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Prices were unchanged throughout the country except in the Northeast where prices were unchanged to slightly lower. The trade sentiment was steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady with the larger sizes in the longest position. Demand was generally slow to instances fairly good and was best where features were in progress or planned for next week. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate to ample, while the lighter weights were closely balanced to adequate for current needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged the entire week. Demand was light to moderate for the fully adequate offerings which continued to include graded product. Floor stocks at least adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady at best to barely steady. Light type hen offerings were adequate to ample for the moderate demand. 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	87-89	77-79	59-61
New York	57-59	54-57	45-48
Philadelphia	55-59.5	53-57.5	44-47
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	38-39
Jackson (1)	62-63	60-61	51-52
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-67	51-65	44-58
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	46-51	45-50	37-42
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	33-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-50.5	43-49	34-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	37-44

WESTERN CITIES

Houston (1)	61-63	59-61	52
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	82	74	69

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 23-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	60.35	57.98	48.26
SOUTHERN	60.07	58.23	48.44
MIDWEST	52.30	51.06	41.16
WESTERN	78.71	74.85	65.47
TWELVE METRO AREAS	65.10	62.51	52.86

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

	04-27-99	04-20-99	04-28-98
Large	26-28	32-34	35-37
Medium	17-19	21-23	24-26

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Apr. 26, 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	7.4	7.3	3.6	9.6	9.4	37.3
	Change	1.3	-0.4	-1.0	1.8	0.3	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.5	23.8	11.4	21.2	18.5	99.4
	Change	2.7	0.5	0.7	1.9	4.9	12%
Large	Curr Wk	46.0	54.4	51.6	66.7	88.3	307.0
	Change	4.1	2.2	0.5	5.8	8.3	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.7	15.6	11.4	18.6	21.0	80.3
	Change	3.5	-2.4	-1.0	0.0	3.5	5%
Small	Curr Wk	5.4	5.5	1.8	3.5	2.6	18.8
	Change	1.5	1.4	-1.9	-0.5	-0.4	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	12.1	6.3	7.6	4.6	34.6
	Change	-0.4	-2.3	-2.1	-2.1	-1.4	-19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.1	67.3	14.1	31.3	49.1	199.9
	Change	2.6	1.2	1.8	2.4	3.1	6%
Total	Curr Wk	139.1	186.0	100.2	158.5	193.5	777.3
	Percent Change	12%	0%	-3%	6%	10%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	777.3	5%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	435.8	6%	40
Total Shell Egg	1213.1	6%	206

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.

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	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,103,374	25,198	11,164	6,199	3,126	3,370
PW	1,109,838	25,494	11,229	6,123	2,808(R)	3,459
LY	1,103,916	25,163	16,001	5,506	2,959	3,462
% PW	-1	-1	-1	1	11	-3
% LY	0	0	-30	13	6	-3
1999	16,702,196	383,263	164,348	90,982	42,095(R)	52,640
1998	16,361,527	368,149	171,308	91,555	42,405	53,109
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.63	41.72	45.41			

(R) Includes a revision.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 24-Apr-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	250.6	1	2
E.N. CENTRAL	486.4	5	14
W.N. CENTRAL	233.1	15	9
S. ATLANTIC	187.3	-2	-10
S. CENTRAL	76.1	2	-1
WEST	220.1	1	-1
TOTAL	1,453.6	4	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		97	96

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Apr 17	Apr 24 Thousand	Apr 17	Apr 24
AL	27,627	27,395	*20,246	19,946
AR	30,379	30,543	24,774	22,443
DE	4,773	4,692	*5,494	5,858
FL	2,820	2,656	*2,414	2,828
GA	*32,003	31,619	*25,699	25,878
MD	*8,990	8,962	*6,060	5,942
MS	18,292	17,611	15,148	15,250
NC	18,236	18,460	14,463	14,037
PA	*3,607	3,604	*2,641	2,705
SC	4,787	4,864	3,237	3,624
TX	13,808	13,826	10,586	10,650
VA	*6,597	6,622	*5,119	5,308
CA, TN, & WV	*11,577	11,774	*9,639	9,995
15 State Total	*183,496	182,628	*145,520	144,464
Previous Year	175,023	176,655	140,207	142,649
Pct. of Prev.	105	103	104	101

