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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Egg prices were generally unchanged throughout the period. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and distributive demand was uneven and ranged from fair to moderate, and best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies were in a full range from in close balance to ample. Breaking stock prices were mostly unchanged throughout the week. Trading remained light during this period. Demand from breakers for additional product beyond regular commitments was light to moderate, with slightly more interest expressed. Floor stocks were generally adequate. Plant schedules were irregular, and dependent on finished product sales. Market tone was cautiously steady. Light type hens were fully adequate to ample. The market tone remained barely steady.

### PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	102-104	93-95	68-70
New York	70-72	67-70	58-61
Philadelphia	68-73.5	66-71.5	57-61
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	60-61	58.5-60	50-51
Jackson (1)	70-71	67-68	59-60
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-81	65-79	55-69
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	59-64	58-63	49-54
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-59	47-51
Major Ohio Cities (2)	57-63.5	56-62	46-52
Major Wisconsin Cities	60-67	58-65	49-56
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	75-78	73-75	62-65
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	87	78

(1) - Prices reported weekly  
(2) - Delivered Warehouse  
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

### SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Feb-99 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	75.27	72.88	63.06
SOUTHERN	78.16	76.82	66.44
MIDWEST	69.58	68.31	58.89
WESTERN	100.41	96.69	85.90
TWELVE METRO AREAS	83.38	80.86	70.74

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

### IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	02-09-99	02-02-99	02-10-98
Large	39-41	49-51	42-44
Medium	29-31	39-41	22-24

### WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Feb. 08, 1999

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	8.5	4.4	7.3	9.6 38.4
	Change	0.3	-1.2	-0.8	0.3	-1.4 -7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.5	21.7	9.8	20.6	18.3 96.9
	Change	-1.1	-0.6	0.9	3.0	0.5 3%
Large	Curr Wk	41.8	74.7	40.4	58.6	79.2 294.7
	Change	-2.6	9.1	-2.6	-7.2	-0.8 -1%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	19.8	15.2	17.4	18.1 83.1
	Change	-2.5	-2.3	0.4	-1.4	-0.7 -7%
Small	Curr Wk	2.9	8.6	1.3	3.9	8.4 25.1
	Change	0.4	1.5	-0.2	-0.3	1.6 14%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	13.6	10.8	5.1	4.9 39.4
	Change	0.1	-3.2	0.2	-0.9	-0.3 -9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.1	65.6	13.5	26.8	40.8 174.8
	Change	0.6	15.1	4.4	-4.3	-0.6 10%
Total	Curr Wk	125.5	212.5	95.4	139.7	179.3 752.4
Percent	Change	-4%	9%	2%	-7%	-1% 0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	752.4	0%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	403.2	2%	38
Total Shell Egg	1155.6	1%	204

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 06-Feb-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,022,862	22,043	10,934	6,027	2,564	3,126
P W	1,010,696	22,531	10,682	5,860	2,254	3,161
L Y	1,011,029	21,959	11,070	6,132	2,945	3,217
% P W	1	-2	2	3	14	-1
% L Y	1	0	-1	-2	-13	-3
1999	5,137,245	115,711	50,698	28,724	13,155	16,282
1998	5,090,084	109,139	55,042	30,283	14,175	16,803
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR		
	41.19	41.79	41.92			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 06-Feb-99  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	250.0	1	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	429.2	8	-2
W.N. CENTRAL	224.8	4	-3
S. ATLANTIC	201.3	3	2
S. CENTRAL	79.6	-3	7
WEST	226.0	2	4
TOTAL	1,410.9	4	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		100	98

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Jan 30	Feb 6	Jan 30	Feb 6
	Thousand			
AL	*26,803	26,864	*19,909	19,188
AR	29,800	29,629	23,509	22,618
DE	4,250	4,533	4,694	4,496
FL	2,698	2,807	*2,504	2,413
GA	*30,834	31,080	*24,818	24,454
MD	8,414	8,626	*6,029	6,473
MS	17,834	18,026	14,779	14,856
NC	17,775	17,650	13,347	13,243
PA	*3,421	3,844	*2,821	2,833
SC	4,576	4,955	3,886	4,148
TX	*12,801	13,160	*9,960	10,063
VA	6,585	6,653	5,449	5,245
CA, TN, & WV	10,678	10,202	9,383	9,484
15 State Total	*176,469	178,029	*141,088	139,514
Previous Year	168,706	170,408	137,023	137,696
Pct. of Prev.	105	104	103	101

