



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 16.20, down 2.8 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand continues to be limited with little incentive for consumers to purchase beyond normal needs and has reached its lowest point of 2018. Wholesale prices for shell eggs remain weak to lower as both supplies and offerings are moderate to heavy. The undertone remains lower on slow trading. Breaking stock are weak to lower for moderate supplies and offerings. Schedules are full-time and trading is moderate. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates an overall drop in all shell egg activity and an increase in the average ad price. The average ad price to consumers remains at levels that are dampening interest, compounded by reduced seasonal demand.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (315,806,798), Percentage flock in molt (1.7%), Productive table egg layer flock (310,438,082)

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 5 rows: Table egg layer rate (78.7%), Total egg production (244,314,771), Total eggs into breaking stock (80,623,874), Table eggs for in-shell use (163,690,896), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (454,697)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

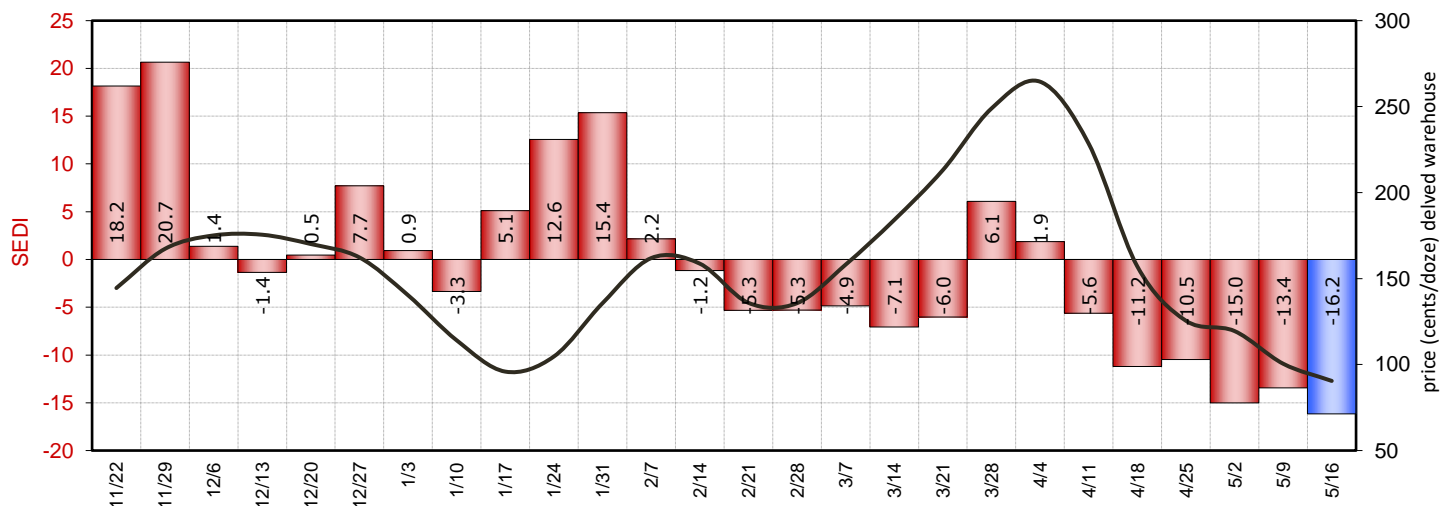
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 5 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,457,800), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (277,365), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.41), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (5.26)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-16.20 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) \* 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Shell Egg



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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