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Prices began the week unchanged in Chicago and New York and unchanged to lower elsewhere. Prices continued unchanged to higher in most areas. Early in the week the market tone was generally steady and then became steady to firm towards the end of the week. Demand was fair to good with the best movement into areas with features planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate to instances tight throughout the week with most sellers holding with confidence. Breaking stock prices were mostly unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the irregular trading and demand. Graded product became less of a factor as the week went on and most breakers were running full-time schedules with a few reducing their weekend schedules. Trade sentiment was steady to occasionally fully steady. Light type hen offerings were sufficient for full slaughter schedules.

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)	85-87	76-78	59-61
New York	58-60	55-58	43-46
Philadelphia	53-58	51-56	42-43.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	45-46	43.5-45	37-38
Jackson (1)	54-55	52-53	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-64	48-62	42-56
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	45-50	45-49	35-40
Detroit (2)	41-44	40-43	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	42-47	41-45	32-37
Major Wisconsin Cities	45-52	43-50	35-42
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	58-59	56-57	49-50
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 07-May-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	56.11	53.73	44.60
SOUTHERN	53.10	51.39	44.45
MIDWEST	46.77	45.54	37.16
WESTERN	74.15	68.68	63.22
TWELVE METRO AREAS	60.23	57.03	49.62

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

	05-11-99	05-04-99	05-12-98
Large	24-26	26-28	27-29
Medium	15-17	17-19	20-22

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM May 10, 1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.3	9.1	2.9	8.4	7.7	36.4
	Change	0.0	-1.9	-0.4	-2.3	-1.1	-14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.0	25.8	7.3	16.6	18.7	90.4
	Change	-1.7	-0.3	-2.8	-4.9	2.2	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	40.4	47.2	35.8	50.7	81.6	255.7
	Change	-8.4	-14.6	-15.1	-15.7	-2.1	-18%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	18.6	14.4	20.7	19.7	86.0
	Change	-0.1	1.5	0.7	-0.1	1.0	4%
Small	Curr Wk	7.2	5.6	1.4	4.7	4.2	23.1
	Change	1.7	-0.5	0.3	1.2	-0.3	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.7	11.9	8.5	5.3	4.4	33.8
	Change	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	1.0	-0.7	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	31.4	58.6	8.4	29.5	44.7	172.6
	Change	-6.1	0.0	-7.0	3.5	-7.4	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	125.6	176.8	78.7	135.9	181.0	698.0
	Change	-10%	-8%	-24%	-11%	-4%	-10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	698.0	-10%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	460.7	0%	40
Total Shell Egg	1158.7	-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 08-May-99 (LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,160,846	26,523	11,424	6,438	2,766	3,531
PW	1,140,380	*25,113*	12,354	6,479	*2,888*	*3,466*
LY	1,105,740	25,029	11,361	6,333	3,188	3,308
% PW	2	6	-8	-1	-4	2
% LY	5	6	1	2	-13	7
1999	19,003,422	434,899	188,126	103,899	47,749	59,637
1998	18,569,789	418,168	189,188	103,798	48,398	60,056
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR			
	41.28	41.58	41.63			

* Revision on weekending May 1 data, to-date 1999 reflect's corrected figures.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 08-May-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	239.6	-1	0
E.N. CENTRAL	478.6	4	11
W.N. CENTRAL	233.6	4	5
S. ATLANTIC	190.8	1	-6
S. CENTRAL	73.9	-1	2
WEST	192.1	-12	-15
TOTAL	1,408.6	0	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		99	98

