



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -2.10, down 0.2 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for Large conventional shell eggs during the recent week ahead of Easter was lackluster as retailers focused their advertising efforts on specialty shell eggs and offered limited price incentives on conventional. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs continue to decline as offerings outweigh current needs. Trading is slow to moderate. Prices for loose eggs continue their decline as offerings available while supplies are adequate for current business. The pace of trading has picked up at the lower price levels. Prices for breaking stock are weak with light to moderate offerings and supplies. Trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp decline in feature activity in the post-Easter week with a decline in the average ad price which was at its highest pre-Easter price since Easter 2016.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (326,925,917), Percentage flock in molt (1.5%), Productive table egg layer flock (322,011,514).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 5 rows: Table egg layer rate (81.2%), Total egg production (261,326,267), Total eggs into breaking stock (72,329,760), Table eggs for in-shell use (188,996,507), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (524,990).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

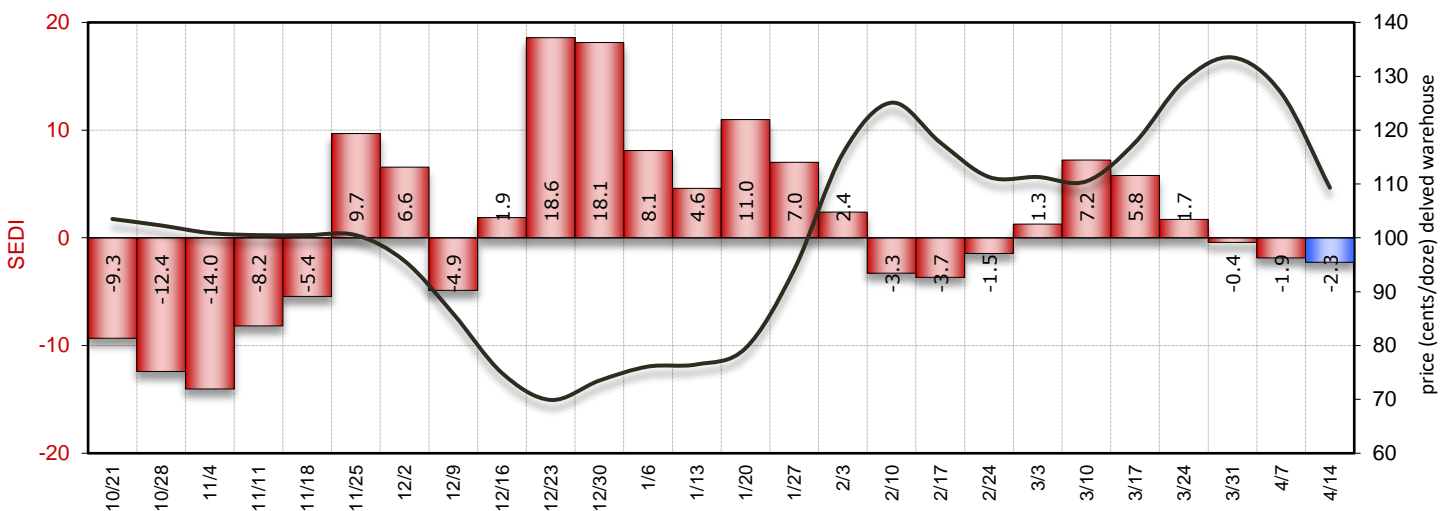
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 5 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,603,600), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (330,744), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.75), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.85).

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-2.10 ((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)

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