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Prices were unchanged to lower in the East, South, and Midwest. All other areas were generally unchanged. Market tone was no better than steady, mostly barely steady at current values. Demand was light to fair, mostly moderate at best with greatest movement into retail features. Supplies were adequate to ample on all sizes. Offerings of the jumbo sizes were limited on the West Coast during the middle of the week. Breaking stock prices were unchanged throughout the week. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate at the beginning of the week, moving to at least sufficient for the light demand at the latter part. Undertone was barely steady. Many offers include lighter weight and graded product. Light type hen offerings were ample for current 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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	90-93	81-84	58-61
New York	60-62	57-60	38-41
Philadelphia	58-64.5	56-62.5	37-41.5
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52-53	50.5-52	34-35
Jackson (1)	61-62	59-60	43-44
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	60-74	58-72	40-54
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	50-55	49-54	31-36
Detroit (2)	48-51	47-50	27-30
Major Ohio Cities (2)	49-56.5	48-55	28-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	52-59	50-57	31-38
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	68-69	65-66	48-49
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	88	79	62

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

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Jun-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	64.88	62.51	42.47
SOUTHERN	66.42	65.07	43.45
MIDWEST	57.36	56.11	35.34
WESTERN	87.40	82.03	63.92
TWELVE METRO AREAS	71.44	68.32	48.70

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

	06-08-98	06-01-98	06-09-98
Large	31-33	37-39	42-44
Medium	11-13	15-17	15-17

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM June 07, 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	7.7	7.7	3.0	8.3	9.5	36.2
	Change	-1.4	-0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-1.3	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	18.9	9.3	21.4	16.3	92.3
	Change	0.7	-1.3	1.2	0.9	1.7	4%
Large	Curr Wk	37.7	54.6	47.4	66.8	88.7	295.2
	Change	-5.3	-3.0	-3.9	0.8	-0.6	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	20.6	7.8	16.5	24.8	82.1
	Change	-1.9	-6.2	-6.4	-5.0	-1.0	-20%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	2.4	2.1	3.6	6.6	19.6
	Change	1.1	-1.2	1.1	-2.2	1.7	3%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.5	11.6	8.1	9.0	6.5	41.7
	Change	-5.4	0.3	-0.4	2.0	1.2	-5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.4	62.8	9.1	29.8	48.6	188.7
	Change	0.0	11.2	1.3	-3.9	0.7	5%
Total	Curr Wk	134.0	178.6	86.8	155.4	201.0	755.8
	Change	-8%	-1%	-8%	-5%	1%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	755.8	-3%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	447.9	12%	40
Total Shell Egg	1203.7	2%	205

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.

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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 05-JUNE-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,024,721	24,008	10,035	5,332	2,212	3,184
P W	1,132,569	26,654	10,814	5,758	2,084	3,483
LY	1,074,053	25,013	10,358	5,795	2,406	3,452
% PW	-10	-10	-7	-7	6	-9
% LY	-5	-4	-3	-8	-8	-8
1999	23,418,863	538,932	229,730	126,608	56,892	73,399
1998	22,797,326	516,153	230,796	126,168	58,483	73,598

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -****CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST****WEEK WEEK YEAR**

41.53 41.24 41.54

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 05-Jun-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	247.0	0	11
E.N. CENTRAL	452.6	1	13
W.N. CENTRAL	222.7	-1	8
S. ATLANTIC	188.9	-4	-6
S. CENTRAL	69.4	-5	-12
WEST	194.6	-11	-15
TOTAL	1,375.2	-2	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		97	96

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

STATE	May 29		JUN 5	
	May 29	JUN 5	MAY 29	JUN 5
AL	27,513	27,459	19,997	20,469
AR	*30,812	30,716	*24,554	25,290
DE	*4,615	4,629	*5,222	5,355
FL	2,694	2,785	2,227	2,448
GA	*32,029	30,916	*25,289	25,353
MD	*8,968	8,843	*6,153	6,010
MS	18,797	18,597	15,229	14,745
NC	18,703	18,632	14,197	14,832
PA	*3,599	3,706	*2,817	2,838
SC	4,910	4,887	3,747	3,926
TX	13,582	13,559	*10,438	10,471
VA	6,670	6,572	*5,655	5,557
CA, TN, & WV	*11,580	11,489	*10,709	10,391
15 State Total	*184,472	182,790	*146,234	147,685
Previous Year	178,086	178,271	142,724	142,644
Pct. of Prev.	104	103	102	104

