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Prices were generally unchanged to higher for larger size eggs, and unchanged to lower for medium and small; however, prices on the West Coast were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to firm on larger sizes and steady to weak on mediums and smalls. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to good, mostly moderate. Features continue to generate the best retail movement with most emphasis being on large white eggs. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate, with instances of tightness reported on larger sizes. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Trading and demand light into breaking channels. Additional nest run product going into active grading channels for the holiday. Finished product demand was light to moderate. Trade sentiment steady to instances barely steady. Light type hens were adequate to ample for processing schedules. Trade sentiment 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	102-104	93-95	68-70
New York	81-83	78-81	60-63
Philadelphia	73-81	71-79	59-62
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	68-69	66.5-68	54-55
Jackson (1)	78-79	75-76	63-64
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	76-90	74-88	60-74
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	69-74	68-73	52-57
Detroit (2)	64-67	63-66	50-54
Major Ohio Cities (2)	65-70	64-68	49-54
Major Wisconsin Cities	68-75	66-73	52-59
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	84-85	81-82	67-68
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	104	98	86

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Mar-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	75.31	72.94	62.59
SOUTHERN	71.63	69.92	59.86
MIDWEST	65.25	63.73	53.20
WESTERN	92.58	88.79	78.29
TWELVE METRO AREAS	78.91	76.28	65.84

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

	03-16-99	03-09-99	03-10-98
Large	47-49	43-45	50-52
Medium	32-34	32-34	34-36

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Mar. 15, 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	9.7	12.9	6.3	9.6	10.1	48.6
	Change	-0.2	1.8	0.1	2.1	1.7	13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	40.2	24.8	9.1	27.2	18.8	120.1
	Change	4.5	-1.3	-2.6	1.1	-0.7	1%
Large	Curr Wk	62.4	86.9	61.1	79.4	119.8	409.6
	Change	-0.8	9.0	10.2	12.7	13.7	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	19.7	30.0	19.2	15.3	21.9	106.1
	Change	2.6	2.6	0.5	2.1	0.5	8%
Small	Curr Wk	5.5	5.2	5.3	4.0	6.8	26.8
	Change	0.6	-0.7	1.9	0.0	-0.5	5%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	14.3	13.3	5.2	6.0	44.0
	Change	0.8	-1.2	3.6	-1.5	0.9	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	48.2	62.9	11.8	37.2	54.1	214.2
	Change	-1.5	-1.3	-1.2	2.1	-0.9	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	190.9	237.0	126.1	177.9	237.5	969.4
	Change	3%	4%	11%	12%	7%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	969.4	7%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	375.8	-5%	38
Total Shell Egg	1345.2	3%	203

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 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.

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 13-Mar-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,047,103	25,138	9,633	5,205	1,954	3,104
PW	1,038,522	23,842	10,195	5,845	2,560	3,219
LY	983,705	22,959	9,308	5,212	2,096	3,122
% PW	1	5	-6	-11	-24	-4
% LY	6	9	3	0	-7	-1
1999	10,350,482	235,827	101,908	56,949	25,852	32,442
1998	10,166,598	223,827	106,050	59,634	27,269	33,162

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.14	41.50	41.27

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 13-Mar-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	265.0	1	1
E.N. CENTRAL	472.4	19	4
W.N. CENTRAL	233.9	-2	0
S. ATLANTIC	216.0	2	-4
S. CENTRAL	86.4	2	8
WEST	231.1	1	-6
TOTAL	1504.8	6	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		101	100

**Broiler Eggs Set in
15 Selected States****Broiler Chicks Placed
in 15 Selected States**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Mar 6	Mar 13 Thousand	Mar 6	Mar 13
AL	27,425	27,403	20,199	21,192
AR	30,692	30,587	*24,205	25,283
DE	4,722	4,783	5,517	5,259
FL	3,025	3,023	2,604	2,466
GA	*32,000	31,620	*24,804	25,378
MD	8,999	8,905	5,848	5,987
MS	18,267	18,283	15,111	15,186
NC	18,420	18,151	*13,890	13,905
PA	*3,797	3,706	*2,614	2,817
SC	4,787	4,858	4,177	4,300
TX	13,486	13,508	10,383	10,384
VA	6,849	6,610	5,369	5,614
CA, TN, & WV	*11,277	11,804	*9,239	9,989
1999 TOTAL	*183,746	183,241	*143,960	147,760
1998 TOTAL	175,704	175,385	140,209	139,125
% of Prev Yr	105	104	103	106

