



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -6.70, down 4.6 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs declines in the immediate post-Easter period. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are holding steady following their declines over the past week. Supplies are sufficient to heavy and offerings moderate. Trading is slow to moderate. Prices for loose eggs have turned and are posting modest increases. Supplies are moderate to heavy for moderate offerings. Trading is moderate to active. Prices for breaking stock are weak with a lower undertone. Supplies and offerings are in a balance but trading is slow as breakers work from owned stocks to maintain full-time schedules. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a limited increase in feature activity with a continuing focus on specialty types. The average ad price drops sharply as retailers look to entice consumers following a lackluster Easter movement.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (325,924,469), Percentage flock in molt (1.5%), Productive table egg layer flock (321,005,444).

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 (81.0%), Total egg production (260,033,071), Total eggs into breaking stock (75,292,406), Table eggs for in-shell use (184,740,665), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (513,169).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

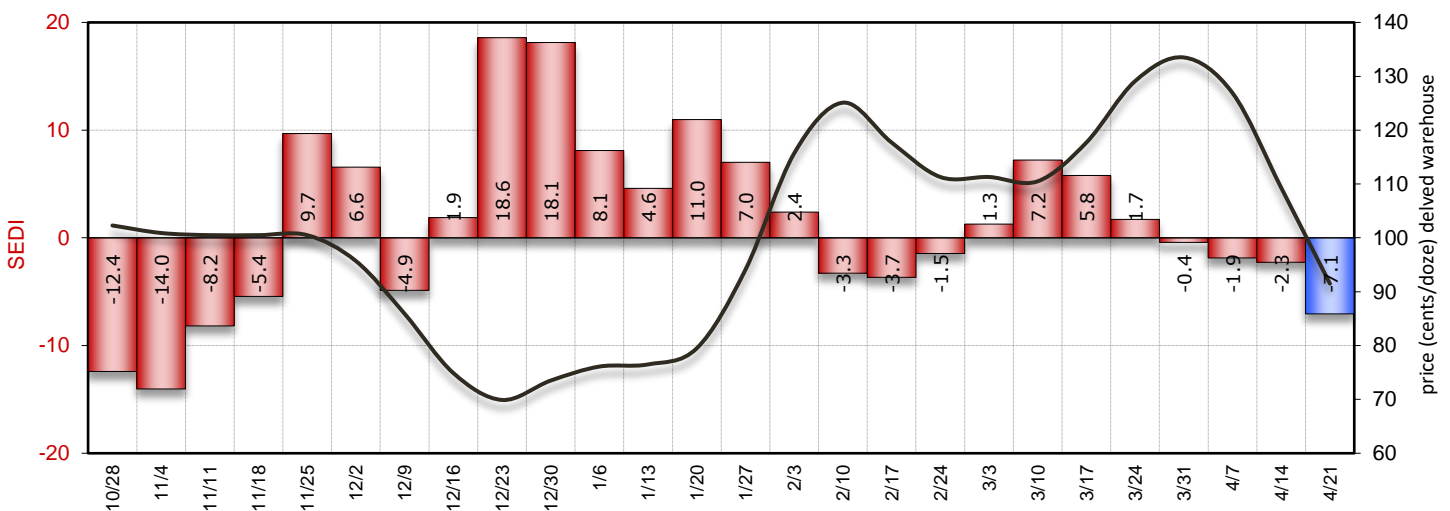
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,649,700), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (323,296), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.76), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.10).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-6.70 ((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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