



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 1.10, up 2.4 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand improves and is just about average with a bump from the uptick in last week's retail promotional activity. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs are holding steady on moderate offerings and supplies. Trading is moderate. Prices for breaking stock are barely steady as offerings are readily available for limited demand and moderate supplies. Trading is slow to moderate for full-time schedules. The preliminary survey of retail outlets is showing a retreat in activity for all shell eggs following last week's active cycle. The average ad price reverses course and rises sharply as last week's attractive ads expire.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Metrics include U.S. table egg layer flock (316,604,520), Percentage flock in molt (1.5%), and Productive table egg layer flock (311,855,452).

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. Metrics include Table egg layer rate (82.9%), Total egg production (258,528,170), Total eggs into breaking stock (72,129,359), Table eggs for in-shell use (186,398,810), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (517,774).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

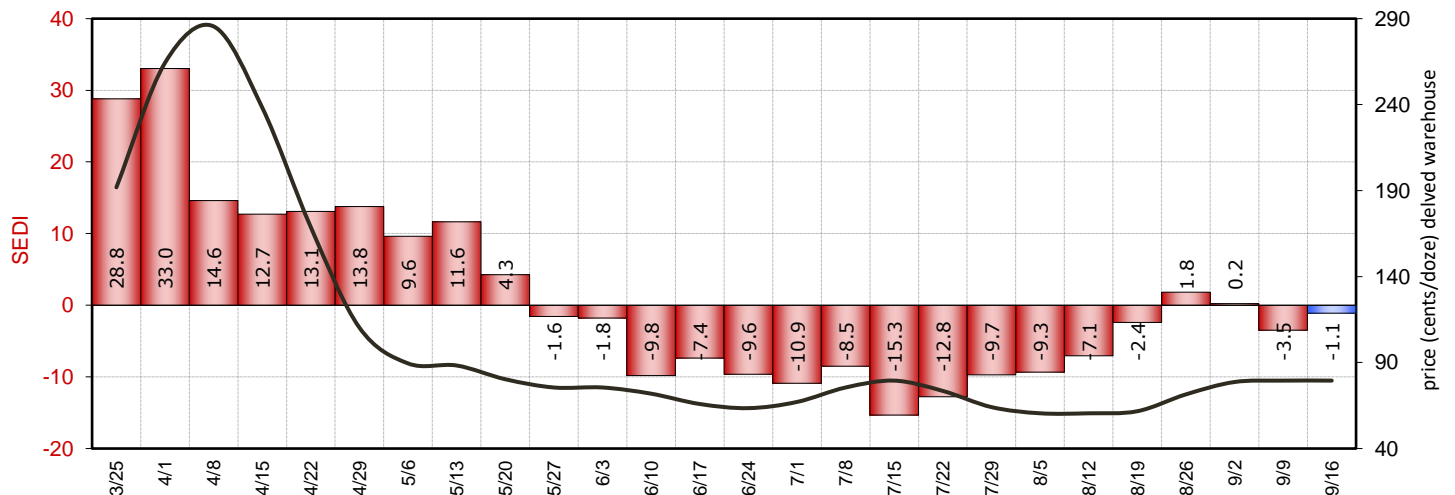
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Metrics include USDA shell egg inventory (1,424,500), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (315,842), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.46), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.51).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-1.10 ((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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