



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -6.70, down 1.2 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs continued to move lower in the near-term as marketers focus on the anticipated seasonal rise in demand into the holiday season. Feature activity at retail over the past week focused on specialty shell eggs with little incentive to spur consumer purchasing. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are weak to lower with moderate to ample offerings and adequate supplies. Demand remains limited and movement is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market remain weak to lower with adequate to heavy supplies and moderate offerings. Movement is moderate as marketers are interested in keeping stocks current for the anticipated autumn rise in demand. Wholesale breaking stock prices are lower on moderate supplies and fully adequate offerings. Interest is average, schedules full-time, and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a slight decrease in activity for conventional caged shell eggs with a sharp drop in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (322,178,060), Percentage flock in molt (1.8%), Productive table egg layer flock (316,418,317).

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 (82.6%), Total egg production (261,518,138), Total eggs into breaking stock (83,272,474), Table eggs for in-shell use (178,245,664), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (495,127).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

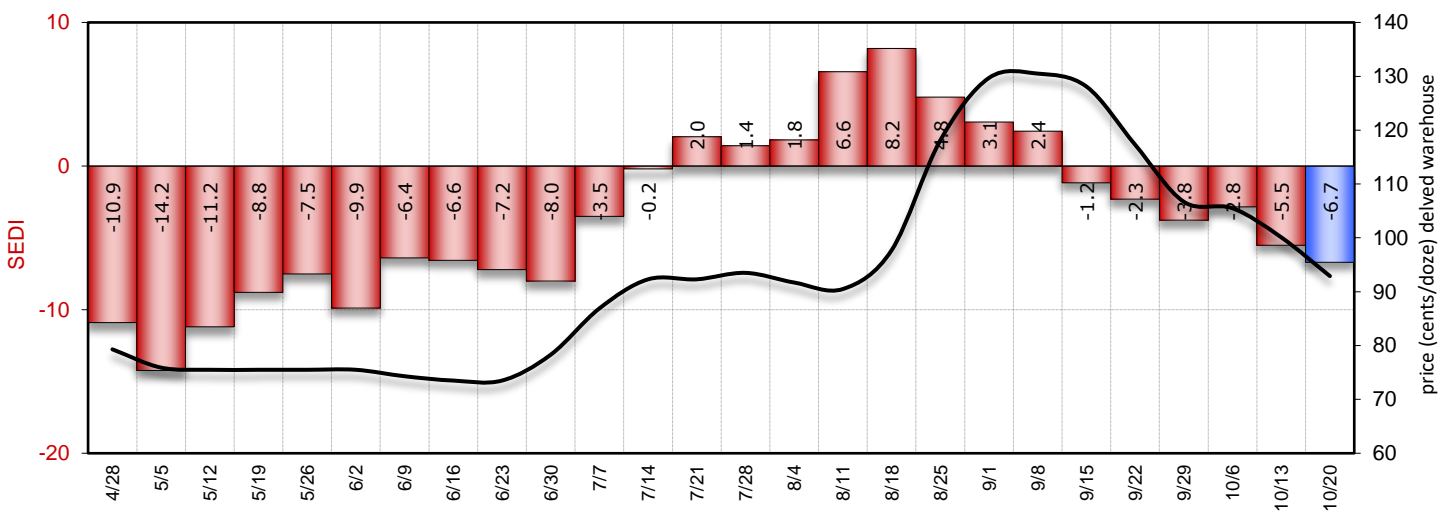
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,720,900), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (311,930), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (5.15), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.52).

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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