USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(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 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 -

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Percentage flock in molt

330,063,766 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

1.7% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Productive table egg layer flock 324,452,682 (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 80.8% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 262,157,767 (total productive flock * lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 67,898,862 (25.90% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

Table eggs for in-shell use 194,258,905 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 539,608 (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

Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock

Shell egg cases produced each day

26-week rolling average of days on hand

Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing

1,136,200 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

61.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 61% of productive flock)

329,161 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 61%))

(822,902 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

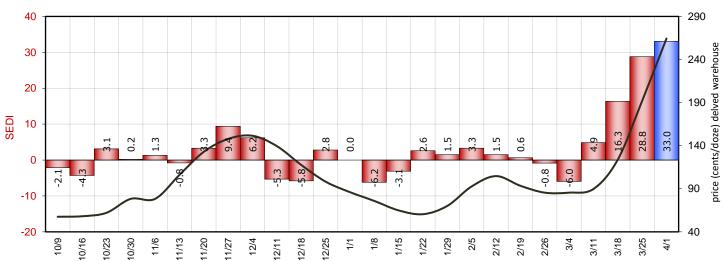
4.59 (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)

3.45 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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)

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