



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 2.00 , down 0.7 points from last week.

This Week:

Shell egg demand slips as rising wholesale prices have slowed retail interest in conducting shell egg promotions. Supplies of larger eggs remain tight as flock replacements and summer heat combine to reduce production. Wholesale prices have topped out and cracks are beginning to be seen in some markets. Offerings and supplies are light to moderate with smaller eggs in long supply. Trading is moderate. Breaking stock prices are weak as offering are on the increase, especially of lighter stock. Supplies are moderate and trading is slow to moderate. Schedules are full-time. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring shows the decline in activity. The average ad price to consumers is about unchanged. Supplies of heavier eggs remain tight and continue to drive much of the strength in the market.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Metrics include U.S. table egg layer flock (324,086,328), Percentage flock in molt (3.0%), and Productive table egg layer flock (314,363,738).

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Metrics include Table egg layer rate (79.4%), Total egg production (249,604,808), Total eggs into breaking stock (75,630,257), Table eggs for in-shell use (173,974,551), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (483,263).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

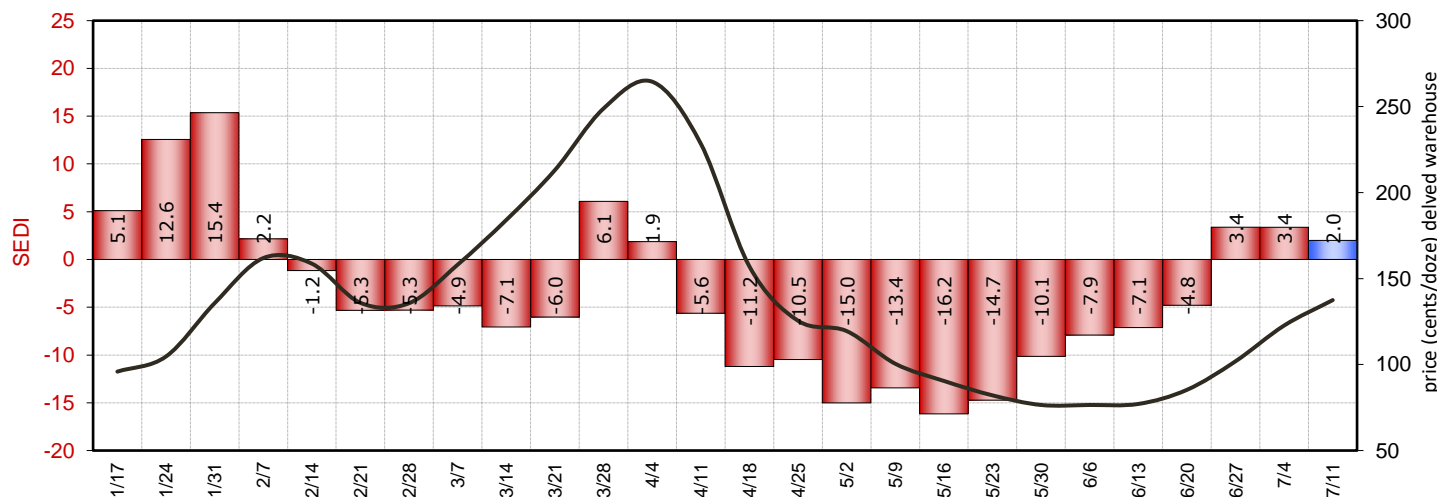
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source. Metrics include USDA shell egg inventory (1,328,100), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (294,790), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.60), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.51).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

2.00 ((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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