



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 6.60 , down 3.1 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs in the immediate post Thanksgiving demand period has begun to decline as consumers shift their thoughts to the next holiday demand season. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs continue to decline on increasing offerings, mixed supplies, and lackluster interest. Trading is slow to moderate. Loose egg prices are in decline as offerings are more than adequate for ample supplies. Trading has slowed as marketers sort out their needs over the coming weeks. Prices for breaking stock are moving lower as offerings and supplies are moderate to heavy. Interest is good at reduced pricing and trading is moderate to active. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a declining pace for caged shell eggs and the average ad price rises on the reduced sale activity. All eyes now shift to the December cookie season.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (326,907,976), Percentage flock in molt (1.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (322,985,080).

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 (83.1%), Total egg production (268,400,601), Total eggs into breaking stock (71,662,961), Table eggs for in-shell use (196,737,641), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (546,493).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

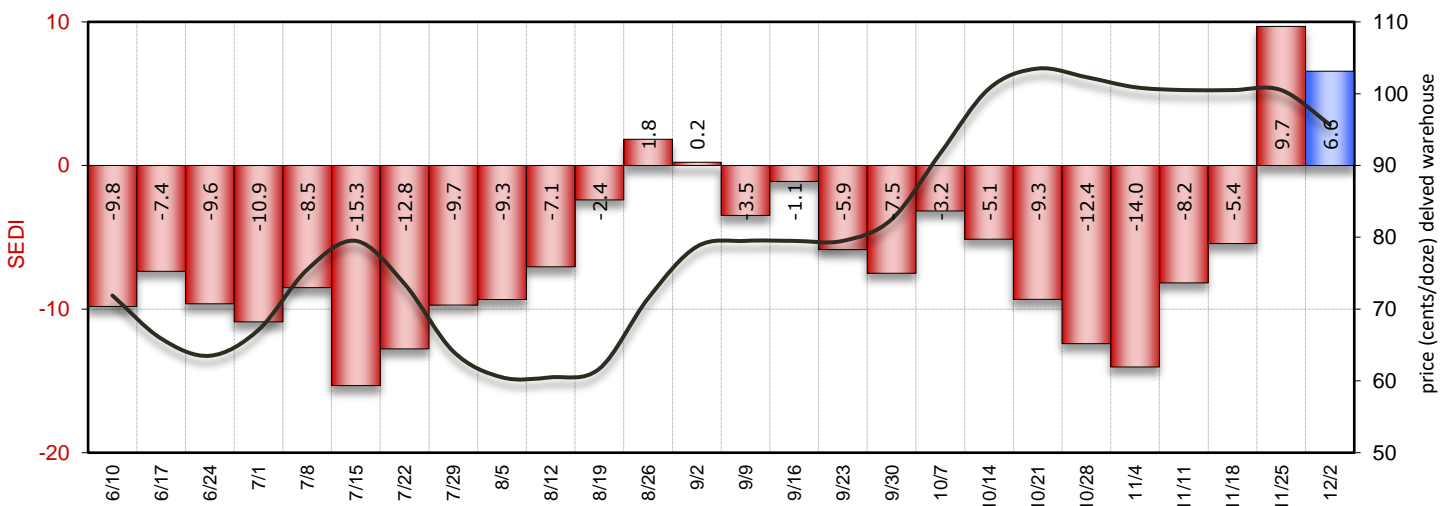
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,524,100), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (333,361), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.87), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.57).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

6.60 ((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)