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 20-Mar-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 145.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.92 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/04/99-02/10/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	44.50	44.75	44.67	47.57	46.30	—	37.00
GNR W 2	40.00	42.50	—	43.00	41.00	43.25	5.00
GNR W 3	—	—	33.67	35.50	36.30	39.00	8.00
GL W XL	48.50	50.00	46.80	52.50	46.71	48.00	10.25
GL W LG	47.50	49.33	45.85	48.67	46.50	—	36.75
GL W MD	—	—	37.60	41.00	40.00	42.86	12.25
GL W SM	32.88	34.50	31.75	34.13	31.60	31.00	8.25
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	40.29	—	—	3.75
NRBS - 48	36.50	38.00	36.50	36.83	34.65	37.68	15.50
NRBS - 45	31.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	3.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 06-Feb-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	36.0	30.6	18	36
BOSTON	9.8	10.7	-8	-13
CHICAGO	43.2	37.4	16	6
DETROIT	32.4	29.9	8	28
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	87.6	79.7	10	-3
NEW ORLEANS	11.1	14.0	-21	10
NEW YORK	40.4	40.3	0	-1
ST. LOUIS	1.5	1.6	-6	-25
SAN FRANCISCO	21.8	21.1	3	2
TOTAL	283.9	265.4	7	5
4 WK MVG AVG	285.9			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 30-Jan-98

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
HEAD	0	3,803	43	3,846
AVGWT	0.00	26.87	24.95	26.84
LAST WEEK	0	4,613	23	4,636
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	6,094	83	6,177
AVGWT	0.00	23.82 (B)	27.10	23.87
TO-DATE/1999	0	17,247 (B)	99	17,346
TO-DATE/1998	8	20,280 (B)	155	20,443

(A) Includes 70,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 73,000 in 1998.

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS BY**

GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-Jan-99

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL TKY	AVG WT
	THOUSAND HEAD	PW % CHG	AVG WT				
NEAST	537	-61	23.47	(A)	(A)	539	23.45
SATL	666	-21	30.43	(A)	(A)	676	30.30
N CENT	1,612	-19	29.37	(A)	(A)	1,639	29.33
S CENT	670	247	21.22	(A)	(A)	673	21.22
WEST	318	43	24.31	(A)	(A)	319	24.35
U.S.TOTAL	3,803(B)-18	26.87	0	43	3,846	26.84	
TO DATE							
1999	17,247(B)		0	99	17,346		
TO DATE							
1998	20,280(B)		8	155	20,443		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 33,000 for the year 70,000; last year to date 73,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 06-Feb-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,623(A)	2,159	1,245	3,404	451
AVGWT	5.07	3.23	8.28	5.08	6.66
LAST WEEK	149,667	2,287	1,378	3,665	481
YRAGO	146,257	1,877	1,396	3,273	398
AVGWT	4.88	3.39	7.81	5.28	6.65
TO-DATE/1999	756,520	11,242	6,694	17,936	2,462
TO-DATE/1998	736,438	10,216	6,340	16,556	2,274

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.5 million head or 4.1 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Feb

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	13-Feb(1)	6-Jan
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	153,501(2)	153,268
LT HENS	2,373	2,249
HVY HENS	1,240	1,289
CHECK TOTAL	157,114	156,806

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Feb is 150.0 million head compared to 148.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.4 million head or 5.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-Feb the estimated available is 152.6 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY				
2	127.4	140.2	91	4.92
9	157.2	144.0	109	4.89
16	157.5	147.4	107	5.10
23	146.0	150.3	97	5.03
30	151.5	151.0	100	4.99
FEBRUARY				
6	153.5	149.4	103	5.07
YEAR TO DATE	765.7	742.1	103	
FEBRUARY				
13		150.0		
20		152.6		

**12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from			
	01-Feb-99	01-Feb-99	09-Feb-98	
08-Feb-99	58.45	0.02	58.43	55.20
NUMBER OF LOADS	618			

