



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 5.10 , down 6.6 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs continues to move lower but increasing retail promotions are expected to reverse the trend into next week. . Wholesale prices are weak to lower as supplies remain at moderate to heavy levels and offerings remain moderate. Trading is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are lower on moderate supplies. Offerings are light to moderate indicating an increase in carton business. Trading is slow to moderate on full-time schedules. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates rising activity and a decreasing average ad price as promotions start to kick in. The holiday baking season is underway with an emphasis on conventional types and on volume purchasing.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Calculation. Includes U.S. table egg layer flock (329,061,125), Percentage flock in molt (1.5%), and Productive table egg layer flock (324,125,208).

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/Calculation. Includes Table egg layer rate (80.4%), Total egg production (260,596,667), Total eggs into breaking stock (82,348,547), Table eggs for in-shell use (178,248,120), and Table eggs for in-shell use in cases (495,134).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

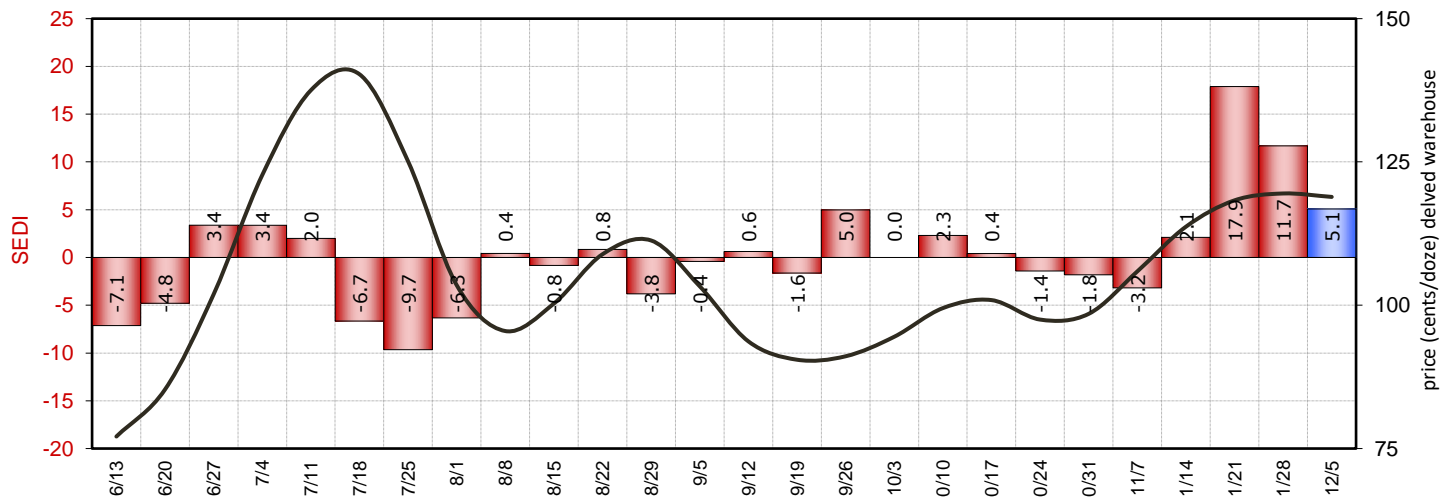
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 columns: Metric, Value, and Source/Calculation. Includes USDA shell egg inventory (1,367,800), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (302,032), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.76), and Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.53).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

5.10 ((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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