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Prices for larger sizes of eggs began the period unchanged to lower, with the West Coast, Southern and North Central areas posting sharply lower prices. In all areas, lighter weight prices were unchanged to slightly lower. The market tone was barely steady to weak, mostly barely steady. Demand was generally light to moderate, and best where features enhanced retail movement or where the clearance of inventories for the Easter holiday forced some buyers into refilling pipelines. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to occasionally ample, except for the West Coast, where regional offerings were reported as close due to increased interest. Most dealers taking a wait and see attitude and exercising caution toward the market. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Trading and demand fair for the mixed offerings, generally adequate to fully adequate. Some graded product included in the offers. Regular suppliers and company production satisfied most buyers needs. Finished product demand light to moderate. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady. Light type hen offerings were fully sufficient to overwhelming for current processor needs. Trade sentiment 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)	92-97	83-88	61-63
New York	63-65	60-63	49-52
Philadelphia	61-76.5	59-74.5	48-52.5
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	60-61	58.5-60	43-44
Jackson (1)	68-69	67-68	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	65-80	64-78	49-63
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	54-59	53-58	41-46
Detroit (2)	54-57	53-56	38-41
Major Ohio Cities (2)	55-65.5	54-64	39-44
Major Wisconsin Cities	58-67	56-63	42-49
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	73-75	72	57
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	87	73

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Apr-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	75.19	72.81	53.10
SOUTHERN	79.15	77.83	54.44
MIDWEST	69.43	68.19	47.31
WESTERN	99.27	95.61	77.85
TWELVE METRO AREAS	82.96	80.47	60.93

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

	04-06-99	03-30-99	04-07-98
Large	37-39	50-52	53-55
Medium	22-24	27-29	29-31

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Apr. 05, 1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.6	10.9	5.3	10.9	8.8	43.5
	Change	-3.2	-1.2	-0.5	-6.3	-1.7	-23%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.4	14.9	6.7	14.8	10.2	65.0
	Change	-11.7	-4.6	-2.3	-17.0	-6.7	-39%
Large	Curr Wk	34.5	45.3	36.7	43.2	51.7	211.4
	Change	-16.1	-29.1	-20.1	-55.9	-70.9	-48%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	15.1	11.7	18.2	16.8	73.8
	Change	-2.8	-6.4	-0.4	-2.8	-2.1	-16%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	3.2	1.7	2.0	6.3	18.5
	Change	0.5	-0.4	-1.7	-1.3	-5.0	-30%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	13.5	10.8	8.6	4.4	42.3
	Change	-0.6	-1.0	-0.3	0.0	-1.4	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.8	41.7	6.6	26.0	40.0	145.1
	Change	-1.0	4.5	-1.7	-13.0	-14.7	-15%
Total	Curr Wk	113.6	144.6	79.5	123.7	138.2	599.6
Percent	Change	-24%	-21%	-25%	-44%	-43%	-33%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	599.6	-33%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	369.7	0%	38

Total Shell Egg 969.3 -24% 209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 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 03-Apr-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,012,108	22,911	10,261	5,776	2,655	3,255
P W	1,025,454	24,113	9,665	5,122	2,434	3,152
L Y	999,525	22,788	10,074	5,451	2,450	3,313
% P W	-1	-5	6	13	9	3
% L Y	1	1	2	6	8	-2
1999	13,413,721	307,465	131,451	73,015	33,309	42,310
1998	13,143,912	292,330	135,733	76,167	34,351	42,889
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR		
	41.70	41.01	41.65			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 03-Apr-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	260.6	-4	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	471.0	-2	-3
W.N. CENTRAL	238.4	-1	-1
S. ATLANTIC	227.3	3	3
S. CENTRAL	80.4	3	-14
WEST	259.9	17	6
TOTAL	1537.6	2	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		100	99

