



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 5.40, up 2.8 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs continues to improve as Thanksgiving nears and retailers pepper their store ads with attractive offers targeting holiday baking season demand. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs are weak as supplies approach heavy levels despite light to moderate offerings. Trading has slowed. Loose egg prices are in decline as marketers have sufficient supplies to cover current needs and are content to wait for further indications of shell egg clearance. Prices for breaking stock are lower as offerings have quickly become adequate as supplies increase to moderate to heavy levels. Trading is slow. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a marked decline in caged egg promotions in deference to cage-free offerings and the average ad price rises sharply on the reduced activity.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (325,919,820), Percentage flock in molt (2.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (318,749,584).

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 (82.8%), Total egg production (263,924,656), Total eggs into breaking stock (75,746,376), Table eggs for in-shell use (188,178,279), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (522,717).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

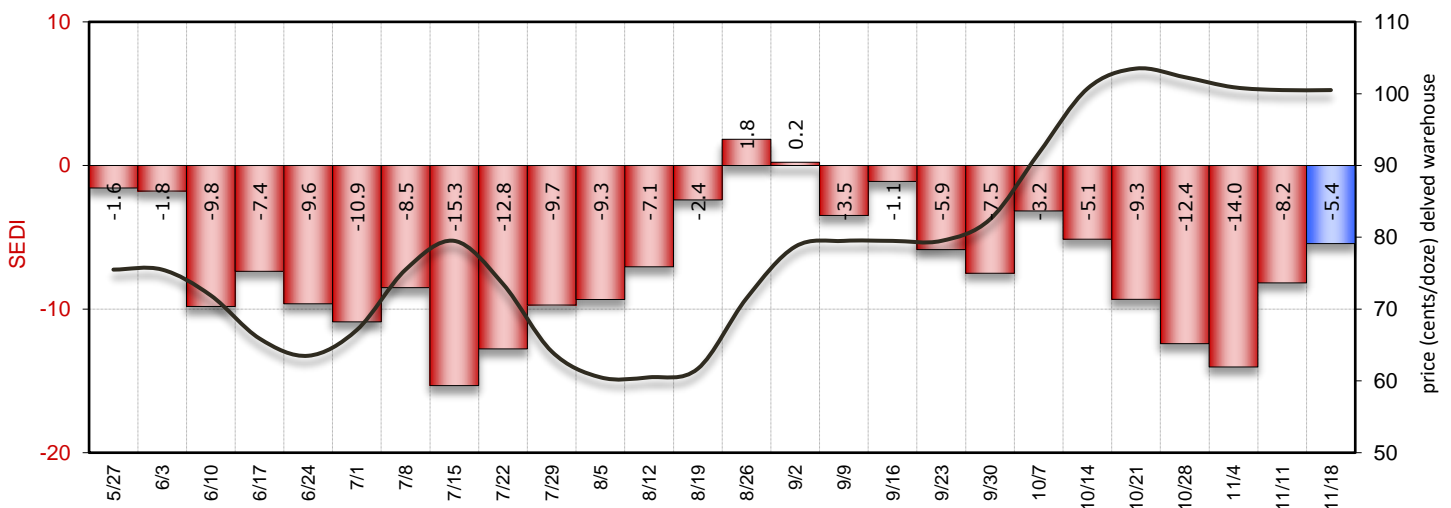
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,640,600), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (318,858), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.87), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.15).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-5.40 ((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)