## **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 -10.20, up 3.9 points from last week.

### This Week:

Shell egg demand improved over the past week as product was staged to support an active national retail ad cycle into this week. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose caged eggs are lower on a full range of demand for light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate and trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are lower but steadying on increased demand for light to moderate offerings. Wholesale breaking stock prices are lower with a full range of demand for light offerings and mixed supply. Schedules are full to extended and trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp rise in feature activity for conventional caged eggs this cycle with a decline in the average ad price as the new school year gets underway in many parts of the country.

#### **Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock** -

U.S. table egg layer flock

290,503,257 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Percentage flock in molt

2.10% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Productive table egg layer flock

284,394,752 (total flock \* molt))

## **Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -**

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate 82.1% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 233,534,871 (total productive flock \* lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 85,396,269 (36.57% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

Table eggs for in-shell use 148,138,602 (egg production \* (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 411,496 (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 1,343,600 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

62.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)

255,128 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production \* 62%))

(637,819 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

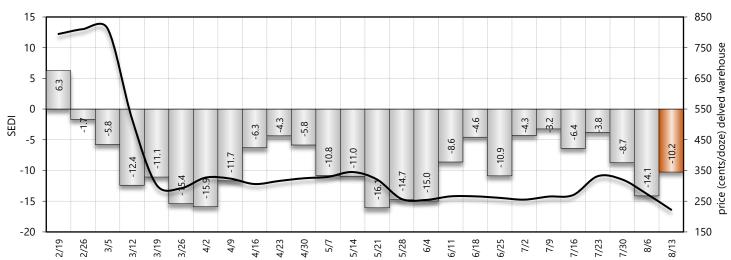
4.73 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

**5.27** (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

**Shell Egg Demand Indicator** 

-10.20 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) \* 100

# Shell Egg Demand vs. National Large, Loose Shell Egg, Wed 5-day Wkly Avg (f.o.b. dock)



Sources: <u>USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type</u>

USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon)

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