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Mar 27	Apr 3 Thousand	Mar 27	Apr 3
AL	*27,343	27,265	*20,968	19,991
AR	30,501	28,692	24,299	24,847
DE	4,522	4,790	4,590	5,501
FL	3,037	2,972	2,319	2,493
GA	*31,976	31,909	*25,203	24,981
MD	8,932	8,975	6,893	6,073
MS	18,196	18,283	15,413	15,293
NC	17,973	18,186	13,893	14,221
PA	*3,364	3,701	*2,801	2,797
SC	4,885	4,756	3,868	3,759
TX	13,825	13,813	10,661	10,709
VA	6,805	6,585	5,604	5,585
CA, TN, & WV	11,477	11,536	9,677	10,588
15 State Total	*182,836	181,463	*146,189	146,838
Previous Year	175,033	176,240	141,754	141,015
Pct. of Prev.	104	103	103	104

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-May-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.59 CENTS PER POUND.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/01/99-04/07/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	40.00	42.50	39.13	41.00	—	43.00	23.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	39.00	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	33.00	28.00	29.00	—	31.00	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	46.40	—	42.53	40.34	46.00	18.75
GL W LG	—	51.33	41.75	48.00	39.82	—	21.00
GL W MD	30.00	35.00	30.00	31.36	29.77	34.00	18.50
GL W SM	—	—	24.73	26.27	—	—	5.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	26.50	28.50	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	3.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 03-Apr-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	39.7	30.9	28	29
BOSTON	7.0	6.3	11	-34
CHICAGO	84.5	75.7	12	22
DETROIT	47.0	45.7	3	114
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	129.7	124.7	4	7
NEW ORLEANS	17.0	16.4	4	36
NEW YORK	50.3	44.9	12	-1
ST. LOUIS	1.8	1.8	0	-10
SAN FRANCISCO	28.5	22.1	29	27
TOTAL	405.6	368.6	10	19
4 WK MVG AVG	344.9			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 27-Mar-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	
THOUSANDS				
HEAD	0	4,500	33	4,533
AVGWT	0.00	26.41	25.06	26.40
LAST WEEK	0	4,614	30	4,644
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	6,246	33	6,279
AVGWT	0.00	23.42(A)	28.36	23.44
TO-DATE/1999	0	54,886(A)	360	55,246
TO-DATE/1998	8	63,099(A)	468	63,575

(A) Includes 205,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 256,000 in 1998.

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

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 27-Mar-99 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY AVG
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	
HEAD % CHG WT ----THOUSAND HEAD---- WT							
NEAST	626	-33	24.21	(A)	(A)	641	24.19
SATL	491	-40	31.10	(A)	(A)	492	31.17
N CENT	2,094	5	28.30	(A)	(A)	2,104	28.28
S CENT	1,110	177	22.40	NONE	NONE	1,110	22.40
WEST	179	-61	24.06	(A)	(A)	186	24.01
U.S.TOTAL	4,500(B)	-2	26.41	0	33	4,533	26.40
TO DATE							
1999	54,886(B)			0	360	55,246	
TO DATE							
1998	63,099(B)			8	468	63,575	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 38,000 for the year 205,000; last year to date 256,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 03-Apr-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	144,575 (A)	2,271	1,345	3,616	407
AVGWT	5.00	3.35	7.78	5.00	6.81
LAST WEEK	148,122	2,026	1,398	3,424	445
YR AGO	145,559	2,075	1,064	3,139	390
AVGWT	5.02	3.21	7.84	4.78	6.94
TO-DATE/1999	1,945,493	28,005	17,298	45,303	5,981
TO-DATE/1998	1,887,245	25,887	16,128	42,015	5,839

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 146.3 million head or 2.5 million head less than or 98 percent of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Apr-99

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/10/99 (1)	04/03/99
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	145,653 (2)	148,286
LT HENS	2,061	2,264
HVY HENS	1,452	1,477
CHECK TOTAL	149,166	152,027

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Apr-99 is 150.4 million head compared to 147.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 147.4 million head or 3.0 million less than estimated available. For week of 17-Apr-99 the estimated available is 151.6 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 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
20	150.6	148.5	101	5.06
27	149.9	147.7	101	5.11
APRIL 3	146.3	148.8	98	5.00
YEAR TO DATE	1969.0	1941.7	101	
APRIL 10		150.4		
17		151.6		

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

	Change from		
06-Apr-99	30-Mar-99	30-Mar-99	07-Apr-98
53.62	-0.90	54.52	58.61
NUMBER OF LOADS	593		

