



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 5.90, down 4.8 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs declines in the short-term as retail promotional activity slows and attractive ad pricing expires with less incentive for consumer buying. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs have begun to advance on light to moderate offerings. Supplies are sufficient for now but marketers are looking to supplement their stocks into October as the Autumn demand period nears. Trading is moderate. Prices for breaking stock are higher on limited offerings and declining supplies as breakers are also looking to build stocks. Trading is moderate to active for full-time schedules. The preliminary survey of retail outlets is showing a consistent pace of promotional activity but the average ad price has declined to more attractive levels that will help to stimulate consumer interest moving forward over the next week.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (318,285,286), Percentage flock in molt (2.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (311,283,009).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 4 rows: Table egg layer rate (80.7%), Total egg production (251,205,389), Total eggs into breaking stock (75,864,027), Table eggs for in-shell use (175,341,361), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (487,059).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

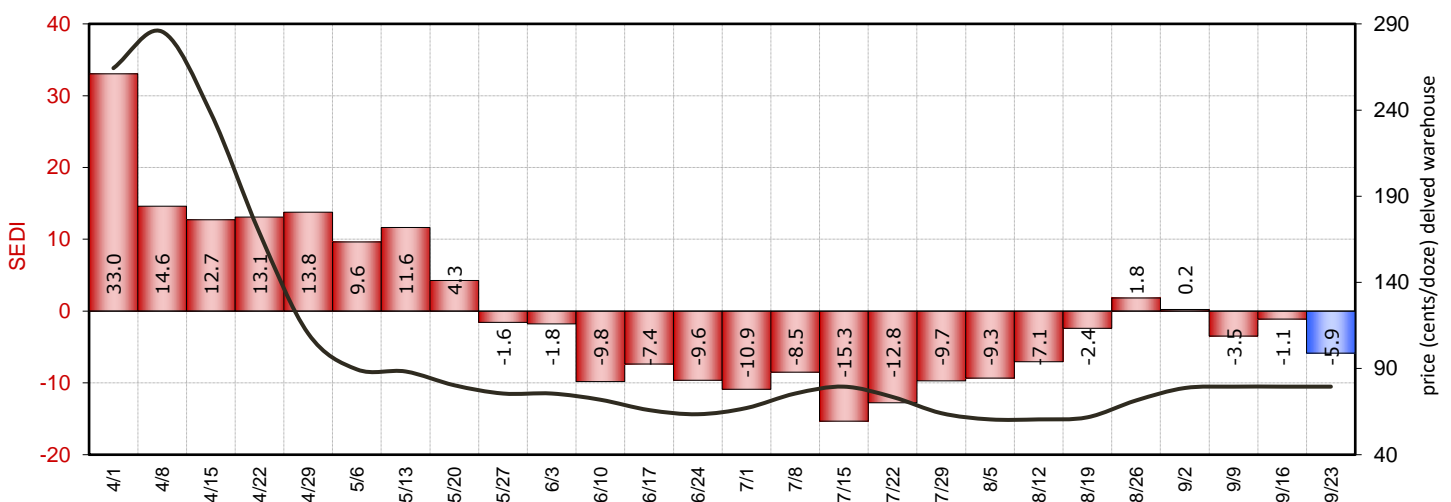
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 4 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,418,700), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (297,106), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.50), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.78).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

Shell Egg Demand Indicator: -5.90 ((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)