USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

November 5, 2025

(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 -3.40, down 0.7 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand is holding headed into the Thanksgiving baking demand season with retail featuring of shell eggs breaking nation-wide. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose caged eggs are firm to higher on moderate to good demand for light to moderate offerings. Supplies are in a full range with moderate trading. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are firm to higher on moderate to good demand for light to moderate offerings. Wholesale breaking stock prices are firm on light to very light demand for light offerings. Supplies are moderate to fully adequate with mostly normal schedules and slow to moderate trading. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a increased feature activity for conventional caged eggs with a sharp drop in the average ad price as grocers are giving consumers every reason to start their holiday preparations early.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	306,999,166	(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	**300,538,401**	(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	81.0%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	243,531,896	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	84,376,234	(34.65% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	159,155,662	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	**442,099**	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

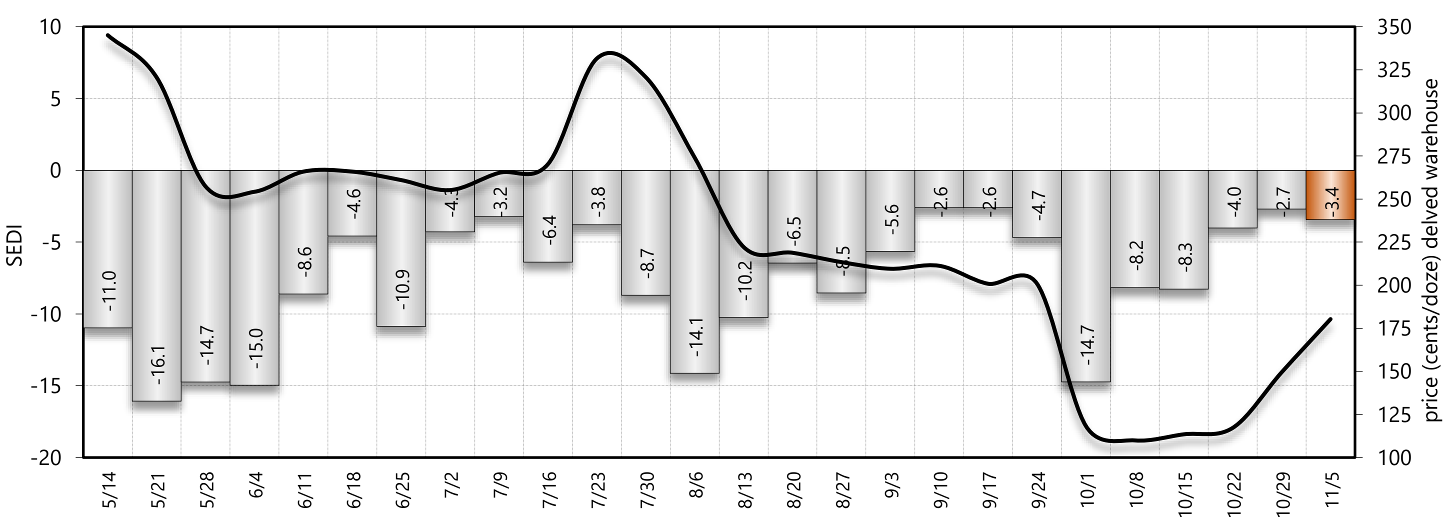
Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

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

USDA shell egg inventory	1,438,300	30-dozen cases (from *USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory* report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	62.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	274,101	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%))
		(685,254 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	5.07	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	**5.25**	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator	**-3.40**	((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*

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