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	May 1	May 8 Thousand	May 1	May 8
AL	*27,573	27,336	*20,472	20,751
AR	30,227	30,401	*25,160	23,420
DE	4,380	4,746	*5,543	5,214
FL	2,569	2,769	2,783	2,484
GA	*31,574	31,844	*25,265	25,197
MD	8,885	8,966	*5,442	6,360
MS	*18,479	18,505	*15,481	15,046
NC	18,340	17,901	14,411	13,972
PA	*3,650	3,752	*2,752	2,654
SC	4,866	4,982	3,366	4,676
TX	13,827	13,861	10,659	10,765
VA	6,732	6,596	6,089	5,515
CA, TN, & WV	11,987	11,537	9,483	10,294
15 State Total	*183,089	183,196	*146,906	146,348
Previous Year	177,048	177,315	143,390	141,386
Pct. of Prev.	103	103	102	104

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 19-Jun-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 64.52 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

	CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/06/99-05/12/99								
	SE			NE			MW		
	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.75	35.04	30.67	32.11	31.00	31.00	31.00	31.00	30.50
GNR W 2	—	33.50	31.00	—	32.25	31.50	—	—	8.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	30.00	—	36.00	37.43	37.20	38.00	—	—	10.75
GL W LG	—	40.00	32.50	34.67	33.17	—	—	—	16.00
GL W MD	—	29.80	24.33	26.20	—	—	—	—	14.75
GL W SM	25.00	27.00	24.90	26.60	24.33	24.00	—	—	8.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	28.57	29.67	—	—	11.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	25.00	26.00	—	—	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 08-May-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	29.5	27.0	9	-6
BOSTON	6.8	6.7	1	-36
CHICAGO	45.3	46.8	-3	5
DETROIT	26.9	27.7	-3	-1
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	91.7	66.5	38	1
NEW ORLEANS	12.5	14.3	-13	14
NEW YORK	38.2	41.9	-9	-12
ST. LOUIS	12.9	12.9	0	37
SAN FRANCISCO	21.5	17.3	24	5
TOTAL	285.4	261.2	9	-1
4 WK MVG AVG	261.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 01-May-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
HEAD	0	5,251	40	5,291
AVGWT	0.00	24.80	25.88	24.81
LAST WEEK	0	6,293	45	6,338
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,675	47	4,722
AVGWT	0.00	26.14(A)	23.72	26.12
TO-DATE/1999	0	79,097(A)	554	79,651
TO-DATE/1998	8	86,407(A)	642	87,057

(A) Includes 285,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 322,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 01-May-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
NEAST	1,715	144	21.34	NONE	NONE	1,715	21.34
SATL	785	-56	30.52	(A)	(A)	799	30.48
N CENT	1,918	-18	26.73	(A)	(A)	1,936	26.71
S CENT	589	-48	19.78	NONE	NONE	589	19.78
WEST	244	-27	27.71	(A)	(A)	252	27.60
U.S.TOTAL	5,251(B)	-17	24.80	0	40	5,291	24.81
TO DATE							
1999	79,097(B)			0	554	79,651	
TO DATE							
1998	86,407(B)			8	642	87,057	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 2,000 for the year 285,000; last year to date 322,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 08-May-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG		LIGHT HEAVY		TOTAL
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	154,413(A)	2,356	1,369	3,725	435
AVGWT	5.07	3.32	8.41	5.19	6.38
LAST WEEK	153,704	2,147	1,405	3,552	454
YR AGO	148,624	2,382	1,269	3,651	488
AVGWT	4.95	3.42	7.60	4.87	6.65
TO-DATE/1999	2,705,740	39,448	24,164	63,612	8,137
TO-DATE/1998	2,614,605	37,962	22,290	60,252	8,076

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.3 million head or 1.7 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 15

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/15/99 (1)	05/08/99
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	152,717(2)	155,682
LT HENS	2,360	2,301
HVY HENS	1,456	1,531
TOTAL	156,533	159,514

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-May-99 is 154.6 million head compared to 150.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.6 million head or equal to estimated available. For week of 22-May-99 the estimated available is 152.8 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
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
8	156.3	154.6	101	5.07
YEAR TO DATE	2738.5	2706.7	101	
MAY				
15		154.6		
22		152.8		

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

	Change from			
	10-May-99	03-May-99	03-May-99	11-May-99
NUMBER OF LOADS	60.83	2.40	58.43	60.07
		683		

