



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -9.30, up 0.4 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand is about unchanged following a week of limited retail promotional activity. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs are fully steady with loose egg prices seeing a slight increase. Supplies are more than adequate for moderate offerings. Trading is slow to moderate on improving interest. Prices for breaking stock are steady with decreased offerings. Supplies remain fully adequate for needs on limited interest and slow to moderate trading. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a slight rise in promotional activity for conventional shell eggs while the average ad price moves sharply lower. Shell eggs featuring, in general, is down with specialty types also seeing a decline in ad presence.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (317,092,932), Percentage flock in molt (2.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (310,116,887)

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 (251,194,679), Total eggs into breaking stock (75,107,209), Table eggs for in-shell use (176,087,470), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (489,132)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

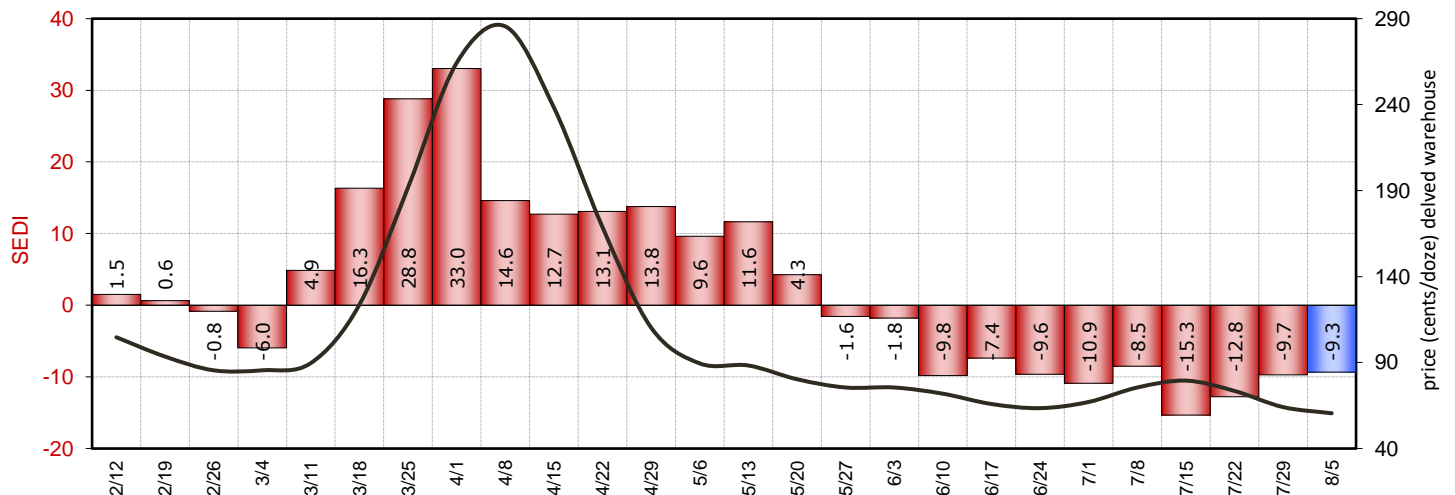
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,471,600), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (298,370), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.47), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.93)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-9.30 ((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)

Source: USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News 515-284-4460