



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 7.10, up 2.2 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs improves on increased retail promotional activity over the past cycle at very attractive sale prices and is following seasonal trends showing improvement moving into September. Wholesale prices of cartoned eggs remain fully steady with loose egg prices seeing a slight increase. Supplies and offerings are in a moderate balance and trading is slow to moderate on a full range of interest. Prices for breaking stock are firm for light to moderate offerings. Supplies remain fully adequate for needs on improved interest and slow trading. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp drop in promotional activity for conventional shell eggs with a sharply higher average ad price. Offerings of specialty shell eggs are seeing slightly less featuring this week.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (317,716,074), Percentage flock in molt (2.2%), Productive table egg layer flock (310,726,321).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 4 rows: Table egg layer rate (81.0%), Total egg production (251,688,320), Total eggs into breaking stock (76,261,561), Table eggs for in-shell use (175,426,759), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (487,297).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

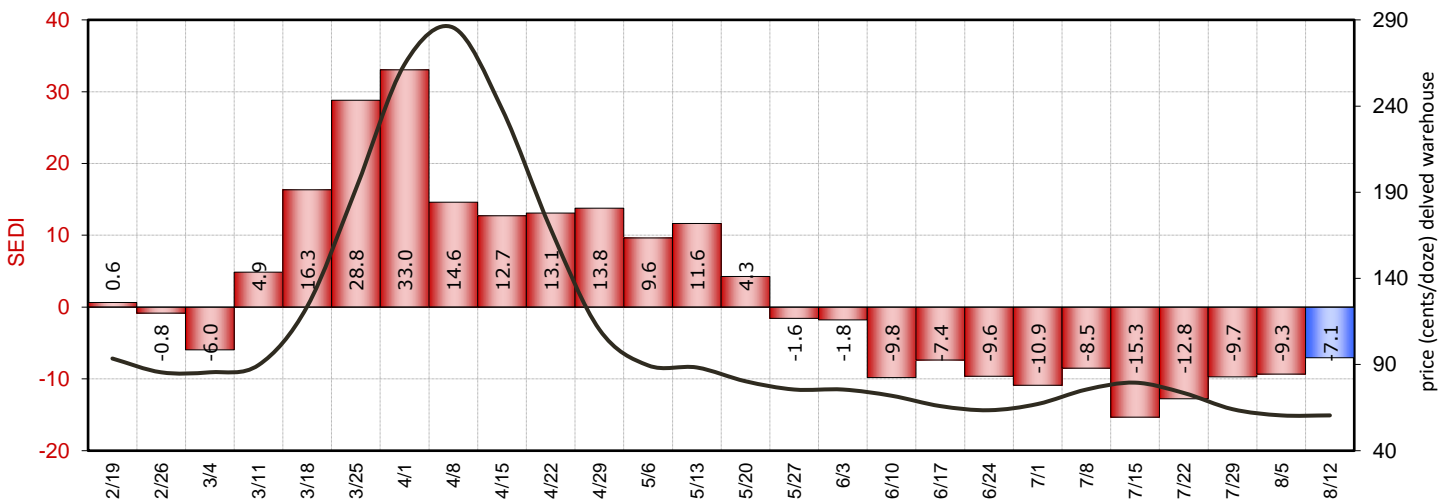
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 4 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,433,800), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (297,251), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.48), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.82).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-7.10 ((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)