



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 8.10 , up 6.1 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs rises into the holiday week as shoppers make final preparations. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose eggs rise to their highest point of the year on moderate to very good demand for very limited offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is moderate to active. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are sharply higher on moderate to very good demand for light to very offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is moderate to active. Wholesale breaking stock prices are higher on a full range of demand for limited offerings and light to moderate supplies. Schedules are full to reduced. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates limited activity for caged eggs with specialty eggs the focus of what little activity is occurring. The average ad price declines on the thin test.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (315,441,793), Percentage flock in molt (1.99%), Productive table egg layer flock (309,178,504)

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 3 rows: Table egg layer rate (82.5%), Total egg production (255,068,433), Total eggs into breaking stock (70,293,394), Table eggs for in-shell use (184,775,039), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (513,264)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

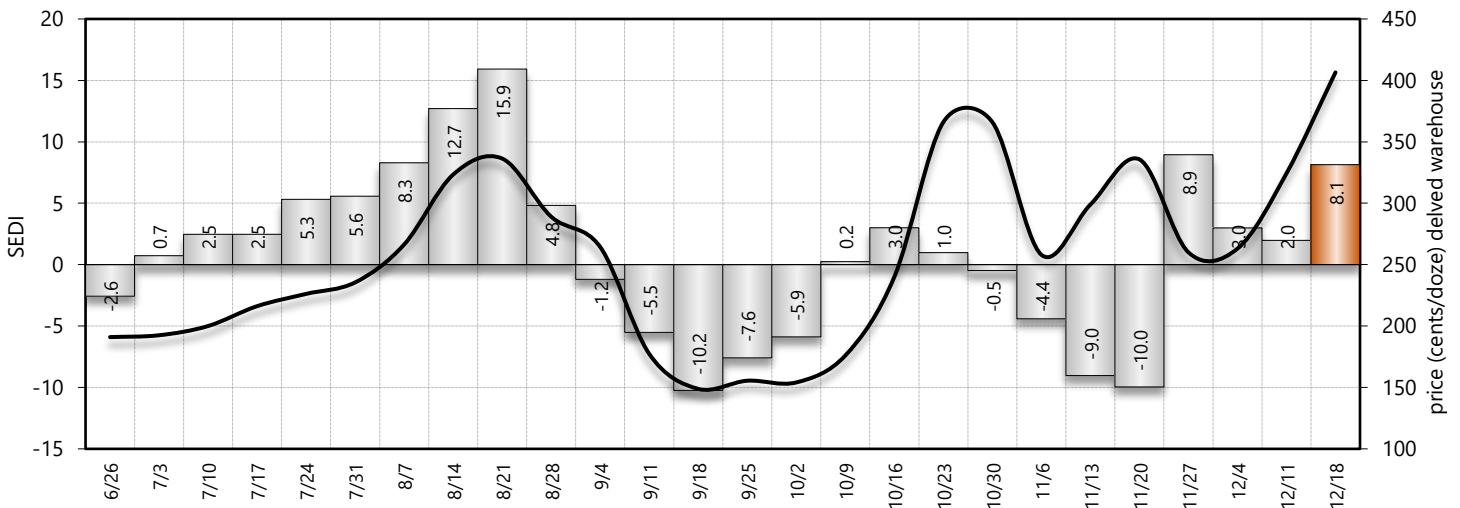
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,212,800), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (62.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (318,224), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.12), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (3.81)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

8.10 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand vs. National Large, Loose Shell Egg, Wed 5-day Wkly Avg (f.o.b. dock)



Sources: USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs (pec-bb); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type

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