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 5-Jun-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 148.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 63.42 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

	(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/22/99-04/28/99									
	SE		NE		MW		LOADS			
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST				
GNR W 1	29.63	31.50	29.50	31.29	31.75	33.22	31.00			
GNR W 2	29.00	30.25	—	32.00	34.00	—	16.00			
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	27.00	—	2.00			
GL W XL	33.50	36.83	36.00	36.50	32.87	—	10.50			
GL W LG	33.50	34.16	30.25	32.00	30.75	—	14.00			
GL W MD	—	31.00	26.23	27.20	26.00	—	13.00			
GL W SM	—	—	22.75	24.50	26.50	26.33	2.50			
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	26.88	28.55	12.00			
NRBS - 48	26.00	27.50	—	—	27.55	27.53	15.00			

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-Apr-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.9	25.9	0	-15
BOSTON	6.3	5.5	15	-47
CHICAGO	36.2	35.4	2	-15
DETROIT	27.3	24.7	11	1
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	79.0	84.4	-6	-7
NEW ORLEANS	14.2	10.9	30	61
NEW YORK	40.2	43.7	-8	-17
ST. LOUIS	1.9	1.8	6	12
SAN FRANCISCO	17.7	18.8	-6	0
TOTAL	248.8	251.2	-1	-9
4 WK MVG AVG	290.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	
THOUSANDS				
HEAD	0	4,536	40	4,576
AVGWT	0.00	24.14	26.93	24.17
LAST WEEK	0	4,521	43	4,564
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,694	18	4,712
AVGWT	0.00	25.06(A)	28.50	25.07
TO-DATE/1999	0	67,553(A)	469	68,022
TO-DATE/1998	8	76,517(A)	570	77,095

(A) Includes 267,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 301,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	WT
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---		WT	
NEAST	951	26	22.27	NONE	NONE	951	22.27
SATL	762	31	27.24	(A)	(A)	779	27.16
N CENT	1,942	-15	25.72	(A)	(A)	1,954	25.74
S CENT	618	-3	18.75	NONE	NONE	618	18.75
WEST	263	-4	22.97	(A)	(A)	274	23.21
U.S.TOTAL	4,536(B)	0	24.14	0	40	4,576	24.17
TO DATE							
1999	67,553(B)			0	469	68,022	
TO DATE							
1998	76,517(B)			8	570	77,095	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 12,000 for the year 267,000; last year to date 301,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	152,325(A)	2,332	1,431	3,763	382
AVGWT	5.13	3.49	7.99	5.20	6.26
LAST WEEK	151,880	2,510	1,343	3,853	434
YR AGO	147,871	2,537	1,196	3,733	471
AVGWT	4.91	3.42	7.75	4.81	6.51
TO-DATE/1999	2,397,623	34,945	21,390	56,335	7,248
TO-DATE/1998	2,316,870	33,174	19,803	52,977	7,182

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.2 million head or 0.6 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-May-99

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/01/99 (1)	04/24/99
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	154,866 (2)	149,844
LT HENS	1,993	2,269
HVY HENS	1,588	1,538
TOTAL	158,447	153,651

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-May-99 is 154.8 million head compared to 149.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.7 million head or 1.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 08-May-99 the estimated available is 154.6 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH	20	150.6	148.5	101
	27	149.9	147.7	101
APRIL	3	146.3	148.8	98
	10	149.7	150.4	100
	17	153.7	151.6	101
	24	154.2	153.6	100
YEAR TO DATE	2426.6	2397.3	101	5.13
MAY	1	154.8		
	8	154.6		

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

	Change from			
	19-Apr-99	19-Apr-99	27-Apr-99	
26-Apr-99	56.49	0.96	55.53	58.57
NUMBER OF LOADS	693			

