



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -2.30, down 1.1 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs remains soft and moved lower over the past week to just below average. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs have steadied after recent declines even as supplies remain more than sufficient for moderate offerings. Interest is moderate and trading is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market have strengthened with adequate supplies and mostly moderate offerings. Trading is moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are mostly steady but holding with adequate supplies and declining offerings. Interest is good, schedule full and trading is moderate to active. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates minimal activity on conventional caged eggs with too few ads breaking to determine a preliminary average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (322,662,276), Percentage flock in molt (2.0%), Productive table egg layer flock (316,198,255).

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 (258,984,975), Total eggs into breaking stock (80,327,726), Table eggs for in-shell use (178,657,249), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (496,270).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

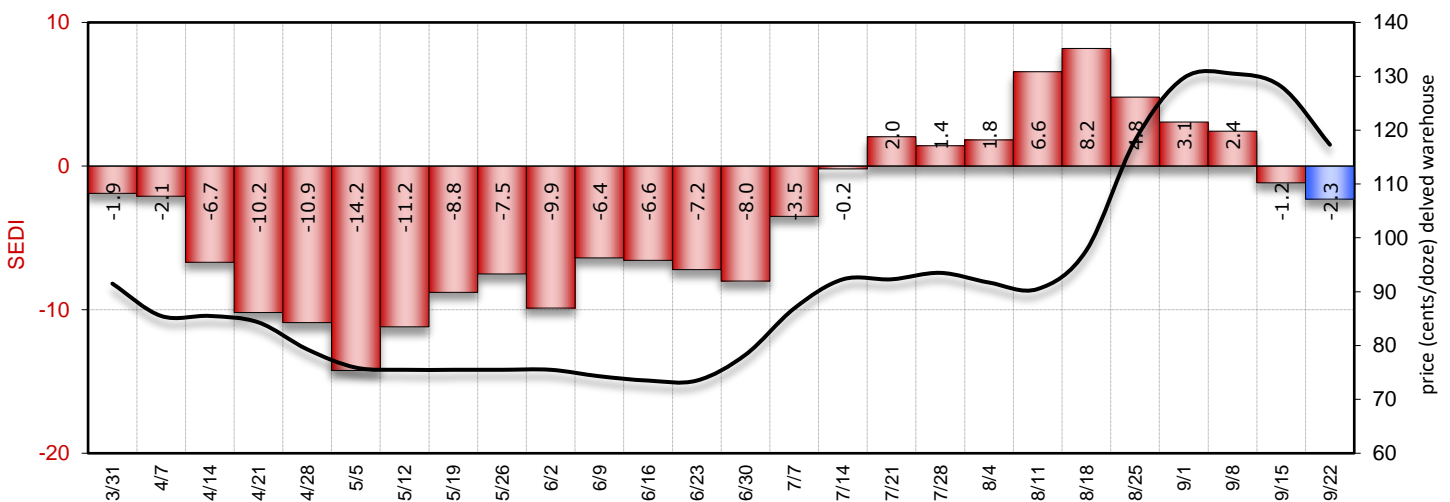
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 4 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,629,600), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (312,650), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (5.09), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.21).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-2.30 ((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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