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 17-Jul-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 147.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 68.86 CENTS PER POUND.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 06/03/99-06/09/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	34.60	36.21	35.38	36.56	36.00	—	26.25
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	23.15	24.65	—	—	5.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	21.50	—	2.25
GL W XL	—	40.00	41.00	40.71	35.57	38.00	22.00
GL W LG	29.00	35.27	—	—	32.09	36.00	8.00
GL W MD	25.00	24.00	19.50	21.00	—	20.00	7.75
GL W SM	—	—	21.04	23.53	—	—	10.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	23.50	—	27.17	29.31	14.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	25.17	26.33	3.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 05-Jun-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.9	29.1	-11	-8
BOSTON	6.3	6.7	-6	-49
CHICAGO	60.7	37.8	61	46
DETROIT	28.6	31.5	-9	-3
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	81.0	81.0	0	0
NEW ORLEANS	11.3	12.7	-11	20
NEW YORK	33.8	43.2	-22	-20
ST. LOUIS	11.4	9.2	24	70
SAN FRANCISCO	20.9	19.1	9	2
TOTAL	280.0	270.4	4	3
4 WK MVG AVG	281.1			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 29-May-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
HEAD	0	4,593	38	4,631
AVGWT	0.00	25.06	26.00	25.07
LAST WEEK	27	4,737	23	4,787
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	3,222	15	3,237
AVGWT	0.00	24.71(A)	29.20	24.73
TO-DATE/1999	27	99,382(A)	656	100,065
TO-DATE/1998	8	106,069(A)	734	106,811

(A) Includes 322,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 408,000 in 1998.

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

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-May-99 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
NEAST	371	-53	23.50	NONE	NONE	371	23.50
SATL	982	29	26.76	(A)	(A)	989	26.75
N CENT	2,052	-2	26.37	(A)	(A)	2,067	26.35
S CENT	616	-18	22.10	NONE	NONE	616	22.10
WEST	572	67	21.63	(A)	(A)	588	21.81
U.S.TOTAL	4,593(B)	-3	25.06	0	38	4,631	25.07
TO DATE							
1999	99,382(B)			27	656	100,065	
TO DATE							
1998	106,069(B)			8	734	106,811	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 13,000 for the year 322,000; last year to date 408,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 05-Jun-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	141,773(A)	1,790	1,196	2,986	395
AVGWT	5.06	3.38	7.84	5.17	6.64
LAST WEEK	156,997	2,274	1,405	3,679	422
YR AGO	146,486	2,142	1,417	3,559	499
AVGWT	4.90	3.41	7.86	5.58	6.69
TO-DATE/1999	3,312,294	48,216	29,454	77,670	9,828
TO-DATE/1998	3,194,273	46,558	27,651	74,209	9,853

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 143.5 million head or 10.0 million head less than or 93 percent of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 12

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	06/12/99(1)	06/05/99
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	153,802(2)	138,558
LT HENS	2,251	1,461
HVY HENS	1,447	1,250
TOTAL	157,500	141,269

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Jun-99 is 154.2 million head compared to 148.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.7 million head or 1.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 19-Jun-99 the estimated available is 154.6 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
MAY	1	155.6	154.8	101	4.90
	8	156.3	154.6	101	5.07
	15	154.3	154.6	100	4.82
	22	157.2	152.8	103	5.10
	29	158.9	152.5	104	5.07
JUNE	5	143.5	153.5	93	5.06
YEAR TO DATE		3352.4	3320.1	101	
JUNE	12		154.2		
	19		154.6		

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

Change from			
07-Jun-99	31-May-99	31-May-99	08-Jun-99
60.74	0.45	60.29	63.30
NUMBER OF LOADS	674		

