



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 15.00 , up 12.4 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs rises quickly on good promotional activity at retail outlets across the country for the holiday. Wholesale prices responded by moving higher early in the week but have begun to soften as the core demand period is passing. Supplies and offerings are in a balance, light to moderate on moderate to active trading. Breaking stock prices are under downward pressure as offerings are on the rise for light demand and moderate supplies. Schedules are full-time ahead of next week's holiday disruption. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates a final push ahead of the holiday weekend and the average ad price continues to decline, reflecting the many specials in effect.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Rows include U.S. table egg layer flock (330,042,383), Percentage flock in molt (1.5%), and Productive table egg layer flock (325,091,747).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Rows include Table egg layer rate (79.9%), Total egg production (259,748,306), Total eggs into breaking stock (81,041,471), Table eggs for in-shell use (178,706,834), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (496,408).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

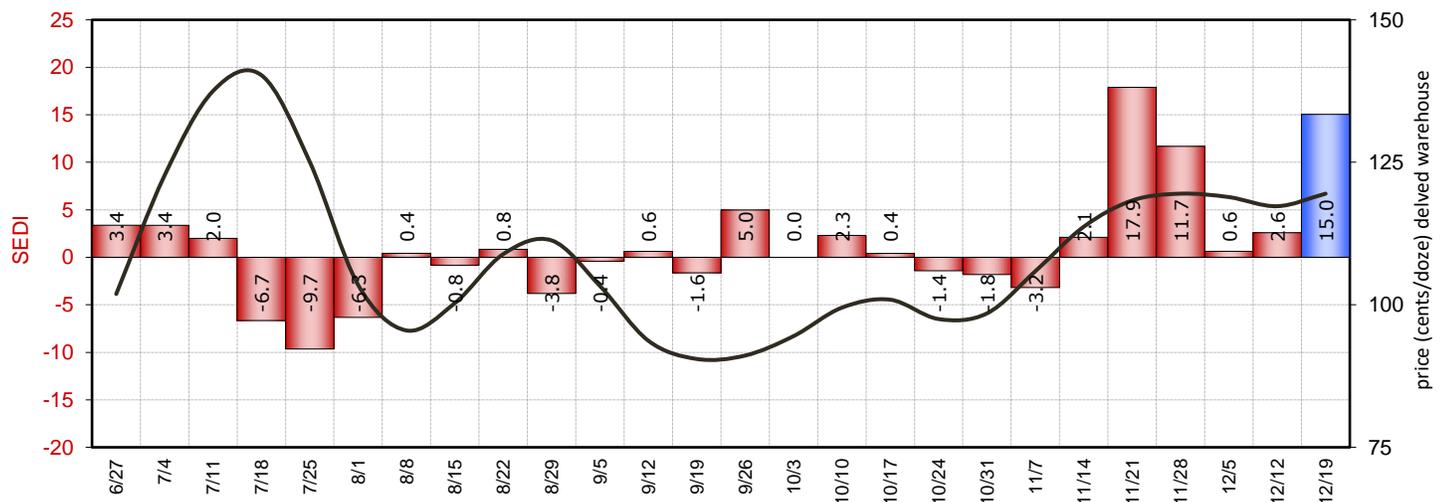
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Rows include USDA shell egg inventory (1,246,400), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (302,809), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.74), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.12).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

15.00 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large 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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