USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

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 -

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317,092,932 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Percentage flock in molt

2.2% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Productive table egg layer flock 310,116,887 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate 81.0% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 251,194,679 (total productive flock * lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 75,107,209 (29.90% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

Table eggs for in-shell use 176,087,470 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)

489,132 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

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

USDA shell egg inventory

Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock

Shell egg cases produced each day

26-week rolling average of days on hand Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing

1,471,600 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

61.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 61% of productive flock)

298,370 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 61%))

(745,926 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

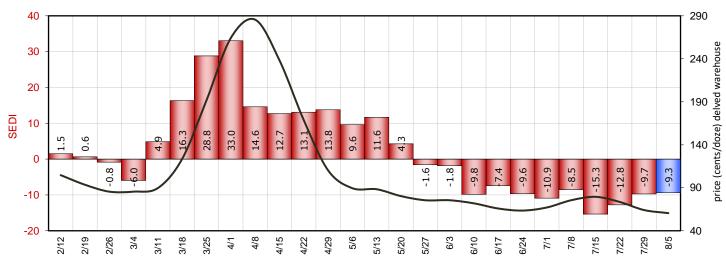
4.47 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

4.93 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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)

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