



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 2.60 , up 2.0 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs begins to rise as active ongoing retail features for the holiday has stimulated consumer purchasing. Wholesale prices are posting daily advances with light to moderate supplies being met with light offerings. Trading is moderate to active. Breaking stock prices are steady as focus has shifted to carton business and offerings are light. Supplies are sufficient to feed full-time schedules. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates peak activity is passing with less than 2 weeks until the holiday. The average ad price drops sharply as deals take effect. The holiday baking season is underway but retailers are already shifting their focus to center-plate proteins for the holiday.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (329,714,972), Percentage flock in molt (1.5%), Productive table egg layer flock (324,769,248)

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 (80.1%), Total egg production (260,140,167), Total eggs into breaking stock (81,423,872), Table eggs for in-shell use (178,716,295), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (496,434)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

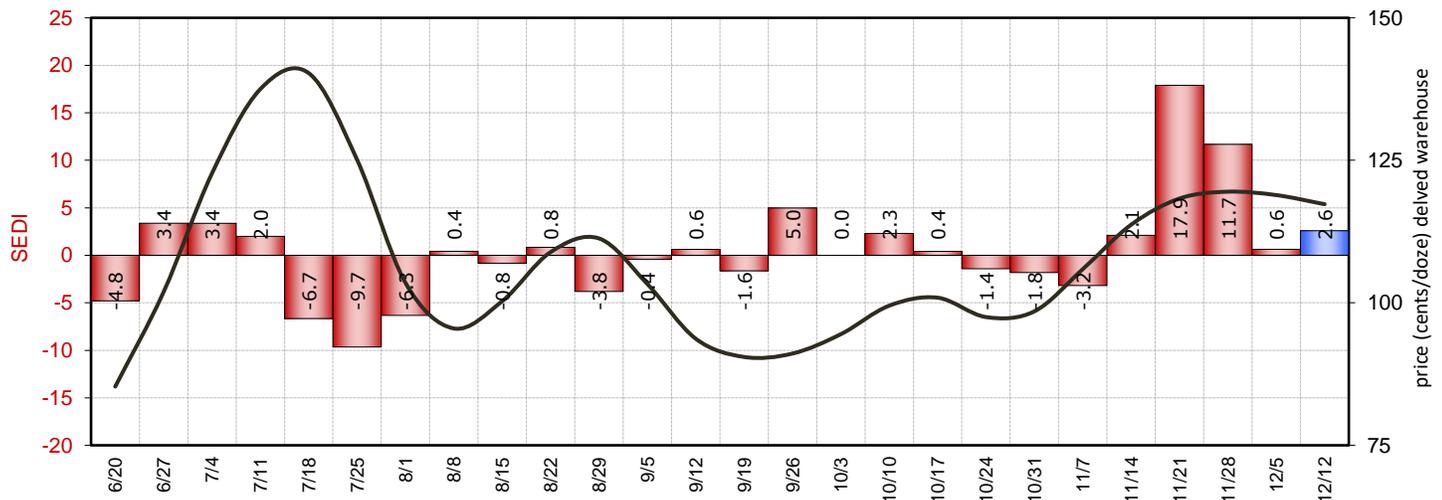
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,405,400), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (302,825), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.76), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.64)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

2.60 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) \* 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large 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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