



## USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

August 20, 2025

**The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -6.50, up 3.7 points from last week.**

### This Week:

Shell egg demand improved over the past week as consumers responded favorably to last week's active retail promotions at attractive pricing. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose caged eggs are barely steady on moderate to good demand for light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate and trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are slightly lower on average interest for light to moderate offerings. Wholesale breaking stock prices are steady on light to moderate demand for light offerings. Supplies are mixed and schedules are full-time. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a decline from last week's active pace for conventional caged eggs with a sharp rise in the average ad space as ad pricing from the last cycle expires.

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

U.S. table egg layer flock	291,109,987	(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	<b>284,987,193</b>	(total flock - (total flock * molt))

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

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate	82.2%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	234,138,432	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	83,634,994	(35.72% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	150,503,437	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	<b>418,065</b>	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

### Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

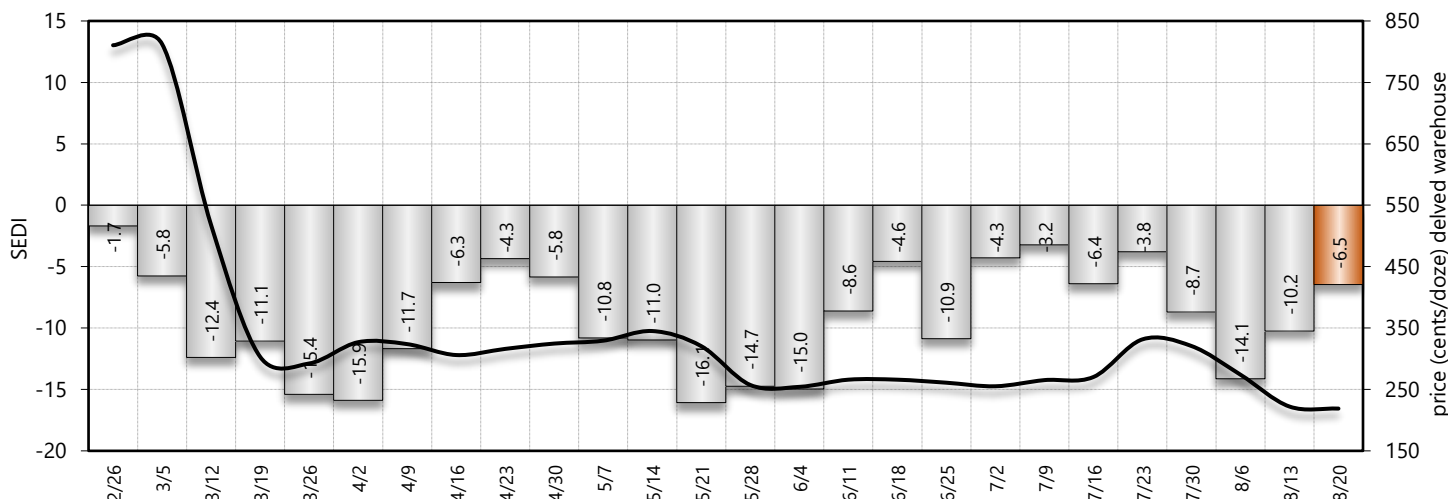
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory	1,324,500	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	62.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	259,200	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%)) (648,001 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	4.78	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	<b>5.11</b>	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

### Shell Egg Demand Indicator

**-6.50** ((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: [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 \(Mon\)](#)

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