



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -7.10, down 1.6 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs remains soft with most interest coming from marketers beginning to build their supply needs for the approaching Easter marketing period. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose caged eggs are higher on moderate demand for light to moderate offerings. Supplies are moderate to adequate and trading is moderate to active. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are higher on light to moderate demand for moderate offerings. Wholesale breaking stock prices are steady on very light demand for light offerings and moderate supplies. Schedules are mostly full-time and trading is slow. The preliminary survey of retail outlets is showing very limited activity with no activity for conventional caged shell eggs at mid-week.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (304,924,169), Percentage flock in molt (2.61%), Productive table egg layer flock (296,974,298).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 rows: Table egg layer rate (81.6%), Total egg production (242,238,473), Total eggs into breaking stock (87,003,154), Table eggs for in-shell use (155,235,319), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (431,209).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

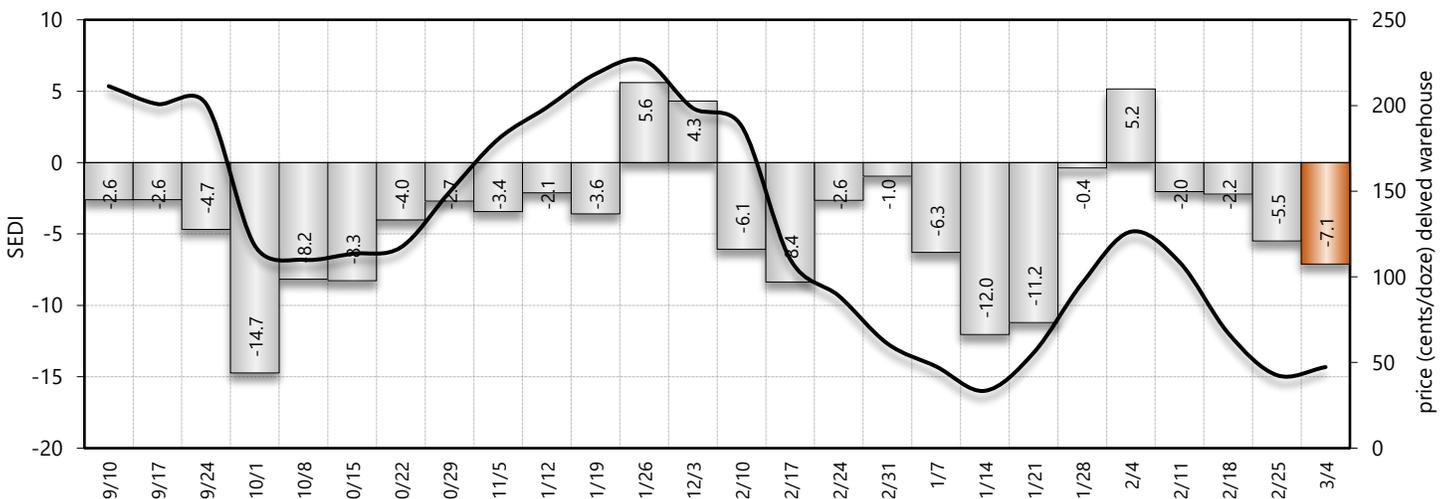
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,542,200), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (62.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (267,350), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (5.36), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.77).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-7.10 ((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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