



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 5.90 , up 0.6 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs improves ever so slightly into the peak holiday demand week. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose caged eggs are sharply lower on fading demand for moderate to available offerings and moderate to adequate supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are sharply lower for available offerings. Wholesale breaking stock prices are lower on light to very light demand for light offerings and moderate supplies. Schedules vary and trading is slow. The preliminary survey of grocery outlets indicates a sharp decline into the post-holiday period with an increase in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (316,128,232), Percentage flock in molt (2.00%), Productive table egg layer flock (309,804,824)

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 (82.4%), Total egg production (255,378,268), Total eggs into breaking stock (82,936,389), Table eggs for in-shell use (172,441,879), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (479,005)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

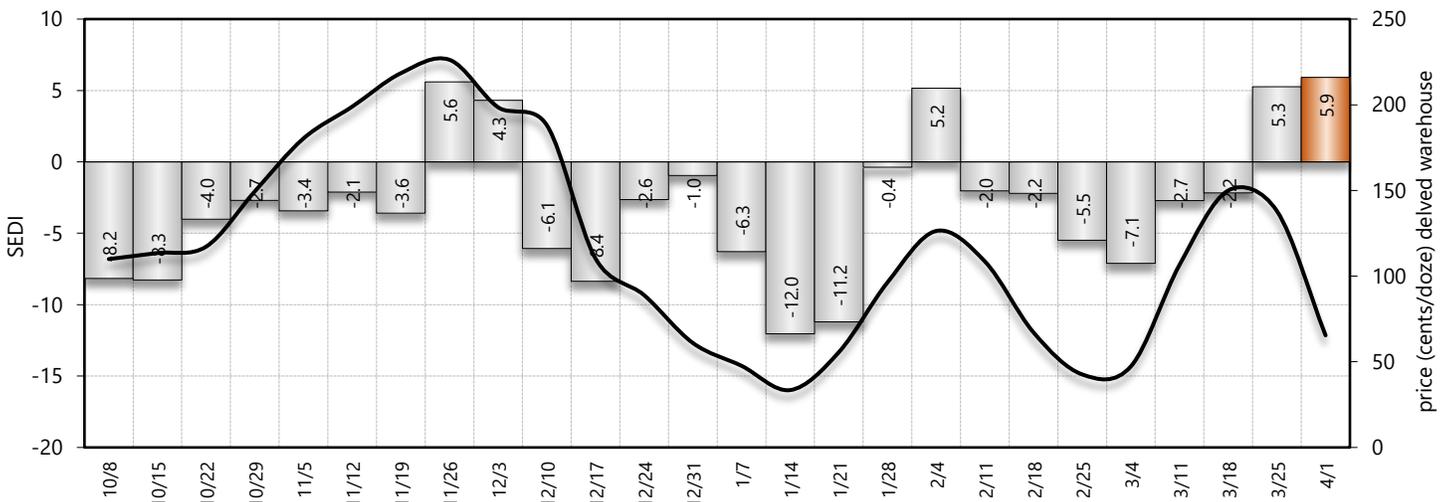
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,507,100), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (62.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (296,983), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (5.37), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.07)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

5.90 ((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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