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 147.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 149.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.02 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/11/99-03/17/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	52.17	55.25	52.67	54.67	53.58	54.33	71.00
GNR W 2	—	51.00	—	38.00	43.67	49.33	10.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	29.00	31.00	—	31.00	27.00	—	3.00
GL W LG	—	—	62.50	62.55	58.20	64.00	14.25
GL W MD	—	47.00	31.00	42.10	40.00	—	11.00
GL W SM	—	—	31.00	32.00	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	35.00	—	—	—	34.88	38.08	15.00
NRBS - 48	38.00	39.00	—	38.00	—	35.00	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 13-Mar-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	30.6	28.7	7	-2
BOSTON	6.9	6.4	8	-47
CHICAGO	49.9	58.0	-14	12
DETROIT	37.6	27.3	38	29
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	85.3	82.9	3	-3
NEW ORLEANS	12.8	14.2	-10	22
NEW YORK	44.7	45.5	-2	-2
ST. LOUIS	1.7	1.7	0	-29
SAN FRANCISCO	21.5	22.2	-3	-2
TOTAL	291.1	287.0	1	1
4 WK MVG AVG	281.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	3,875	33	3,908
AVGWT	0.00	25.36	27.00	25.38
LAST WEEK	0	4,844	37	4,881
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,693	28	5,721
AVGWT	0.00	26.65(A)	28.46	26.66
TO-DATE/1999	0	40,478(A)	277	40,755
TO-DATE/1998	8	45,029(A)	339	45,376

(A) Includes 143,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 150,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 06-Mar-99 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL TKY AVG
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG			
NEAST	515	-63	21.38	NONE	NONE	515 21.38
SATL	373	-41	28.10	(A)	(A)	382 28.14
N CENT	1,816	-8	28.14	(A)	(A)	1,837 28.09
S CENT	966	80	21.86	(A)	(A)	967 21.87
WEST	205	-34	22.37	(A)	(A)	207 22.54
U.S.TOTAL	3,875(B)	-20	25.36	0	33	3,908 25.38

TO DATE

1999 40,478(B) 0 277 40,755

TO DATE

1998 45,029(B) 8 339 45,376

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 9,000 for the year 143,000; last year to date 150,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 13-Mar-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	150,397(A)	2,060	1,241	3,301	440
AVGWT	4.98	3.38	8.67	5.37	6.70
LAST WEEK	149,611	1,928	1,348	3,276	454
YR AGO	142,378	1,690	1,205	2,895	442
AVGWT	4.93	3.41	7.81	5.24	6.71
TO-DATE/1999	1,504,021	21,583	13,174	34,757	4,694
TO-DATE/1998	1,452,027	19,906	12,698	32,604	4,506

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.2 million head or 2.0 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Mar-13

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/20/99(1)	03/13/99
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	152,258(2)	150,806
LT HENS	2,237	2,235
HVY HENS	1,523	1,370
CHECK TOTAL	156,018	154,411

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Mar-99 is 148.5 million head compared to 144.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.1 million head or 5.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 27-Mar-99 the estimated available is 147.7 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 6	153.5	149.4	103	5.07
13	152.2	150.0	101	4.97
20	149.4	152.6	98	4.90
27	151.3	151.2	100	5.03
MARCH 6	151.4	150.6	101	4.94
13	152.2	150.2	101	4.98
YEAR TO DATE	1,522.2	1,496.7	102	
MARCH 20		148.5		
27		147.7		

