



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 13.50, down 4.2 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs continues to decline despite as retail promotional activity remains lackluster and offers little incentive to buy. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs are a weak steady as supplies are moderate to heavy and offerings are light to moderate. Loose egg prices have firmed as offerings have declined and supplies have moderated. Prices for breaking stock are steady to higher with limited offerings and light to moderate supplies. Demand is moderate to good and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a very limited level of promotion but the average ad price declines back to below \$1.00 per dozen.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (323,354,319), Percentage flock in molt (2.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (316,240,524).

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 (82.4%), Total egg production (260,582,192), Total eggs into breaking stock (77,132,329), Table eggs for in-shell use (183,449,863), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (509,583).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

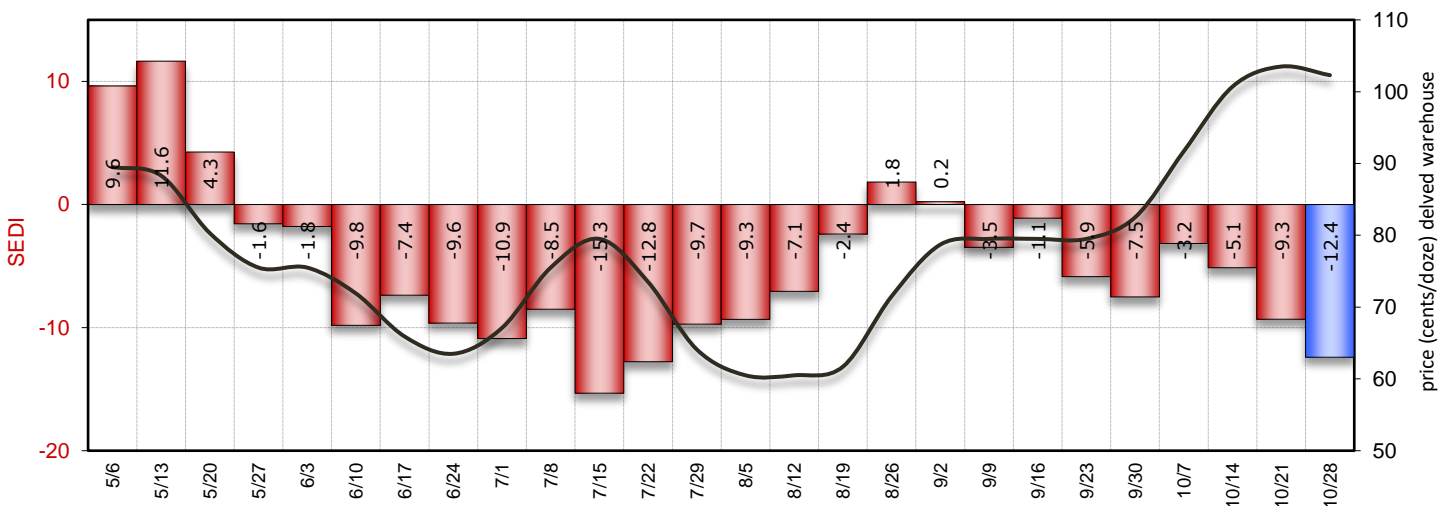
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,677,400), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (310,846), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.67), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.40).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-13.50 ((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)