The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is 11.70, down 6.2 points from last week.

This Week:
Demand for shell eggs moves lower in the immediate post-Thanksgiving period as nationwide promotions end and marketers reevaluate their market position. Wholesale prices are weak to lower as supplies rise to moderate to heavy levels while offerings increase to moderate levels. Trading is slow to moderate. Breaking stock prices are weak on moderate offerings and supplies. Trading is slow to moderate on full-time schedules. The preliminary sample of retail shell egg featuring indicates reduced activity and an increasing average ad price. Supplies have risen ahead of an anticipated return of demand as December arrives and with it, increased demand for holiday baking.

**Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock**

- U.S. table egg layer flock: 329,061,125 (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Percentage flock in molt: 1.5% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Productive table egg layer flock: 324,125,208 (total flock - (total flock * molt))

**Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use**

- Table egg production rate: 80.4% (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
- Total egg production: 260,596,667 (total productive flock * lay rate)
- Total eggs into breaking stock: 72,185,277 (27.70% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
- Table eggs for in-shell use: 188,411,390 (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
- Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases): 523,365 (eggs for table use / 360 eggs per case)

**Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing**

- USDA shell egg inventory: 1,367,800 (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: 319,253 (produced by inventory cooperators’ flocks (daily production * 60%))
- 26-week rolling average of days on hand: 4.78 (average of the last 26 weeks’ days of eggs on hand)
- Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing: 4.28 (inventory / cases produced per day)

**Shell Egg Demand Indicator**

- 11.70 ((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)

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