Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

November 18, 2026

(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 , up 6.9 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs is slightly higher as movement at retail is steady. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose caged eggs are steady to firm on light to moderate demand for moderate to available offerings and moderate to fully adequate supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are steady on moderate to available offerings. Wholesale breaking stock prices are steady on very light demand for moderate offerings and moderate to adequate supplies. Schedules are full-time and trading is slow. The preliminary survey of grocery outlets this week indicates an increase in feature activity with a slightly higher average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	317,802,340	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	1.89%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	**311,782,178**	(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	82.7%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	257,714,977	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	81,523,646	(31.63% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	176,191,331	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	**489,420**	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

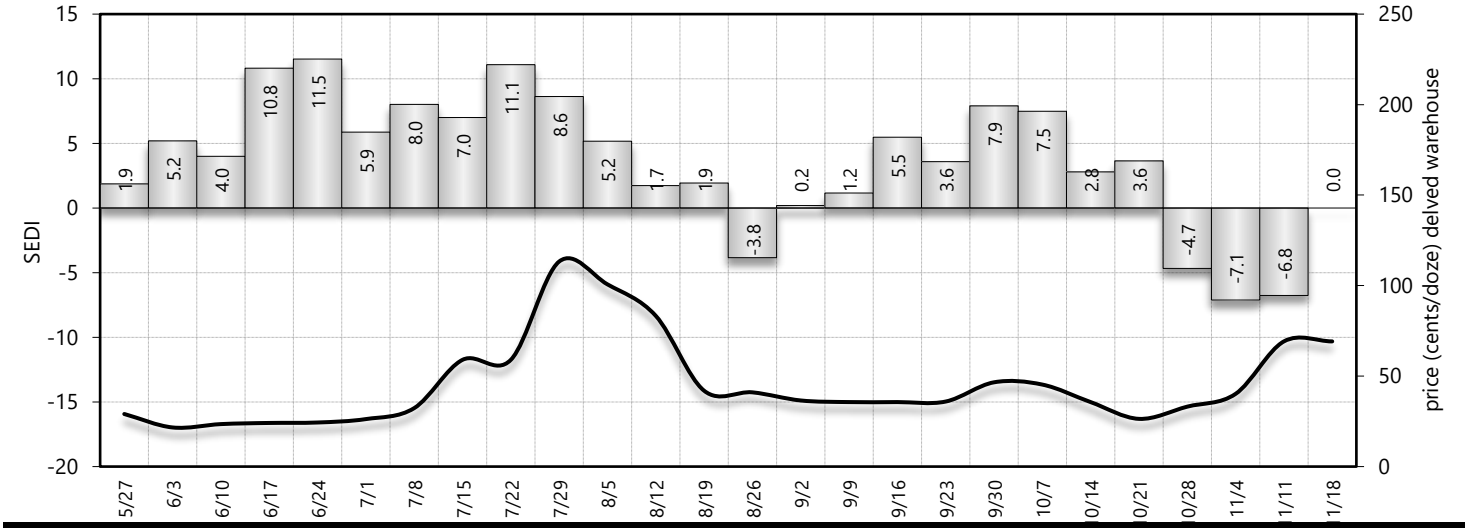
Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

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

USDA shell egg inventory	1,546,900	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	303,441	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 62%))
		(758,602 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	5.10	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	**5.10**	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator **0.00** ((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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