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 5/10-5/15/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	55.00-58.50	57.75	53	59.99	83
Los Angeles	64.00	63.92	65	63.99	153
New York	53.00-56.00	54.24	54	57.20	90

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/	65-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	66-69	69	69.00	15
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	10-May-99	3,265	149,074	91,215
AM	1-May-99	2,659	156,977	88,182
CHG		606	-7903	3033
PCT CHG		23	-5	3

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY TYPE

5/10/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast Heavy	13-22(1)	15-18.5	17.86
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	16-22(1)	18-19	18.35

5/07/99

LIGHT TYPE

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

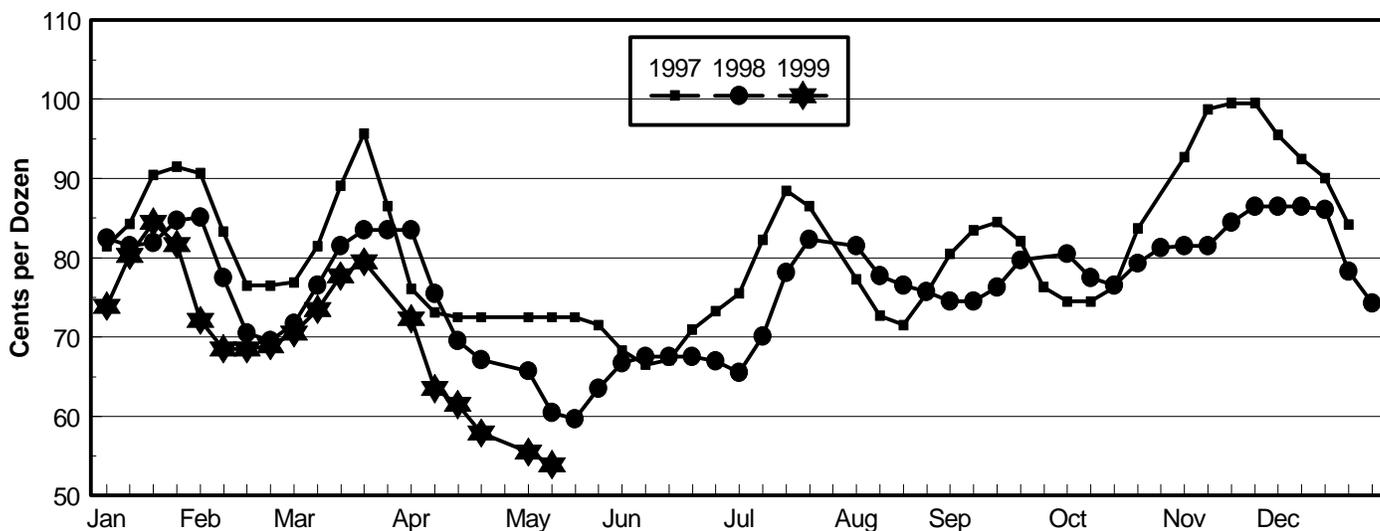
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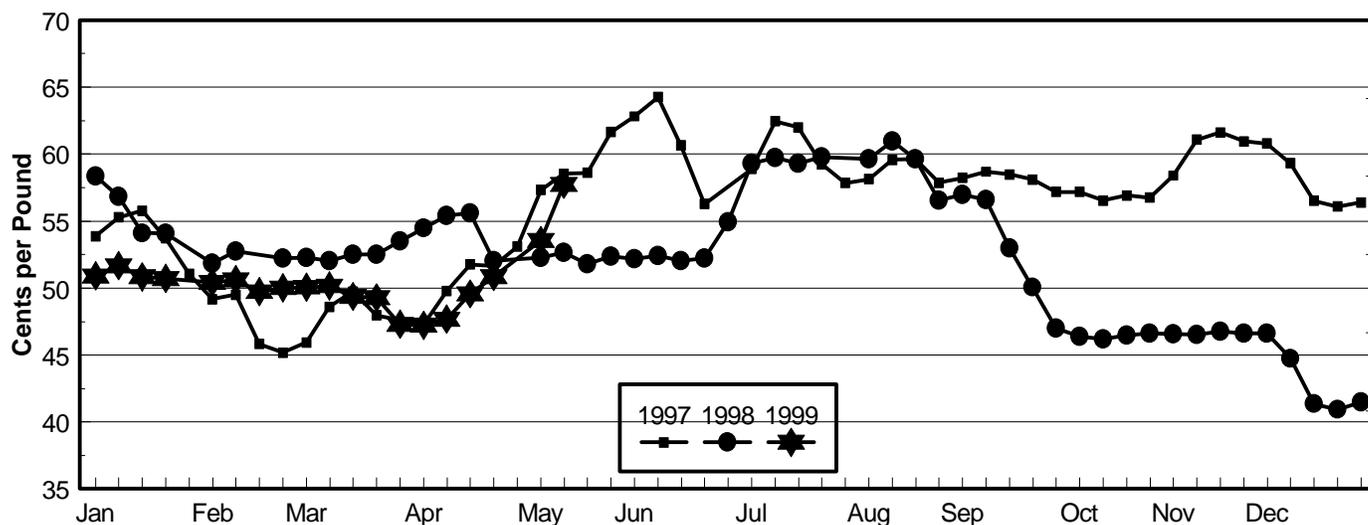
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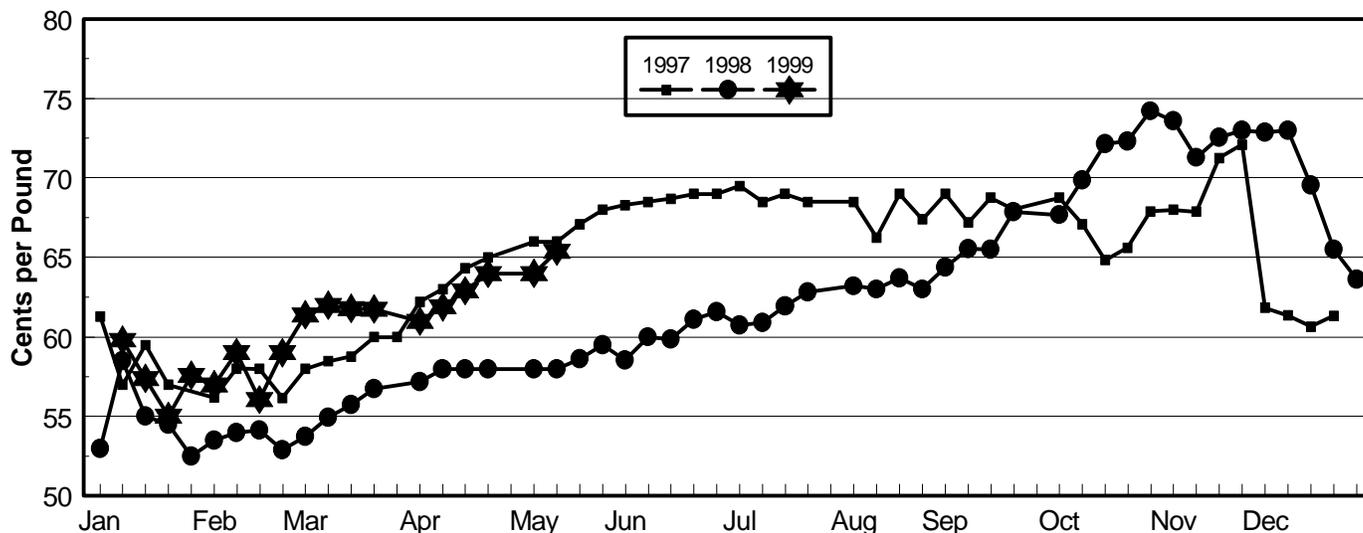
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.