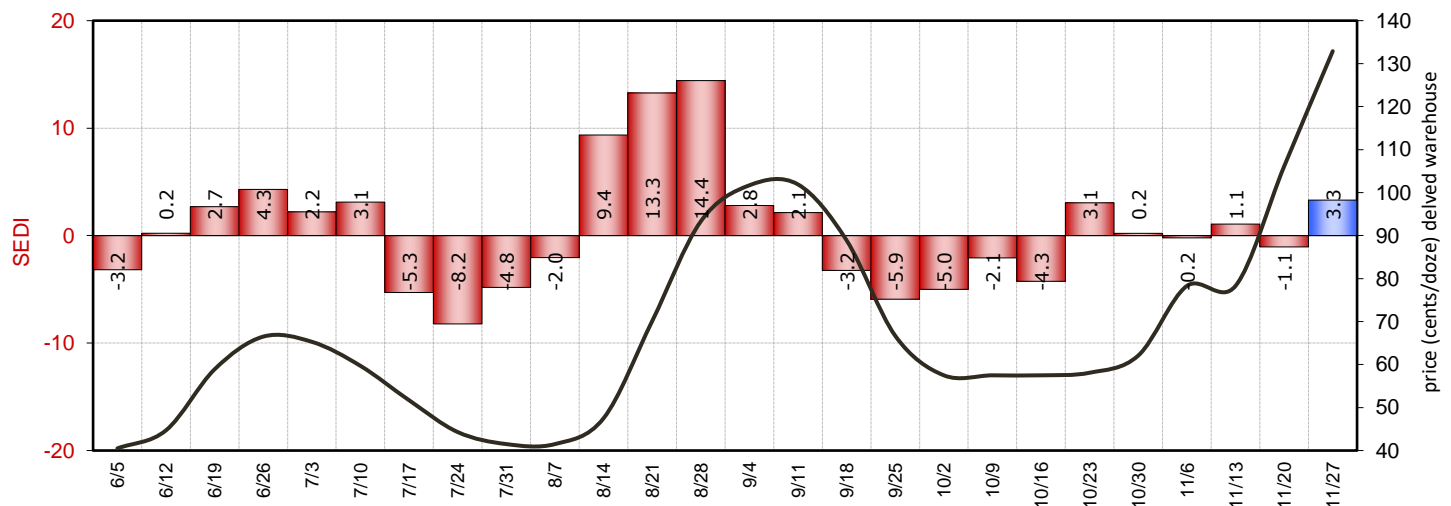
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

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| USDA shell egg inventory                 | 1,453,300   | 30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)   |
| Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock    | 61.0%       | (shell egg inventory cooperators control 61% of productive flock)   |
| Shell egg cases produced each day        | 320,206     | (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 61%))<br>(800,514 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover) |
| 26-week rolling average of days on hand  | 4.69        | (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)  |
| Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing | <b>4.54</b> | (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)  |

### Shell Egg Demand Indicator

**3.30** ((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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