



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 7.20 , up 6.1 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand rises over the past week, driven less by consumer demand and more by demand from marketers as they work to cover their anticipated needs for the approaching Easter demand period. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are increasing as buyers work to cover their needs from diminishing offerings. Trading is moderate. Prices for loose eggs continue to rise sharply under conditions similar to the carton market. The pace of trading is increasing. Prices for breaking stock are higher on reduced offerings and supplies. Interest is good to maintain schedules at as full-time as possible as Easter carton demand has reduced product availability in the spot market. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates another decline in feature activity and the average ad price jumps on the thin test.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (328,064,798), Percentage flock in molt (1.8%), Productive table egg layer flock (322,202,049).

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 (81.3%), Total egg production (261,993,148), Total eggs into breaking stock (72,193,011), Table eggs for in-shell use (189,800,137), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (527,223).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

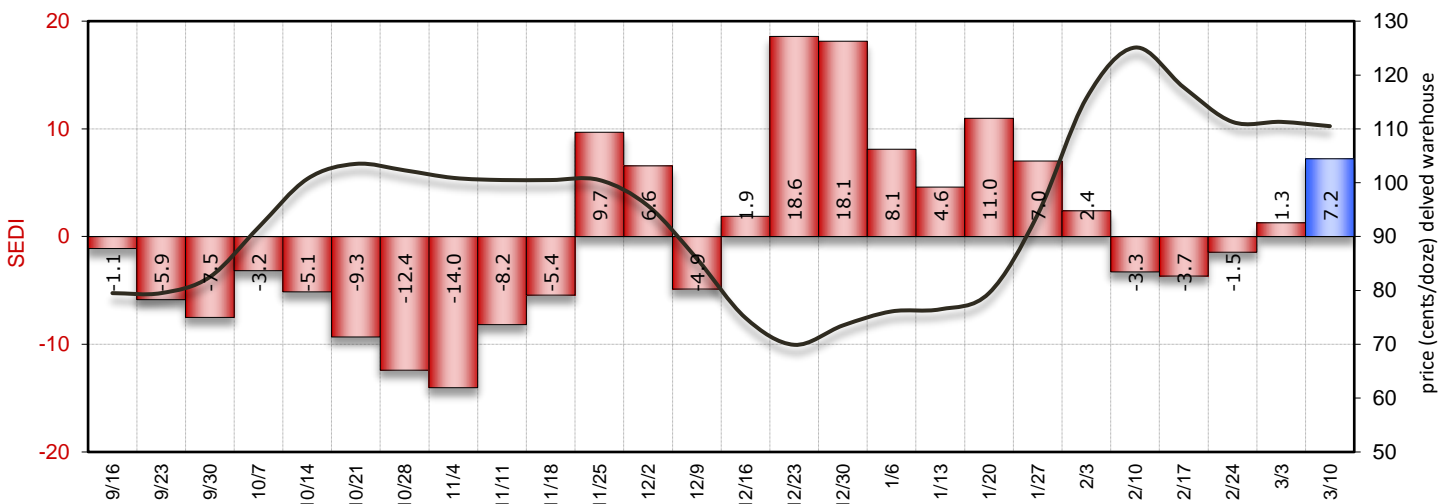
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,448,100), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (62.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (326,878), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.75), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.43).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

Table with 1 row: Shell Egg Demand Indicator (7.20)

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)