



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 9.30, down 4.2 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs declines despite active retail promotional activity over the past week at some of the lowest average ad pricing of the year. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs are steady but just so even as prices for loose eggs are on the decline. Demand is average despite light to moderate offerings as supplies are more than adequate. The pace of trading has slowed. Prices for breaking stock have steadied with offerings and supplies in a light to moderate balance. Demand is light to moderate and trading is slow. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a rapid decline following last week's very active pace as last week's ads expire by midweek. The average ad price increases on the reduced promotional activity.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (320,499,509), Percentage flock in molt (2.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (313,448,520).

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 (81.2%), Total egg production (254,520,198), Total eggs into breaking stock (74,319,898), Table eggs for in-shell use (180,200,300), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (500,556).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

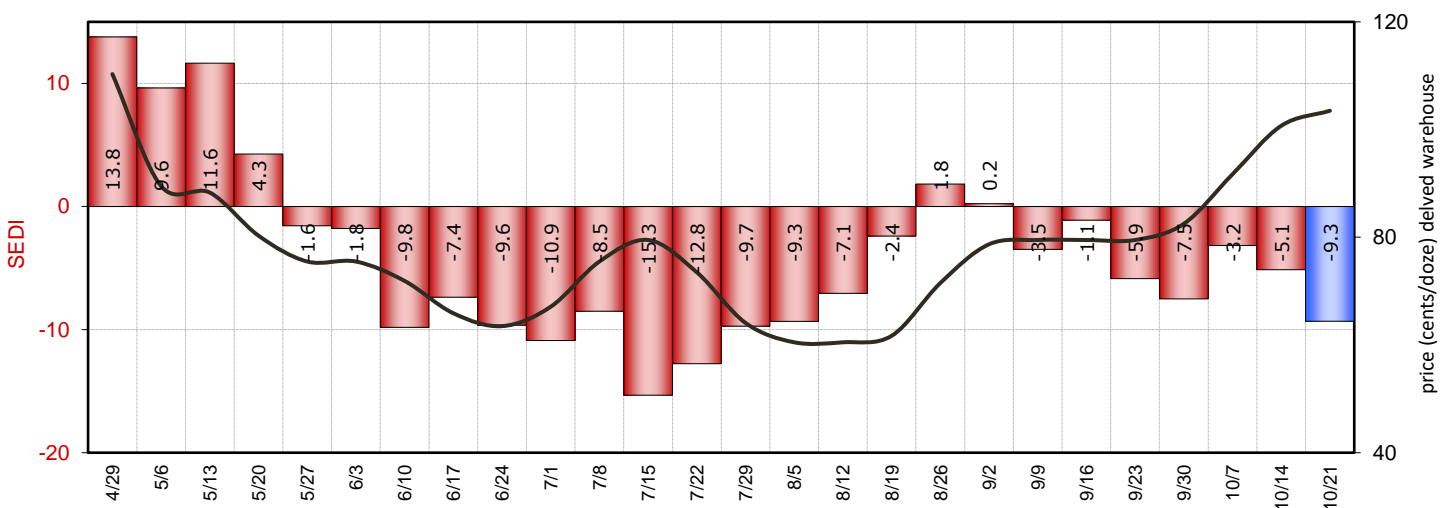
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,571,300), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (305,339), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.67), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.15).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-9.30 ((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)