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

FINAL REPORT OF PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR TRUCKLOT SALES OF READY-TO-COOK ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED B/F TO BE DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS WEEK OF 2/8-2/13/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-52.00	50.63	47	52.83	78
Los Angeles	67.00	66.09	63	63.80	111
New York	49.00-53.00	52.55	51	56.38	89

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)**

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	56-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	54.5-59	54.5	54.50	440
WESTERN REGION 5/	56-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	56-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	56-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	56-62	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degress F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 8-Feb-99	2,173	109,143	79,961
AM 1-Feb-99	2,639	106,151	79,706
CHG	-466	2,992	255
PCT CHG	-18	3	0

**HEN MARKETS**

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

<b>HEAVY TYPE</b>			
2/08/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast Heavy	15-22(1)	16.5-20.5	18.30
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	17-22(1)	18.5-20	19.51
<b>LIGHT TYPE</b>			
2/05/99			
Eastern Light	1-3(1)	1-1.5	
Eastern Light	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central Light	2(2)		

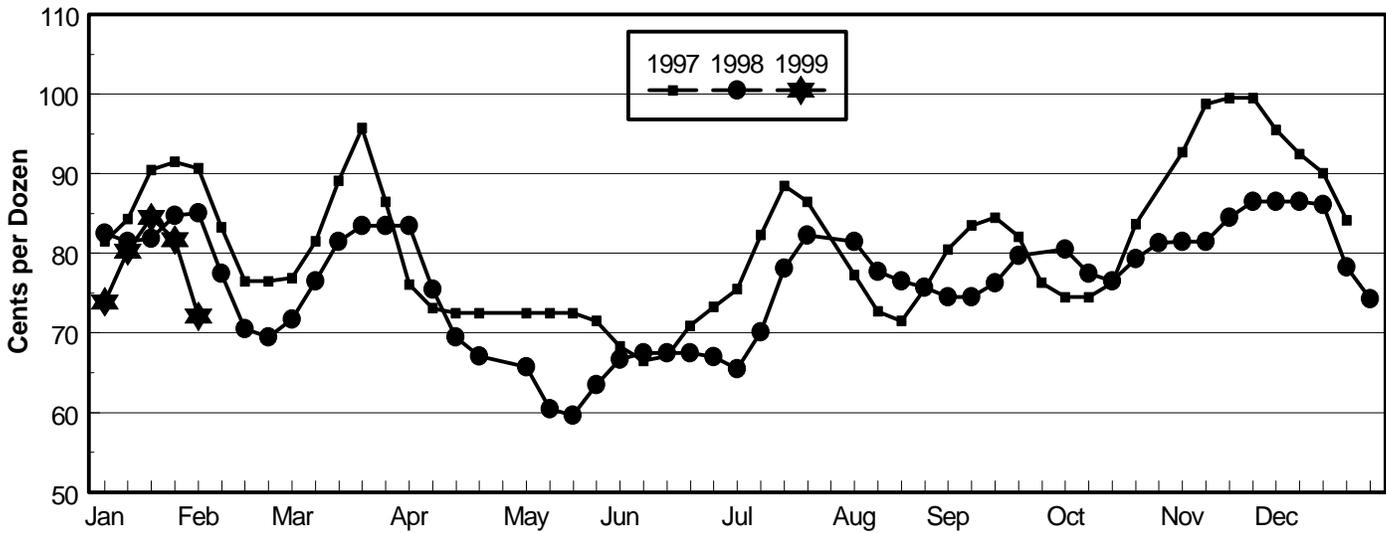
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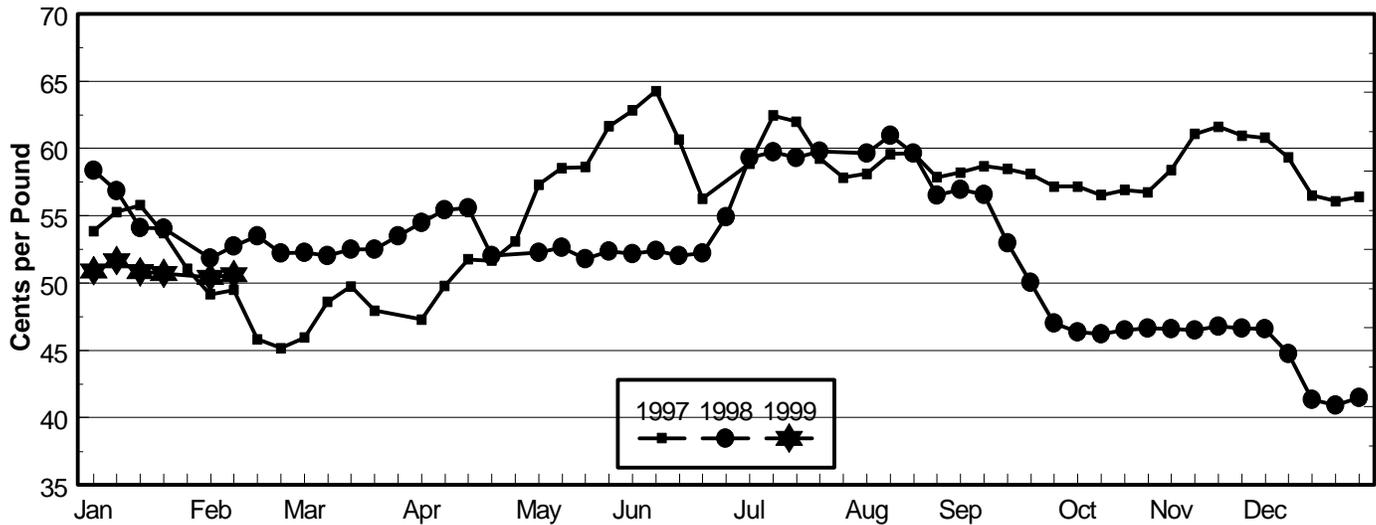
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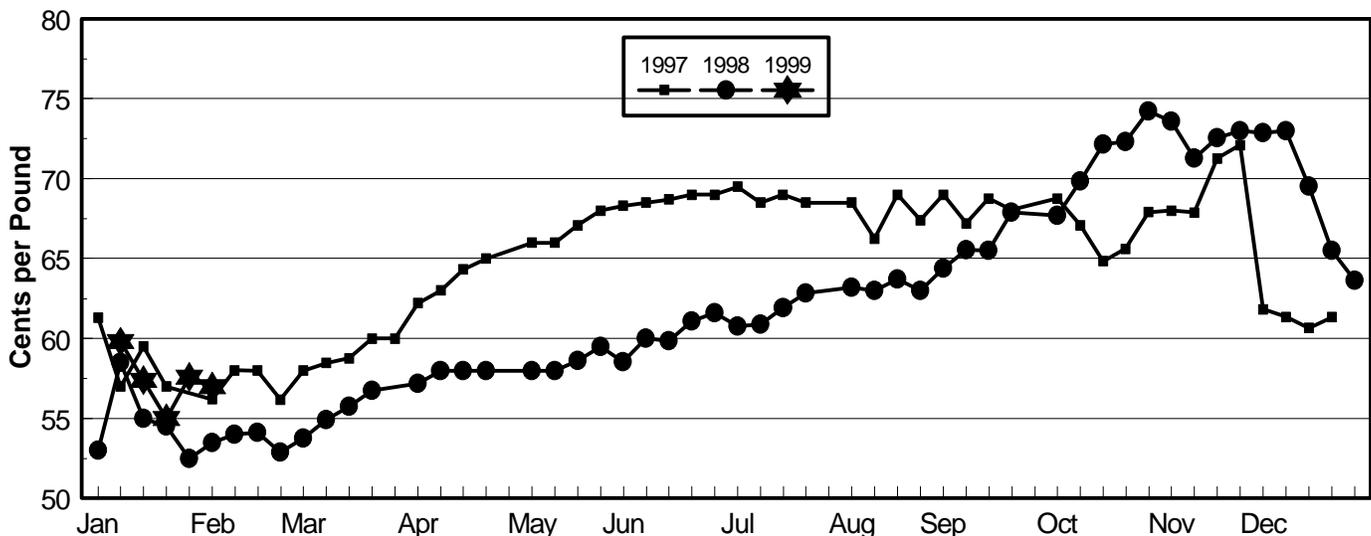
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1997, 1998, 1999



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1997, 1998, 1999



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.