



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 18.30 , down 1.3 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand softens but is holding as marketers continue to rebuild stocks depleted from recent active movement. Wholesale prices are declining as buyers fill their needs and become more selective. Offerings are outpacing demand and supplies are nearly adequate for current needs. Breaking stock prices are barely steady as offerings increase. Supplies are adequate but some are needing to restock after drawing from existing stocks over the past week. Schedules are full-time and trading is slow. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates a consistent to slightly increased level of activity with a sharp reduction in the average ad price. Demand appears to be holding at a fairly consistent level - just not one sufficient enough to keep ahead of supply.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Calculation. Includes U.S. table egg layer flock (332,364,714), Percentage flock in molt (1.2%), and Productive table egg layer flock (328,376,338).

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/Calculation. Includes Table egg layer rate (79.7%), Total egg production (261,715,941), Total eggs into breaking stock (76,421,055), Table eggs for in-shell use (185,294,886), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (514,708).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

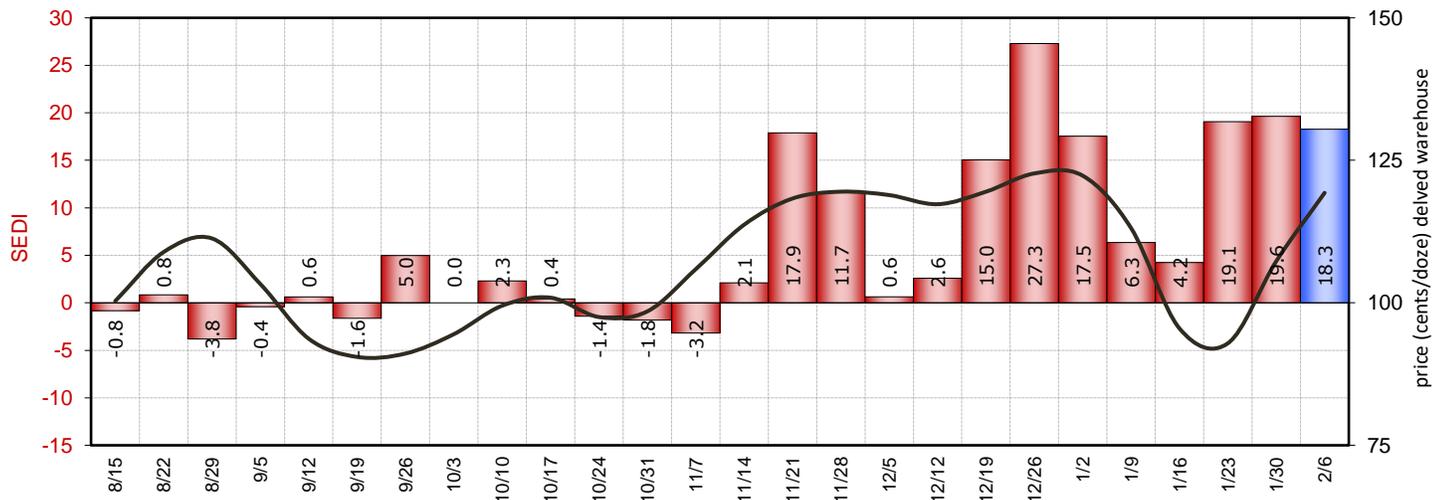
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Calculation. Includes USDA shell egg inventory (1,202,400), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (313,972), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.53), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (3.83).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

18.30 ((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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