



USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

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

October 29, 2025

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -2.70, up 1.3 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand continues to improve as the start of the Thanksgiving holiday baking season gets underway with major retailers conducting active features on shell eggs. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose caged eggs are firm to higher on moderate demand for light offerings. Supplies are in a full range with moderate trading. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are firm to higher on moderate demand for light to moderate offerings. Wholesale breaking stock prices are higher on light to moderate demand for light offerings. Supplies are moderate to fully adequate with mostly normal schedules and moderate trading. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp decline in feature activity for conventional caged eggs with a shift in focus to cage-free brown-shelled types.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	306,578,913	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	2.11%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	300,120,003	(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	80.9%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	242,868,603	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	83,929,937	(34.56% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	158,938,666	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	441,496	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

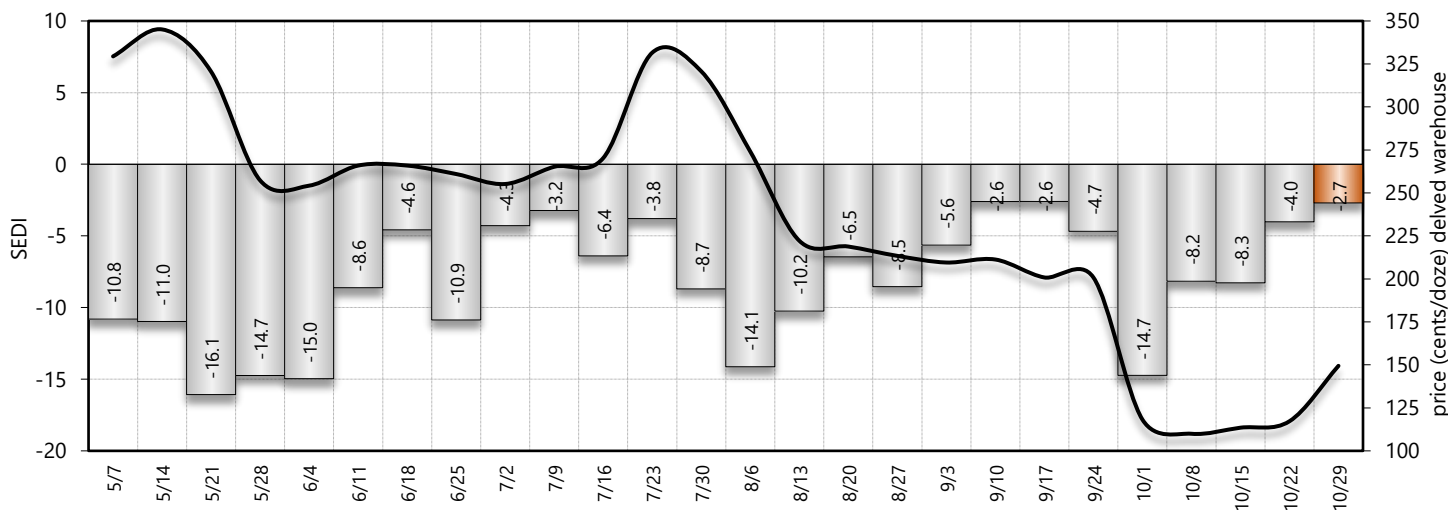
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory	1,420,100	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	273,728	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%)) (684,319 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	5.05	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	5.19	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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-2.70 ((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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