The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is - 1.80, down 0.4 points from last week.

This Week:
Consumer shell egg demand remains limited in the near-term with the focus on stockpiling to supply retail feature activity for the Thanksgiving baking demand season. Wholesale prices continue to advance as offerings tighten and continued interest remains. Supplies are moderate as is trading. Breaking stock prices are higher as offerings are shifted to supply carton business. Supplies are light to moderate and trading is moderate to maintain full-time breaking schedules. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates a continued decline in activity but holiday action is heating as shell egg ads are beginning to pop up across the country.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -
U.S. table egg layer flock 326,945,583 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt 2.1% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock 320,079,726 (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 79.7% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production 255,103,542 (total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock 80,867,823 (31.70% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use 174,235,719 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) 483,988 (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 1,465,200 30-dozen cases (from USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock 61.0% (shell egg inventory cooperators control 61% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day 295,233 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 60%))
26-week rolling average of days on hand 4.87 (average of the last 26 week’s days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing 4.96 (inventory + cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator -1.80 ((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)
USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection (Wed)
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