



The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 1.70 , down 3.9 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for conventional shell eggs declined over the past week as did marketer demand as most have their needs covered for anticipated demand for the Easter marketing period which is just underway. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs steadied as offerings are on the rise and supplies are at a comfortable level. Trading has slowed. Prices for loose eggs have begun to decline as supplies are sufficient and offerings are increasing. Trading is slow. Prices for breaking stock are steady with adequate supplies and an expectation of increasing offerings. Interest is good as breakers work to maintain full-time schedules but trading is slow. The preliminary survey of retail outlets is on the rise as the annual Easter promotional push gets underway. The average ad price declines sharply.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

Table with 3 rows: U.S. table egg layer flock (328,323,931), Percentage flock in molt (1.8%), Productive table egg layer flock (322,462,024).

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 (81.5%), Total egg production (262,694,677), Total eggs into breaking stock (71,223,840), Table eggs for in-shell use (191,470,837), Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) (531,863).

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

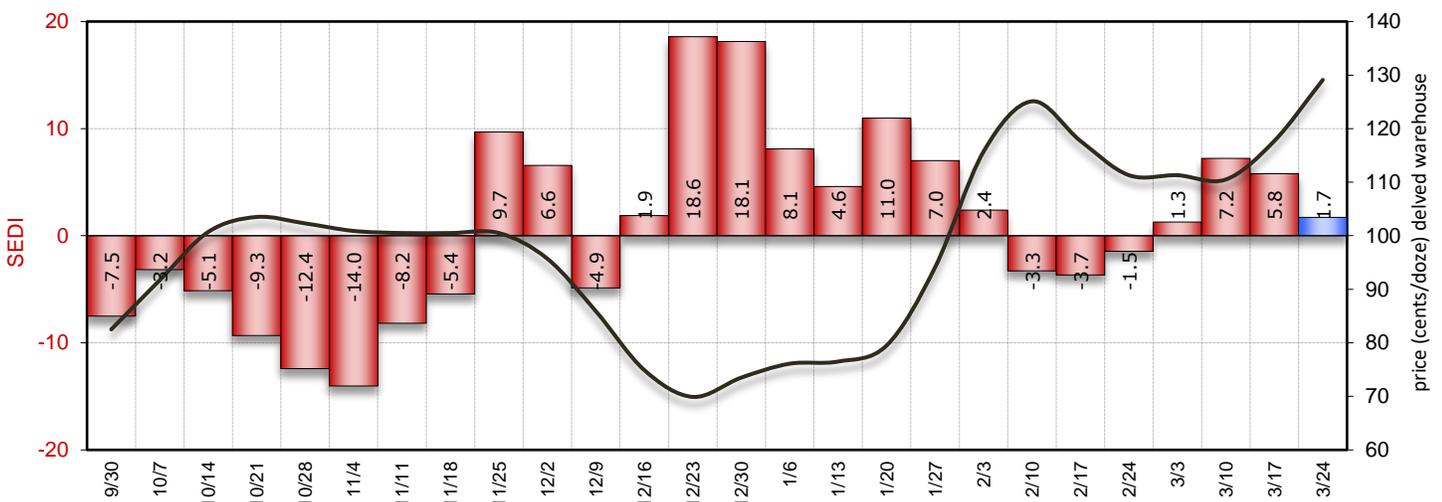
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

Table with 3 rows: USDA shell egg inventory (1,564,100), Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock (63.0%), Shell egg cases produced each day (335,074), 26-week rolling average of days on hand (4.75), Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing (4.67).

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

1.70 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned 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)