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

	Change from			
	08-Mar-99	08-Mar-99	16-Mar-98	
15-Mar-99	56.85	-0.47	57.32	57.92
NUMBER OF LOADS	609			

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 3/15-3/20/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	47.00-50.00	49.37	49	51.50
Los Angeles	64.00	63.44	65	62.58
New York	49.00-54.00	52.77	50	54.00

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/	61-62.5	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees 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 15-Mar-99	2,028	122,893	78,942
AM 1-Mar-99	2,629	119,554	82,349
CHG	-601	3,339	-3,407
PCT CHG	-23	3	-4

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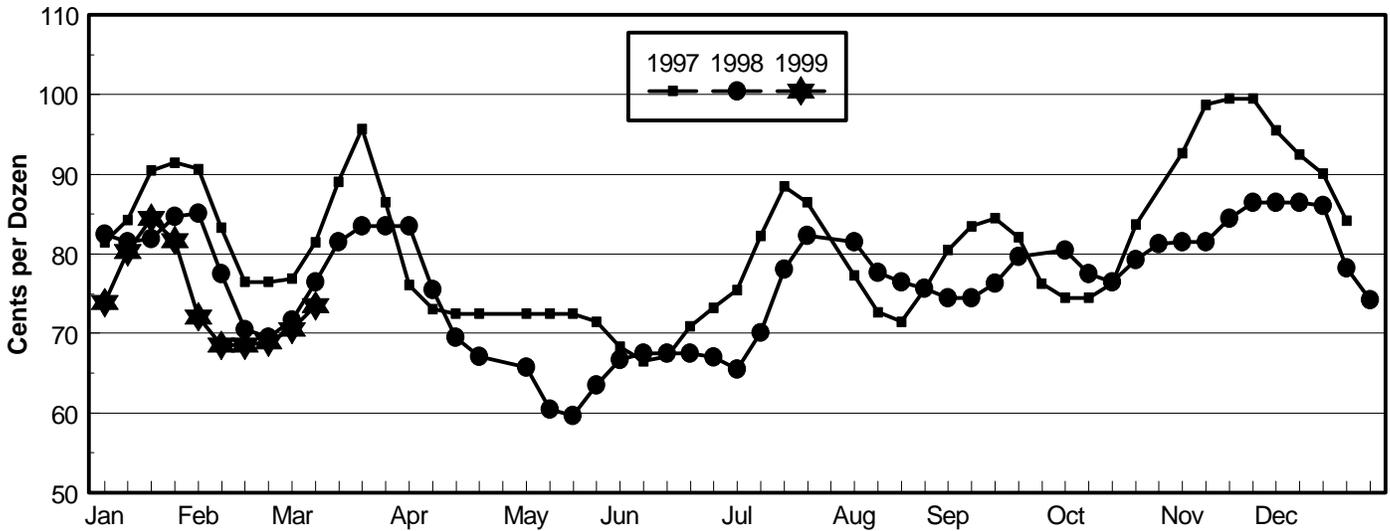
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
3/15/99			
Southeast Heavy	15-20(1)	15-18.75	17.45
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	17-21(1)	18-19	19.02
3/12/99			
	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern Light	.75-3(1)	1-1.5	
Eastern Light	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central Light	1.5-2(2)	2	
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

