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Prices began the week unchanged to lower in Chicago, Philadelphia, and in the Southern region. Prices continued slightly lower to unchanged for the majority of the nation. The trade sentiment was steady to weak, mostly steady to barely steady. Retail demand was slow to good and considered usually moderate with best movement into areas with features planned or in progress. Food service movement was moderate to instances very good and better into resort areas in the Midwest. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate with the West Coast generally ample. Breaking stock prices remained unchanged. Offerings were at least adequate for the light to moderate trading and demand. Graded large and extra large was still making its way into breaking channels at attractive prices. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Light type hen offerings were fully adequate to ample for full slaughter schedules. Trade sentiment unsettled to 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)	85-89	76-79	59-61
New York	55-57	52-55	43-46
Philadelphia	53-57	51-55	42-45
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	47-48	45.5-47	38-39
Jackson (1)	57-58	54-55	47-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	52-66	50-64	44-58
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	44-49	43-48	35-40
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	33-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	34-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	37-44
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	60-62	58-59	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 30-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	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	57.81	55.44	46.25
SOUTHERN	53.89	52.27	44.75
MIDWEST	47.45	46.29	37.78
WESTERN	74.27	68.86	63.22
TWELVE METRO AREAS	61.02	57.87	50.30

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

	05-04-99	04-27-99	05-05-98
Large	26-28	26-28	33-35
Medium	17-19	17-19	24-26

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM May 03, 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	8.3	11.0	3.3	10.7	8.8	42.1
	Change	0.9	3.7	-0.3	1.1	-0.6	13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.7	26.1	10.1	21.5	16.5	97.9
	Change	-0.8	2.3	-1.3	0.3	-2.0	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	48.8	61.8	50.9	66.4	83.7	311.6
	Change	2.8	7.4	-0.7	-0.3	-4.6	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.7	17.1	13.7	20.8	18.7	83.0
	Change	-1.0	1.5	2.3	2.2	-2.3	3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.5	6.1	1.1	3.5	4.5	20.7
	Change	0.1	0.6	-0.7	0.0	1.9	10%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.8	12.0	8.4	4.3	5.1	33.6
	Change	-0.2	-0.1	2.1	-3.3	0.5	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.5	58.6	15.4	26.0	52.1	189.6
	Change	-0.6	-8.7	1.3	-5.3	3.0	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	140.3	192.7	102.9	153.2	189.4	778.5
	Percent Change	1%	4%	3%	-3%	-2%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	778.5	0%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	459.9	6%	40
Total Shell Egg	1238.4	2%	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	1,140,380	25,775	12,354	6,479	3,052	3,491
PW	1,103,374	25,198	11,164	6,199	3,126	3,370
LY	1,102,522	24,990	11,711	5,910	2,805	3,639
% PW	3	2	11	5	-2	4
% LY	3	3	5	10	9	-4
1999	17,842,576	409,038	176,702	97,461	45,147	56,131
1998	17,464,049	393,139	*177,827*	97,465	45,210	56,748
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	42.18	41.63	41.95			

* Revision to report for weekending April 24, last year liquid white should have read 10,809.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 01-May-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	242.2	-3	4
E.N. CENTRAL	461.5	-5	5
W.N. CENTRAL	224.3	-4	1
S. ATLANTIC	189.4	1	-7
S. CENTRAL	75.0	-1	1
WEST	217.3	-1	-5
TOTAL	1,409.7	-3	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		99	98

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Apr 24	May 1 Thousand	Apr 24	May 1
AL	*27,402	27,561	*19,934	20,469
AR	30,543	30,227	22,443	25,128
DE	4,692	4,380	5,858	5,634
FL	2,656	2,569	2,828	2,783
GA	*31,669	31,668	*25,865	25,103
MD	8,962	8,885	*6,306	5,351
MS	17,611	18,411	15,250	15,482
NC	18,460	18,340	14,037	14,411
PA	*3,624	3,647	*2,706	2,734
SC	4,864	4,866	3,624	3,366
TX	13,826	13,827	10,650	10,659
VA	6,622	6,732	5,308	6,089
CA, TN, & WV	11,774	11,987	9,995	9,483
15 State Total	*182,705	183,100	144,804	146,692
Previous Year	176,655	177,048	142,649	143,390
Pct. of Prev.	103	103	102	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 12-Jun-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 149.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 63.30 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