**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 4/05-4/10/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	45.00-48.00	47.23	44	49.50
Los Angeles	63.00	62.17	73	60.16
New York	42.00-46.00	44.46	63	45.96

**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)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	62-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-64	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	63-64	-	-	-

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 LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 5-Apr-99	2,462	135,315	86,950
AM 1-Mar-99	2,629	119,554	82,349
CHG	-167	15761	4601
PCT CHG	-6	13	6

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 31, 1999 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 1999 are:

FROZEN EGGS	10 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.02 PCT
TURKS	420 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.95 PCT
POP	760 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.99 PCT

**HEN MARKETS**

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

**HEAVY TYPE**

4/05/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast Heavy	15-22(1)	15-18.5	17.33
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	17-22(1)	18-19.5	19.03

4/02/99

**LIGHT TYPE**

Eastern Light	0-2(1)	0-1
Eastern Light	TFEWR(2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)	
No. Central Light	2(2)	

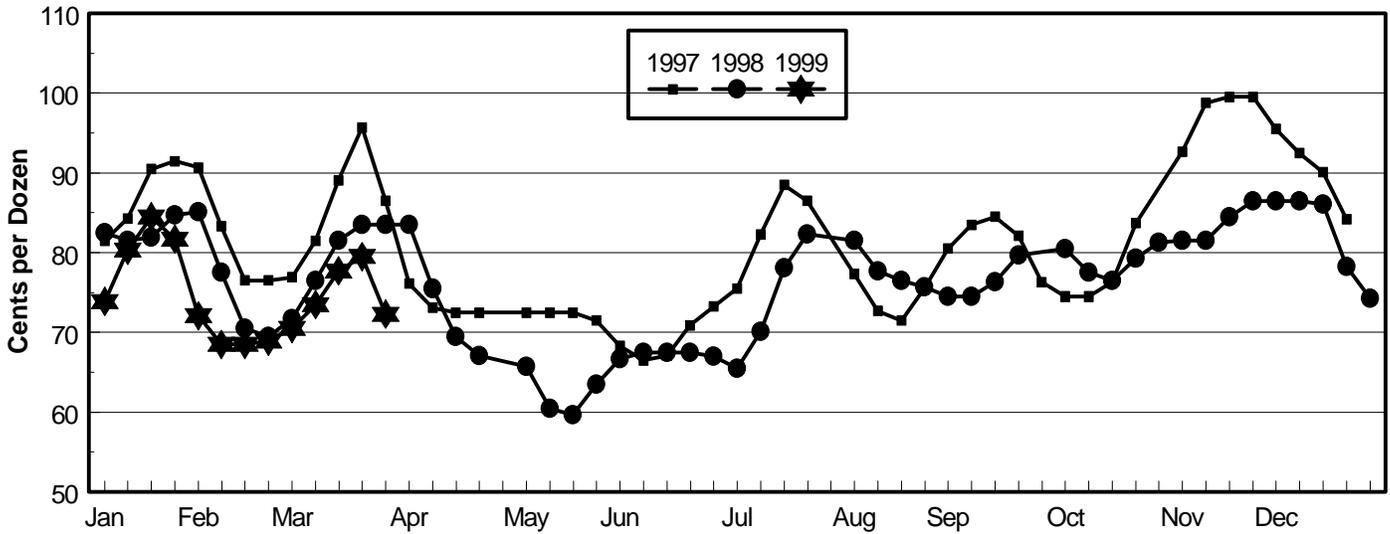
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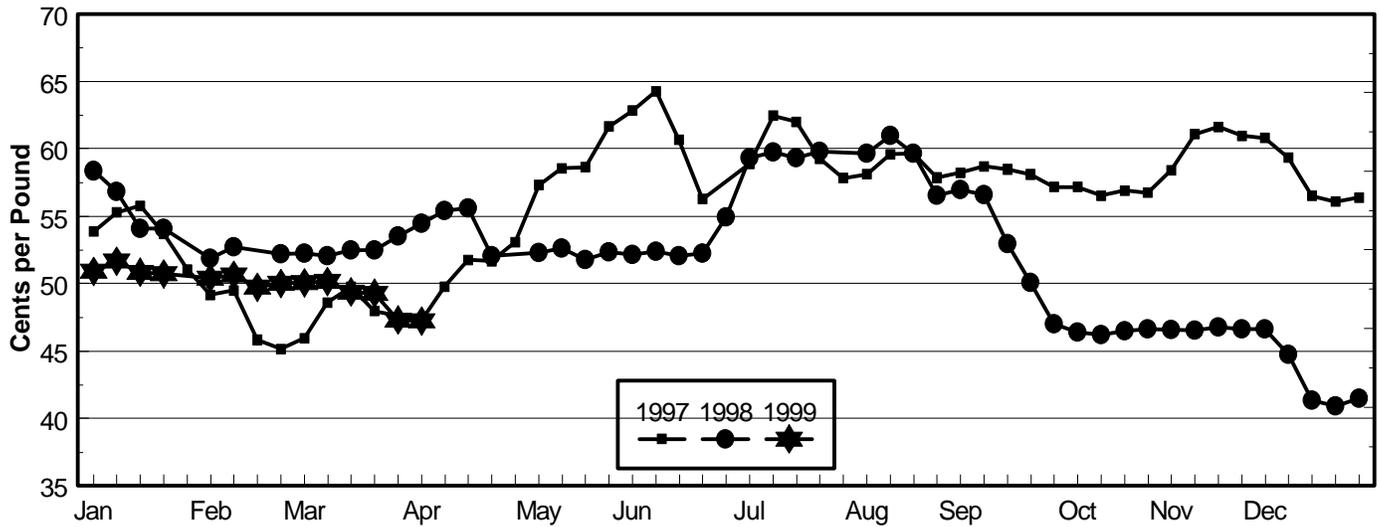
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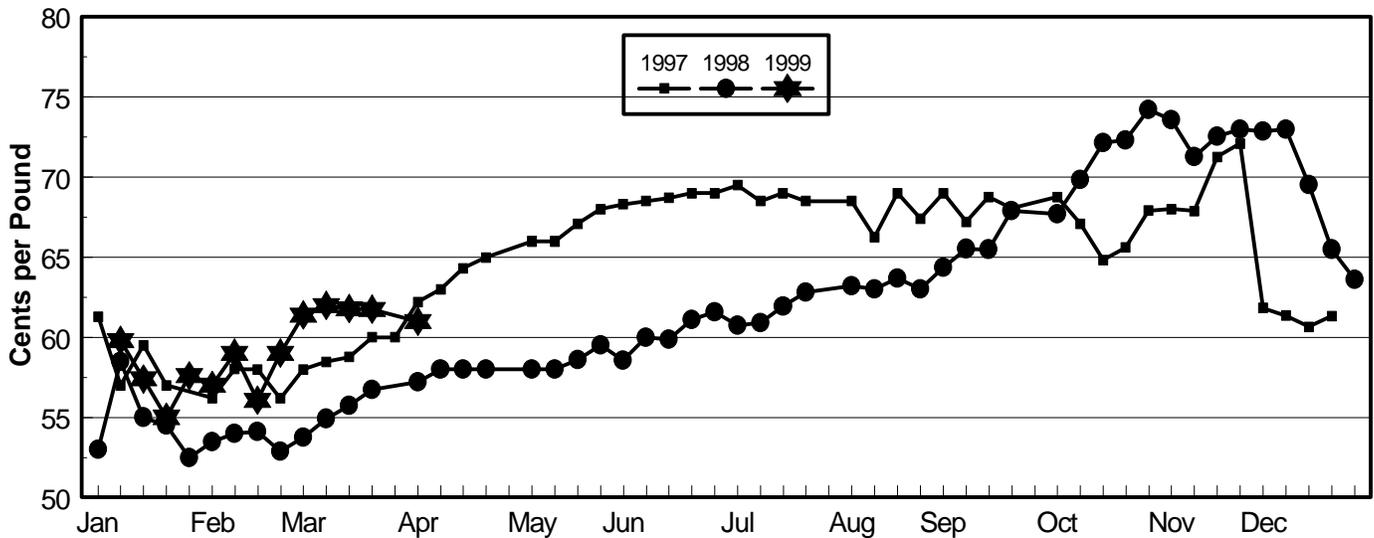
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.