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 4/26-5/1/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	WTD	AVG
Chicago	49.00-51.00	50.88	51	53.15	81
Los Angeles	63.00	62.39	60	62.28	139
New York	45.00-47.00	47.59	41	53.11	74

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/	64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	65-66	-	-	-

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 26-Apr-99	2,700	146,075	87,338
AM 1-Apr-99	2,391	133,622	85,910
CHG	309	12,453	1,428
PCT CHG	13	9	2

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		WTD. AVG
	RANGE	MAJORITY	
4/26/99			
Southeast Heavy	14-22(1)	15-18.5	17.47
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	17-22(1)	18-19.5	19.21
4/23/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern Light	0-.5(1)		
Eastern Light	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central Light	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central Light	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central Light	1.5(2)		

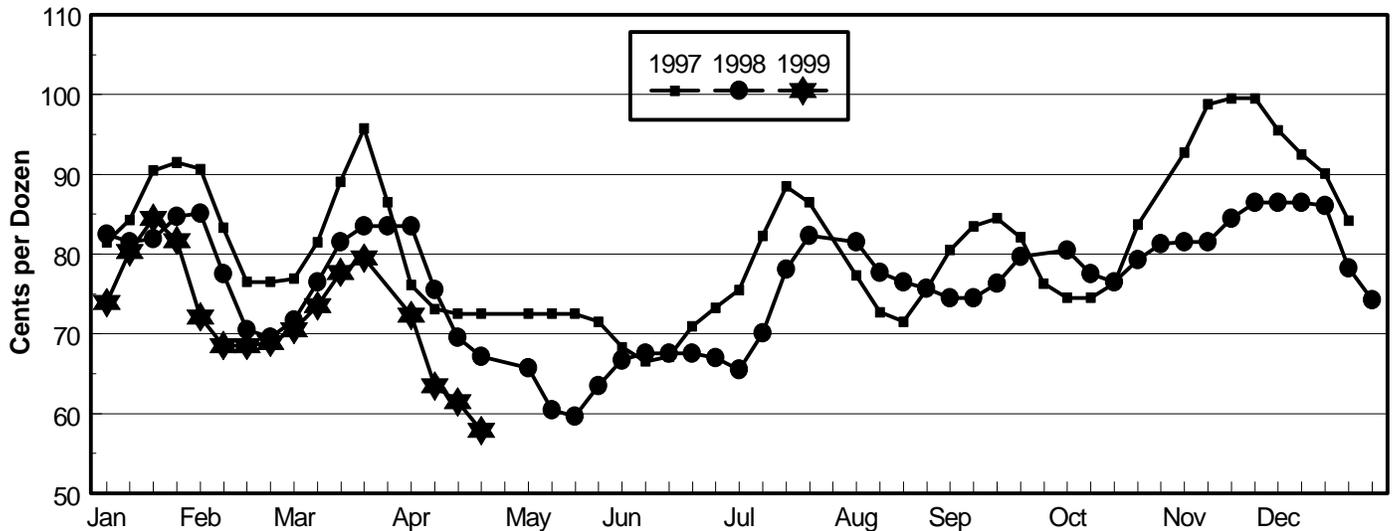
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