**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 6/7-6/12/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.49	53	57.82	83
Los Angeles	66.00	65.11	75	64.43	131
New York	52.00-55.00	53.75	53	58.66	107

**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/	67-69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	69-70	-	-	-

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 7-Jun-99	3,348	175,177	95,949
AM 1-May-99	2,659	156,977	88,182
CHG	689	18200	7767
PCT CHG	26	12	9

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of April 30, 1999 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on June 1, 1999 are:

FROZEN EGGS	12 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.99 PCT
TURKS	496 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.10 PCT
POP	921 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.93 PCT

**HEN MARKETS**

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

**HEAVY TYPE**

6/7/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast Heavy	7-18.5(1)	15-18	16.24
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR(2)		
South Central Heavy	11-19.5(1)	15-16.5	16.07

**6/4/99 LIGHT TYPE**

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

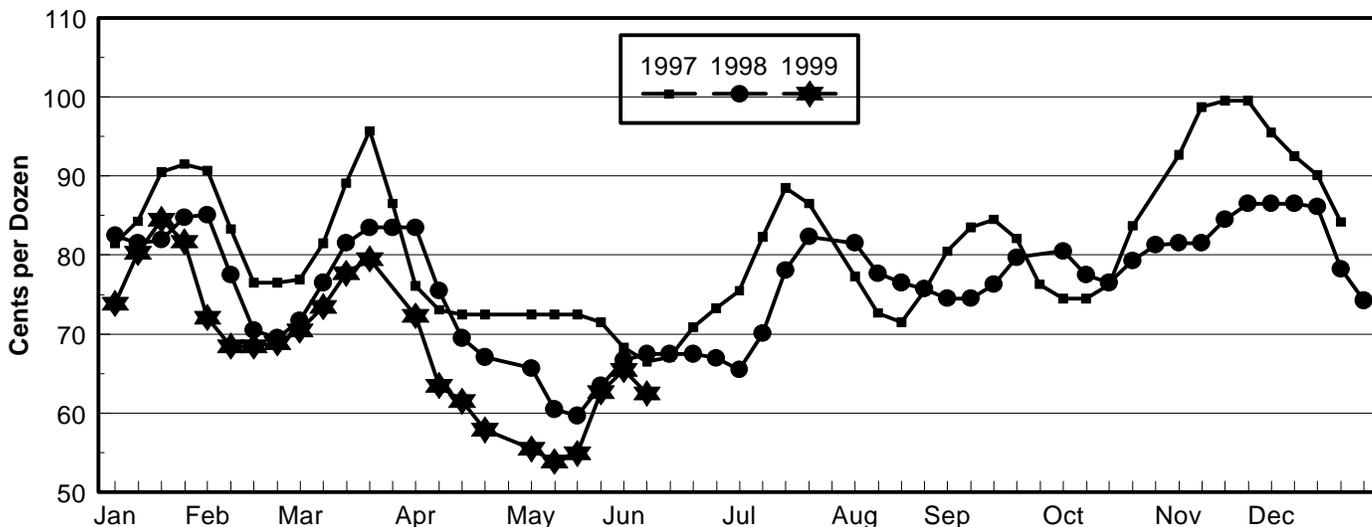
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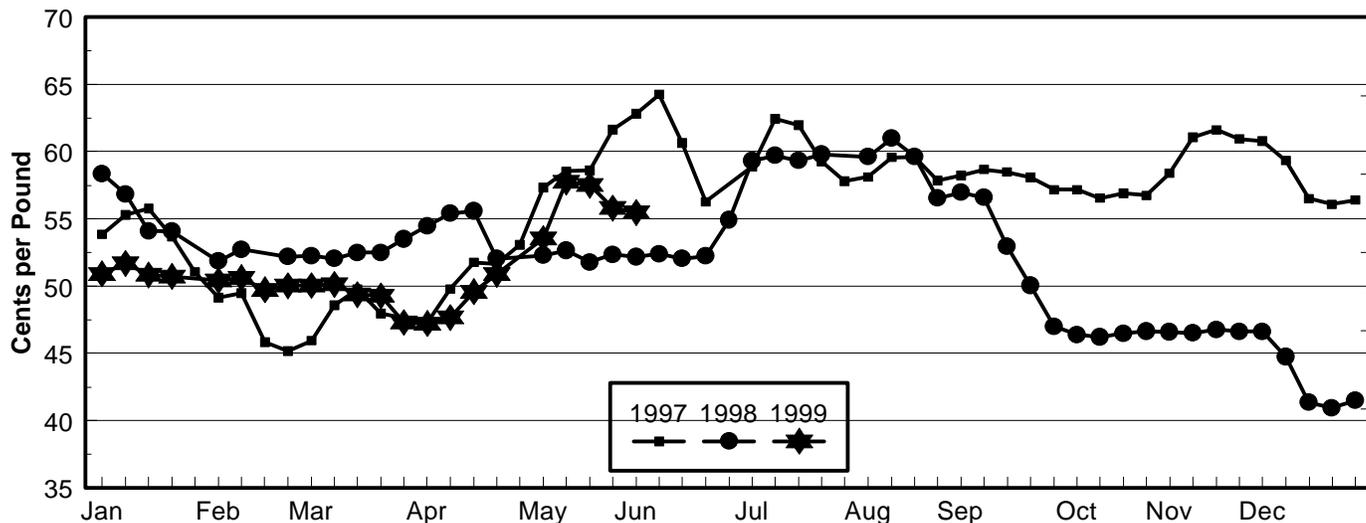
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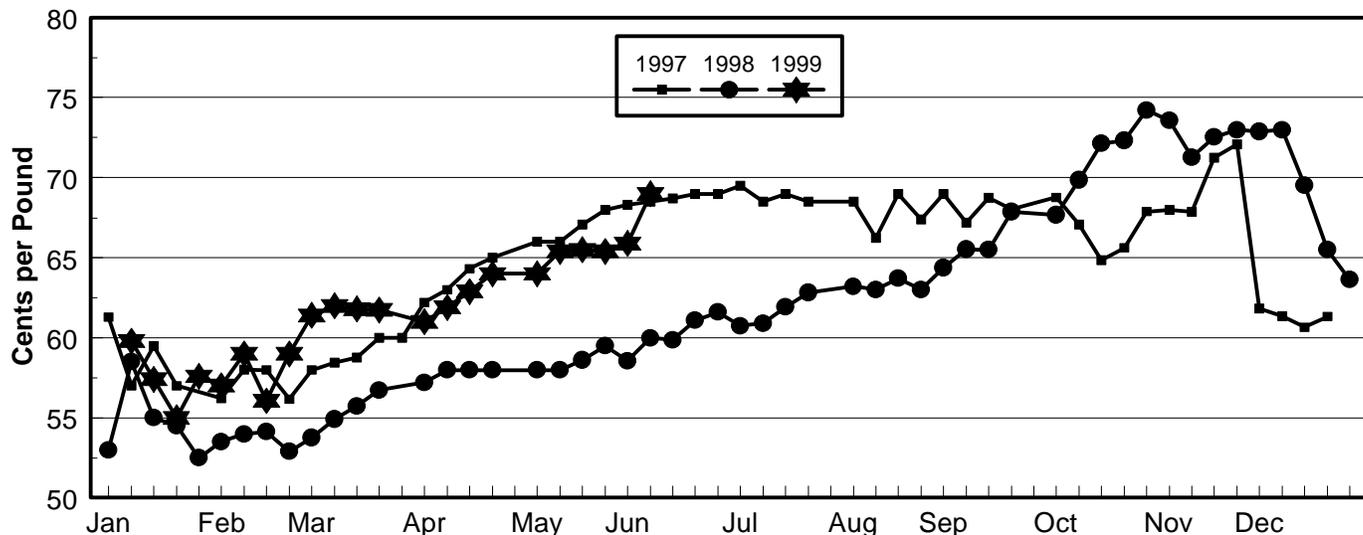
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.