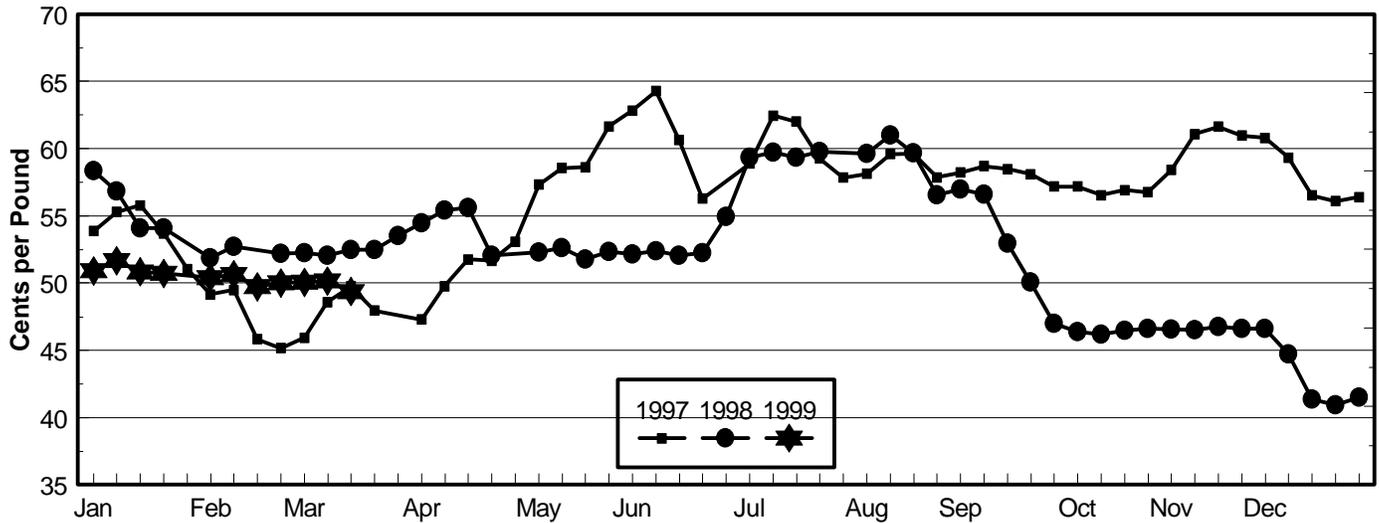
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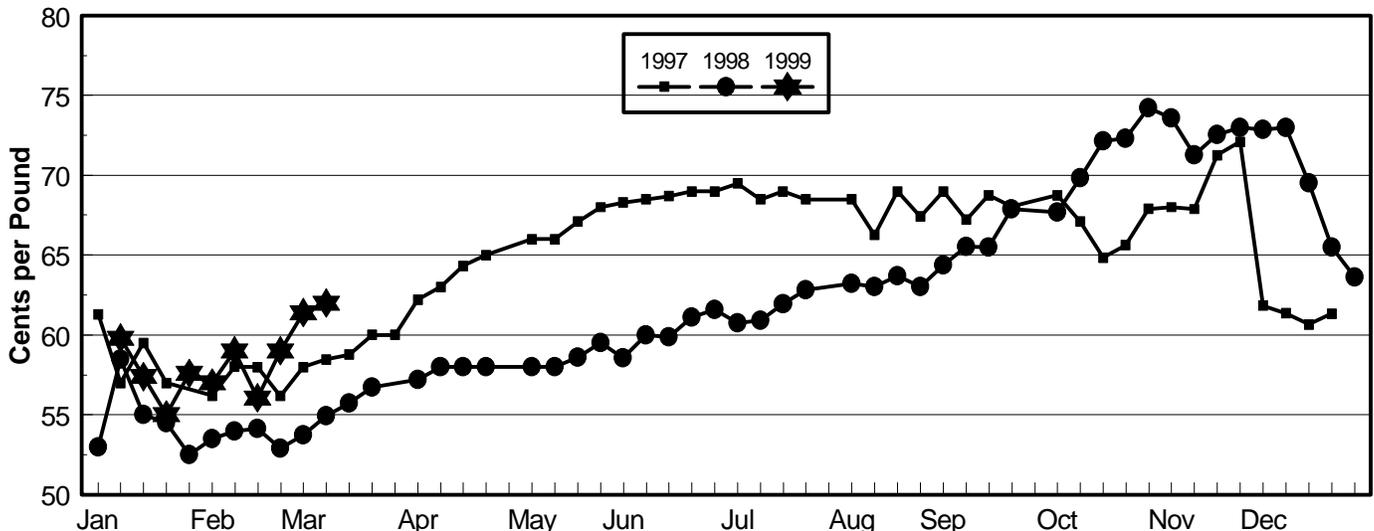
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.