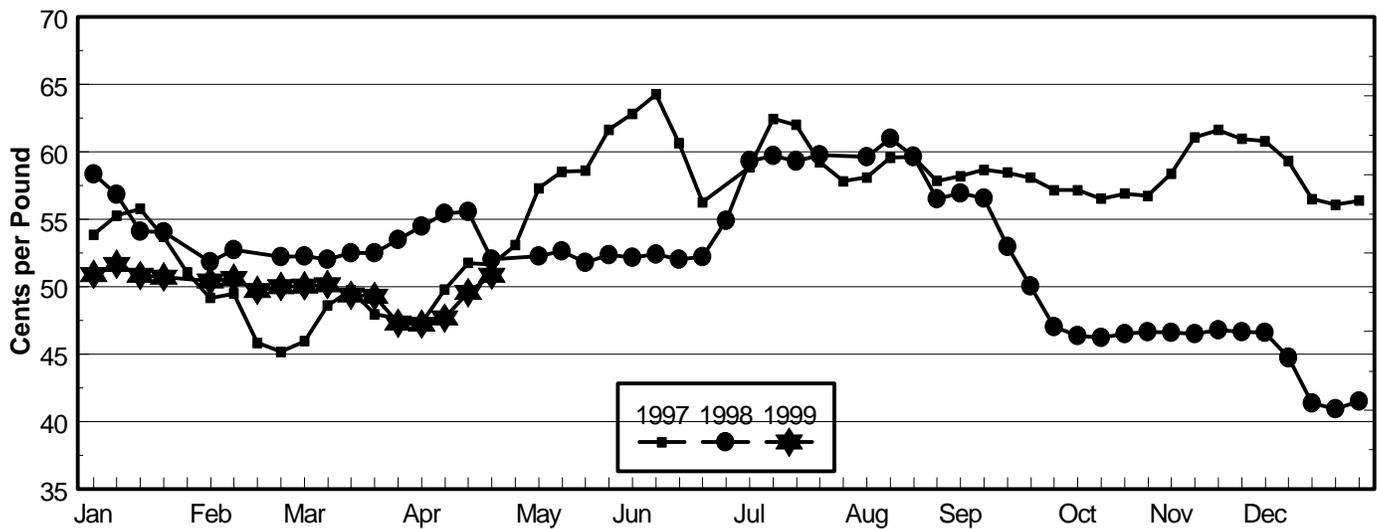
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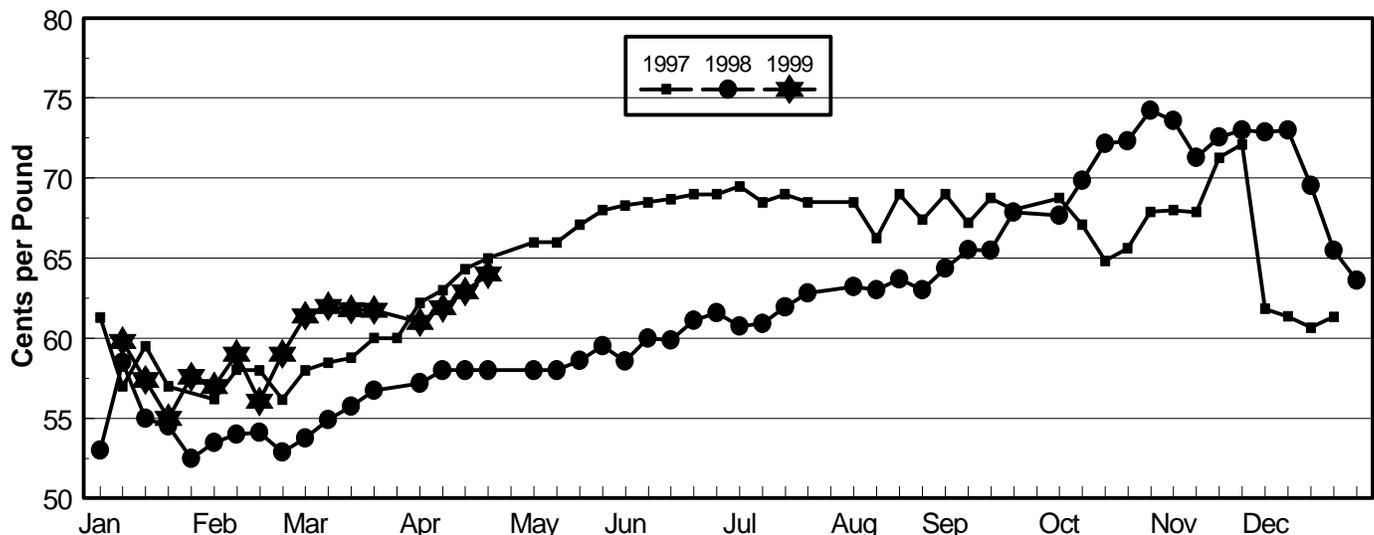
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.