



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 5.10, down 1.9 points from last week.

This Week:

Current consumer demand for shell eggs softens ahead of increasing retail promotional activity breaking into next week at attractive average ad prices. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs have steadied as supplies have become more comfortable and product is becoming more available. Demand has moderated and trading has slowed. The trading of loose eggs is experiencing similar conditions. Prices for breaking stock have steadied are firm as offerings and supplies reach a balance. Trading is slow to moderate on slowing full-time schedules. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp rise in activity coupled with a sharp decline in the average ad price which is almost certain to stimulate consumer buying over the next week.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Rows include U.S. table egg layer flock (319,850,193), Percentage flock in molt (2.2%), and Productive table egg layer flock (312,813,489).

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. Rows include Table egg layer rate (81.0%), Total egg production (253,378,926), Total eggs into breaking stock (73,226,510), Table eggs for in-shell use (180,152,416), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (500,423).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

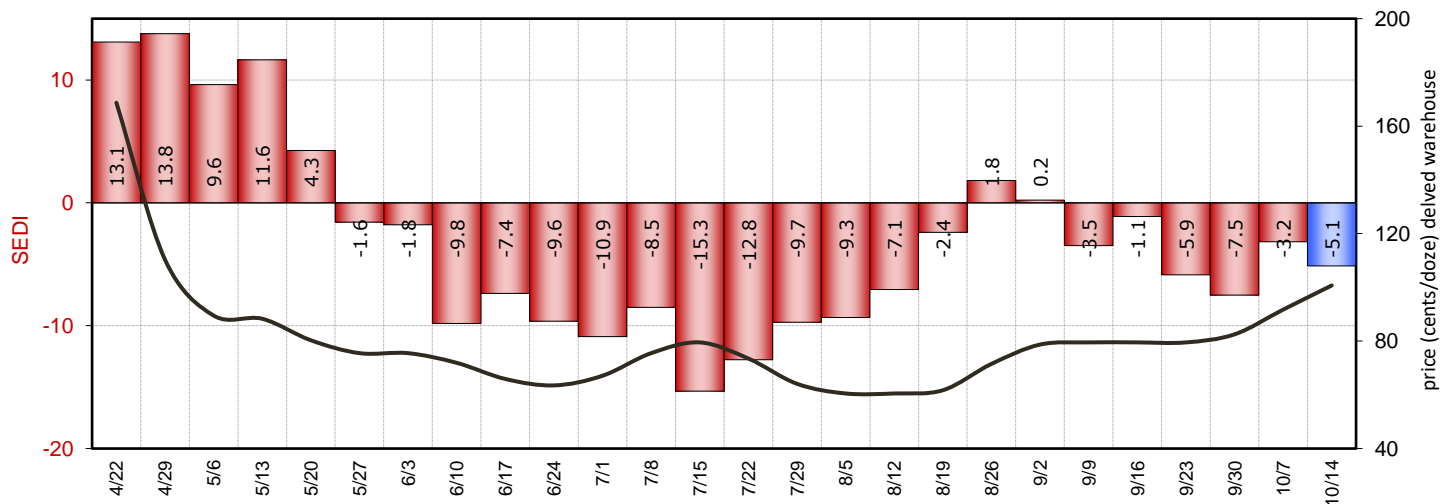
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Rows include USDA shell egg inventory (1,487,100), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (305,258), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.62), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.87).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-5.10 ((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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