	(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/29/99-05/05/99						
	SE		NE		MW		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	30.43	31.15	29.14	30.80	31.75	31.50	26.50
GNR W 2	29.00	30.25	—	—	29.38	31.00	18.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	27.00	—	2.25
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	40.00	41.00	36.50	37.43	34.30	31.50	16.00
GL W LG	40.00	36.50	27.25	31.67	27.04	28.41	25.25
GL W MD	29.00	29.00	25.75	27.93	—	—	14.50
GL W SM	—	29.00	24.13	26.19	22.00	—	4.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	26.50	28.00	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	27.00	30.10	28.13	12.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 01-May-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.0	25.9	4	-2
BOSTON	6.7	6.3	6	-44
CHICAGO	46.8	36.2	29	-5
DETROIT	27.7	27.3	1	3
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	66.5	79.0	-16	-16
NEW ORLEANS	14.3	14.2	1	38
NEW YORK	41.9	40.2	4	1
ST. LOUIS	1.7	1.9	-11	0
SAN FRANCISCO	17.3	17.7	-2	-16
TOTAL	250.0	248.8	0	-7
4 WK MVG AVG	252.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
HEAD	0	6,293	45	6,338
AVGWT	0.00	24.45	27.51	24.48
LAST WEEK	0	4,536	40	4,576
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,215	25	5,240
AVGWT	0.00	25.99(A)	26.52	25.99
TO-DATE/1999	0	73,846(A)	514	74,360
TO-DATE/1998	8	81,732(A)	595	82,335

(A) Includes 283,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 302,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 24-Apr-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG WT				
NEAST	704	-26	23.50	(A)	(A)	705	23.52
SATL	1,774	133	20.72	(A)	(A)	1,787	20.76
N CENT	2,353	21	29.30	(A)	(A)	2,378	29.28
S CENT	1,126	82	21.71	NONE	NONE	1,126	21.71
WEST	336	28	21.46	(A)	(A)	342	21.52
U.S.TOTAL	6,293(B)	39	24.45	0	45	6,338	24.48
TO DATE							
1999	73,846(B)			0	514	74,360	
TO DATE							
1998	81,732(B)			8	595	82,335	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 16,000 for the year 283,000; last year to date 302,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-May-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,704(A)	2,147	1,405	3,552	454
AVGWT	4.90	3.37	8.17	5.27	6.64
LAST WEEK	152,325	2,332	1,431	3,763	382
YR AGO	149,111	2,406	1,218	3,624	406
AVGWT	4.88	3.42	7.72	4.86	6.91
TO-DATE/1999	2,551,327	37,092	22,795	59,887	7,702
TO-DATE/1998	2,465,981	35,580	21,021	56,601	7,588

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.6 million head or 0.8 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-May-99

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/08/99(1)	05/01/99
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	155,682(2)	154,866
LT HENS	2,301	1,993
HVY HENS	1,531	1,588
TOTAL	159,514	158,447

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-May-99 is 154.6 million head compared to 150.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.6 million head or 3.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 15-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	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
MARCH	27	149.9	147.7	101	5.11
APRIL	3	146.3	148.8	98	5.00
	10	149.7	150.4	100	4.97
	17	153.7	151.6	101	5.07
	24	154.2	153.6	100	5.13
MAY	1	155.6	154.8	101	4.90
YEAR TO DATE		2582.2	2552.1	101	
MAY	8		154.6		
	15		154.6		

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

Change from			
03-May-99	26-Apr-99	26-Apr-99	04-May-99
58.43	1.94	56.49	58.59
NUMBER OF LOADS	689		

