



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 7.50, down 1.6 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs in the short-term remains below average as retail promotional activity slows and average ad prices rise. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs are moving steadily higher as marketers are seeing limited offerings as they look to build sufficient supplies to support an anticipated rise in demand into October. Trading is moderate. The trading of loose eggs is experiencing similar conditions. Prices for breaking stock are firm after posting early-week increases as offerings remain well below needs and supplies are declining. Trading is active for reduced to full-time schedules. The preliminary survey of retail outlets is showing a sharp decline in activity and a corresponding rise in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (318,555,506), Percentage flock in molt (2.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (311,547,285).

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 (80.7%), Total egg production (251,418,659), Total eggs into breaking stock (75,425,598), Table eggs for in-shell use (175,993,061), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (488,870).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

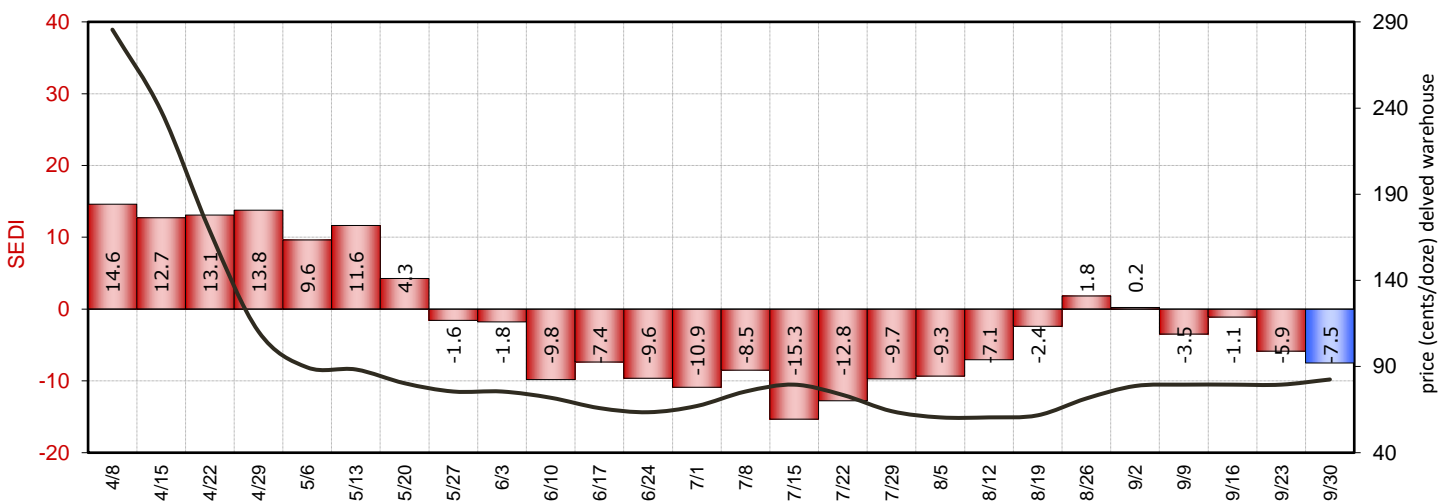
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,471,000), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (298,210), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.56), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.93).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-7.50 ((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)