



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 33.00 , up 4.2 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs rises over the past week but the pace has slowed considerably as consumer demand has begun to gradually return to more sustainable levels. Wholesale prices are about unchanged but weakness is starting to creep in as supplies are slowly increasing despite limited offerings. Trading has slowed to a moderate to active pace. Breaking stock prices are lower on limited interest. Supplies are moderate to heavy and on the increase even has offerings have risen to moderate levels. Trading is slow. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates a full stop on sales activity for conventional shell eggs as retailers are only interested in maintaining a consistent but limited supply in the dairy case.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (330,063,766), Percentage flock in molt (1.7%), Productive table egg layer flock (324,452,682)

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 4 rows: Table egg layer rate (80.8%), Total egg production (262,157,767), Total eggs into breaking stock (67,898,862), Table eggs for in-shell use (194,258,905), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (539,608)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

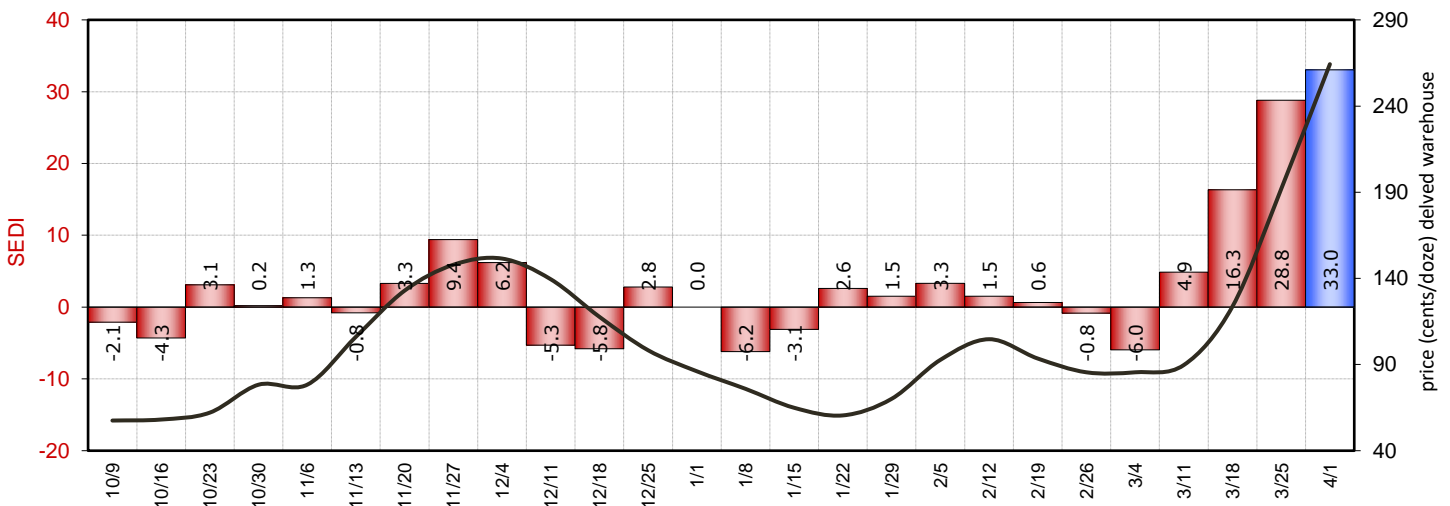
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 4 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,136,200), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (61.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (329,161), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.59), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (3.45)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

33.00 ((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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