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 5/3-5/8/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	WTD	AVG
Chicago	52.00-54.00	53.53	48	55.81	76
Los Angeles	63.00	62.80	68	63.06	140
New York	47.00-51.00	50.25	32	56.52	73

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/	65-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	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	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	3-May-99	2,659	156,977	88,182
AM	1-Apr-99	2,391	133,622	85,910
CHG		268	23355	2272
PCT CHG		11	17	3

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

FROZEN EGGS	10	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.08 PCT
TURKS	439	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.09 PCT
POP	815	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.97 PCT

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY TYPE			
5/3/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast Heavy	13.5-20(1)	15-18	16.95
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	17-22(1)	18-19	19.20
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)		

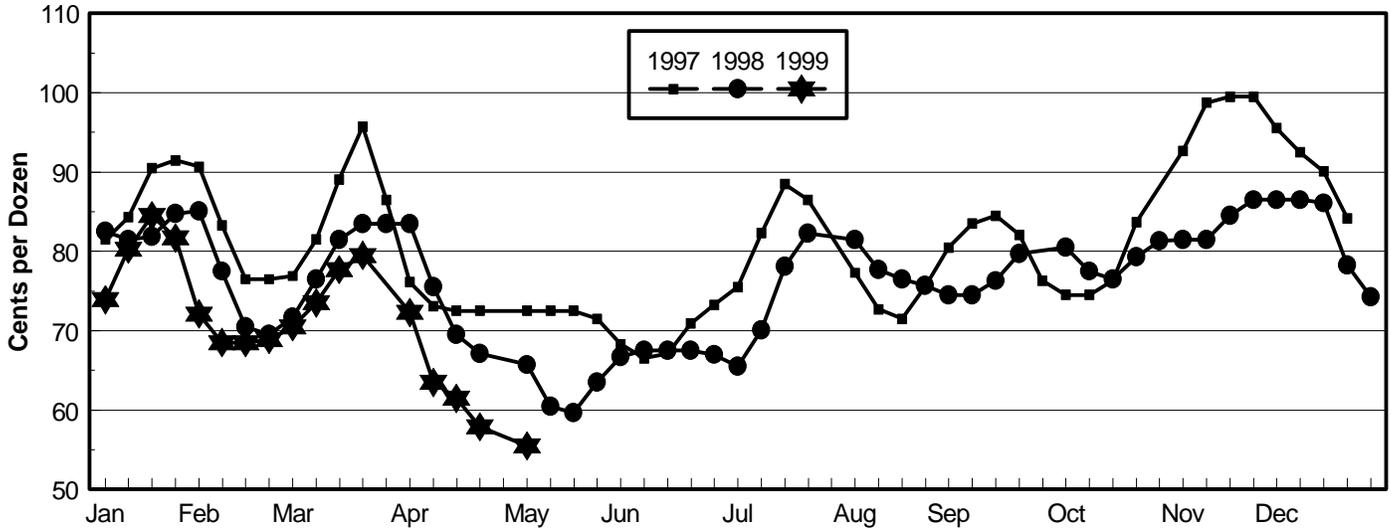
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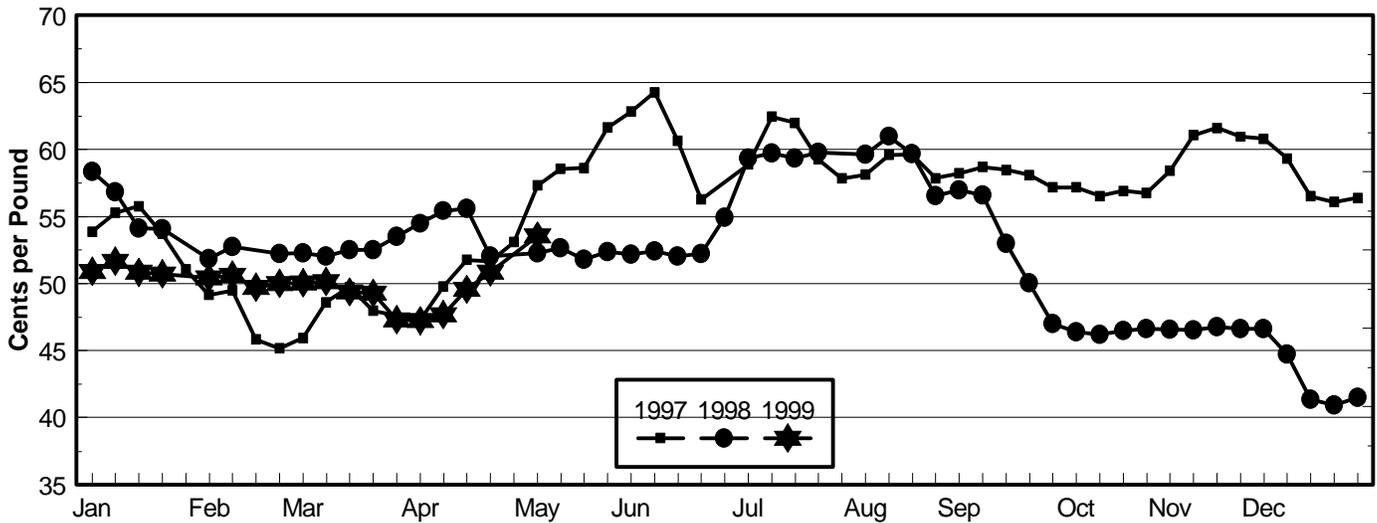
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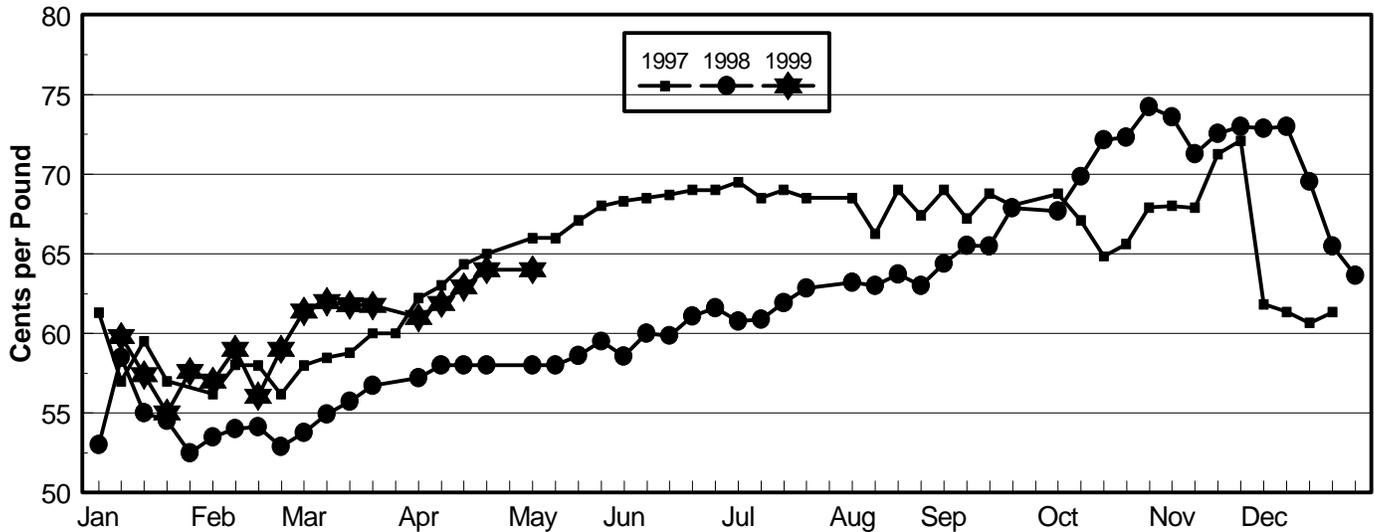
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.