



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -1.20, down 3.6 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs continues to decline from its August peak and slips below average for the first time in 2 months. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are moving lower as supplies are more than sufficient despite moderate offerings. Interest has waned and trading has slowed. Prices on the loose egg market are lower with more than adequate supplies dampening demand. Trading is moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are lower with moderate supplies and offerings. Interest is moderate, schedule full and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp decline across all categories this week. The preliminary average ad price for conventional caged eggs drops rises but remains under \$1.00/dozen.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (322,338,957), Percentage flock in molt (2.0%), Productive table egg layer flock (315,879,261).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 4 rows: Table egg layer rate (81.9%), Total egg production (258,620,210), Total eggs into breaking stock (76,589,691), Table eggs for in-shell use (182,030,519), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (505,640).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

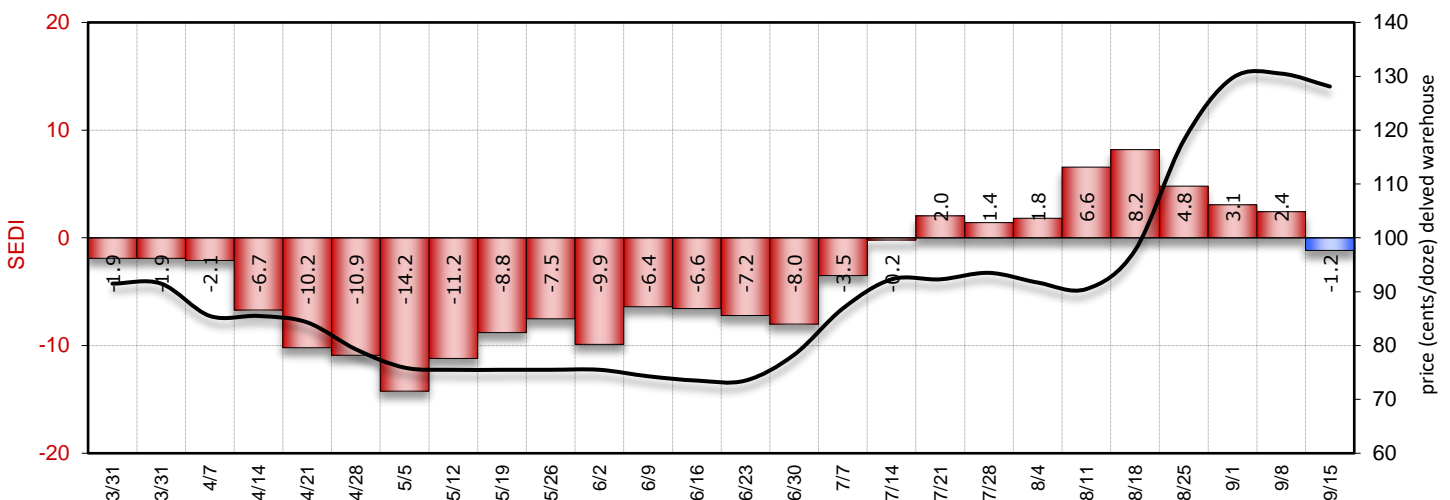
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 4 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,636,900), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (318,553), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (5.08), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.14).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-1.20 ((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)