



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 17.50 , down 9.8 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs recedes as the active holiday demand period eases. Wholesale prices have begun to decline on moderate to heavy offerings and supplies and the undertone is lower. Trading is slow. Breaking stock prices are sharply for moderate to heavy offerings and moderate supplies. Trading is moderate on full-time schedules. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates declining activity for conventional types and a sharply higher average ad price as holiday deals pass. Retail promotions of specialty shell eggs more than doubles. The market is in its adjustment phase following the holiday and, if past trends are any indication, can enjoy renewed interest into January.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Note. Includes U.S. table egg layer flock (332,007,833), Percentage flock in molt (1.2%), and Productive table egg layer flock (328,023,739).

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/Note. Includes Table egg layer rate (79.9%), Total egg production (262,090,968), Total eggs into breaking stock (74,171,744), Table eggs for in-shell use (187,919,224), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (521,998).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

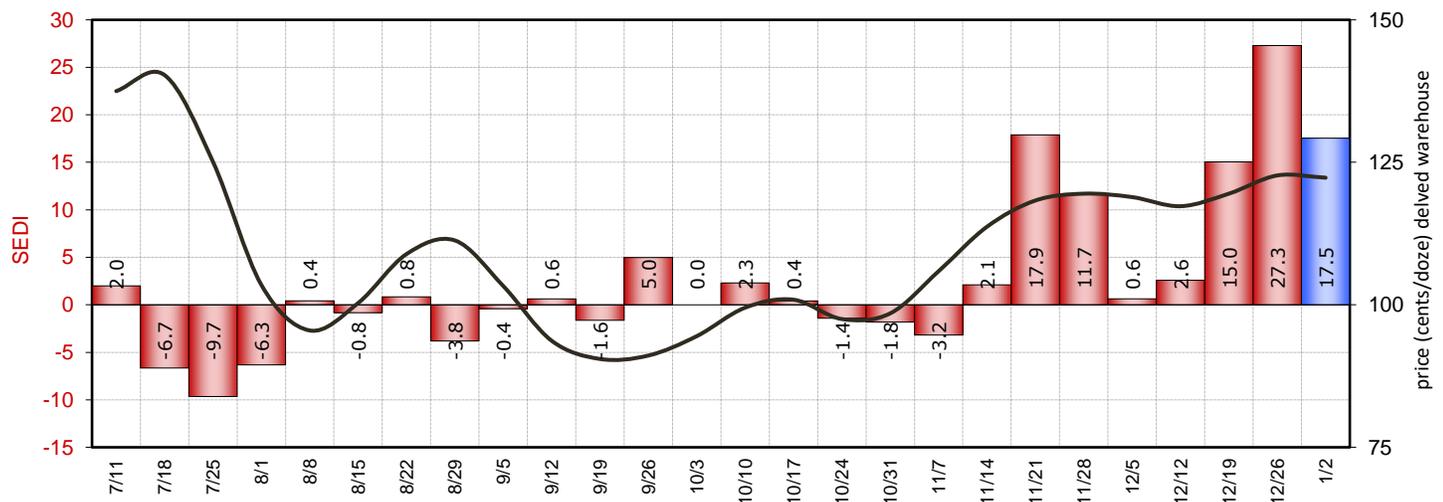
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Note. Includes USDA shell egg inventory (1,270,700), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (318,419), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.69), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (3.99).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

17.50 ((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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