



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 limited for the week with an increase in the average ad price for those ads in effect.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (312,089,136), Percentage flock in molt (2.29%), Productive table egg layer flock (304,934,364)

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table with 5 rows: Table egg layer rate (82.6%), Total egg production (251,724,361), Total eggs into breaking stock (63,710,486), Table eggs for in-shell use (188,013,875), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (522,261)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

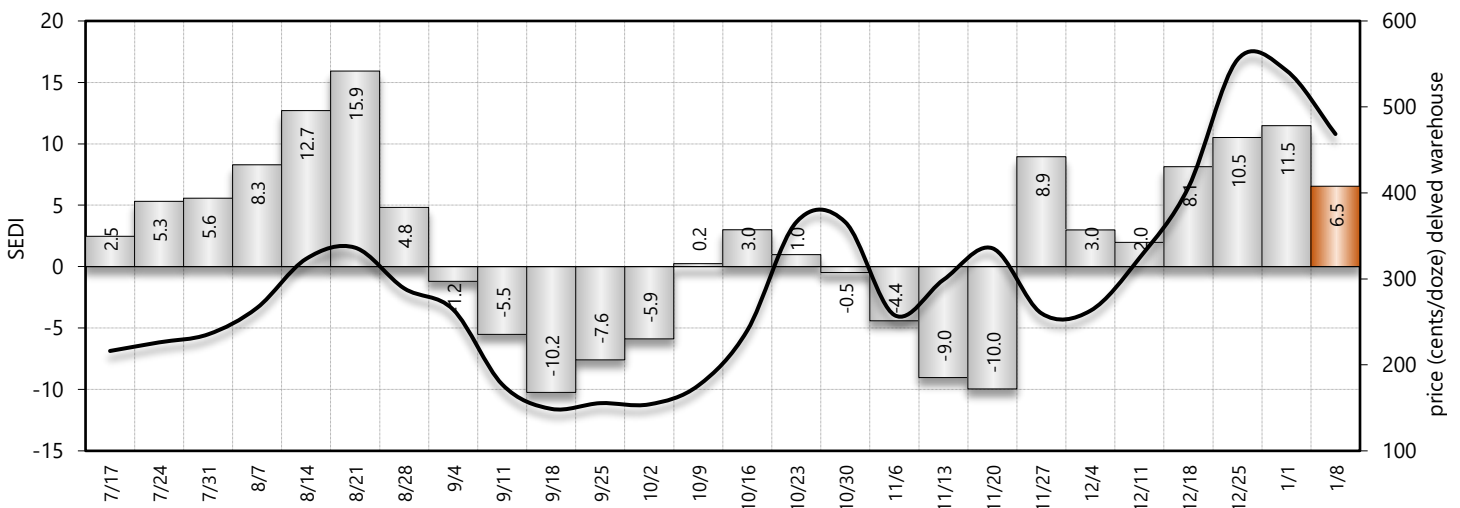
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 5 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,235,600), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (62.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (323,802), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.07), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (3.82)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

Table with 1 row: Shell Egg Demand Indicator (6.50)

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

USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry, and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory (Mon)

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