## **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 6.50, down 5.0 points from last week.

#### This Week:

Demand for shell eggs eases slightly but remains remarkably strong in the immediate post-holiday period in contrast to past year trends. Wholesale prices for negotiated trading of loose eggs are fully steady at current levels on mixed demand - best at retail with interest to rebuild stocks. Offerings continue light to very light with light to moderate supplies. Trading is moderate to active. Wholesale prices for formula trading of carton stock are firm on moderate to good demand for light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Trading is moderate to active. Wholesale breaking stock prices are unchanged on light to very light demand and offerings. Supplies are light to moderate; schedules vary but are mostly fulltime. Trading is moderate. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates feature activity remains limnited for the week with an increase in the average ad price for those ads in effect.

#### Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

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Percentage flock in molt

2.29% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

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312,089,136 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

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304,934,364 (total flock \* molt))

# Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate 82.6% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)

Total egg production 251,724,361 (total productive flock \* lay rate)

Total eggs into breaking stock 63,710,486 (25.31% of daily shell egg production to breakers)

Table eggs for in-shell use 188,013,875 (egg production \* (100% - % to breaking stock))

Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 522,261 (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

Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing

1,235,600 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)

62.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 62% of productive flock)

323,802 (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production \* 62%))

(809,504 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)

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

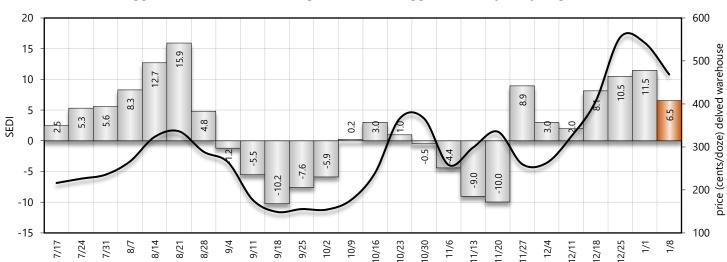
3.82 (inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

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((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)

6.50



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

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