



USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

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

February 4, 2026

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 5.20, up 5.6 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs moved higher over the past week in response to active retail featuring at attractive price levels. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose caged eggs continue to move higher on moderate to good demand for light to moderate offerings and mixed supplies. Trading is moderate. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are higher on moderate to good demand. Offerings are light to moderate. Wholesale breaking stock prices are higher on light to very light demand for light offerings and varying supplies. Schedules are full-time to extended and trading is slow. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a sharp decline in the featuring of conventional caged shell eggs from last week's active pace with a decline in the average ad price at mid-week.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	301,969,049	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	1.90%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	296,232,110	(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	81.6% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	241,759,939 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	80,936,331 (33.48% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	160,823,608 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	446,732 (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

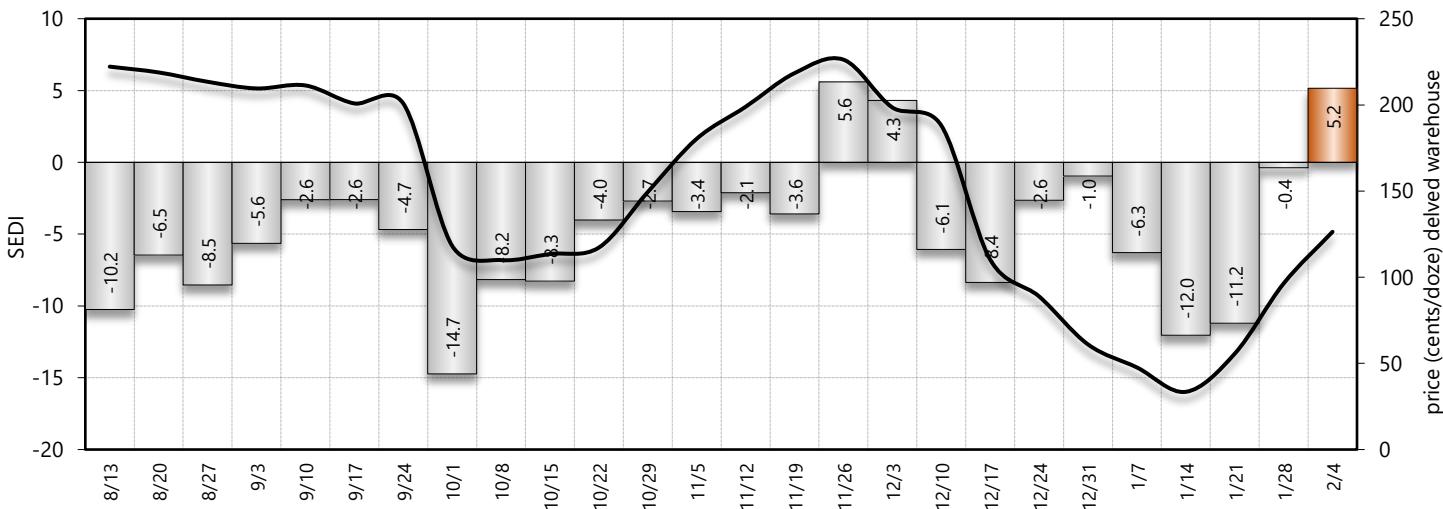
Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)	
USDA shell egg inventory	1,395,000 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	276,974 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%))
	(692,435 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	5.30 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	5.04 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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5.20	((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100
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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 \(Mon\)](#)

[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News: PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection \(Wed\)](#)

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