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Prices were unchanged to sharply higher on the larger sizes, unchanged to higher on the lighter weight product. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the larger sizes and at certain locations cautiously steady at the end of the week. Demand was moderate to good, with best interest noted where feature activity was a factor. Supplies were tight to short on the larger weight graded product throughout the week and the remainder were generally adequate. However, supplies of all sizes product were short on the West Coast as the week progressed. Breaking stock prices were sharply higher for the current week. Supplies were generally adequate for the light demand, with some buyers interested in additional product purchasing lighter weight product due to the nonexistent heavy nest-run product. The market undertone was steady to fully steady. Light type hen offerings were adequate to more than sufficient for processors' needs.

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) | 104-115 | 93-104 | 56-60 |
| New York | 85-87 | 82-85 | 46-49 |
| Philadelphia | 65.5-85 | 63.5-83 | 40-46 |
| SOUTHERN CITIES | | | |
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 62-63 | 60.5-62 | 33-34 |
| Jackson (1) | 77-78 | 71-72 | 42-43 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 72-82 | 66-80 | 40-54 |
| MIDWEST CITIES | | | |
| Chicago | 69-74 | 68-73 | 34-39 |
| Detroit (2) | 59-62 | 58-61 | 28-31 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 58-65 | 57-63 | 29-34 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 63-71 | 51-62 | 32-39 |
| WESTERN CITIES | | | |
| Houston (1) | 77-80 | 71-74 | 47-48 |
| California(Grade AA)(1)(3) | 100 | 90 | 65 |

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Jul-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 | 66.01 | 63.64 | 41.52 |
| SOUTHERN | 52.79 | 50.23 | 36.87 |
| MIDWEST | 49.82 | 48.53 | 31.40 |
| WESTERN | 76.34 | 68.80 | 53.71 |
| TWELVE METRO AREAS | 64.79 | 60.76 | 43.14 |

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

| | 07-20-99 | 07-13-99 | 07-21-98 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Large | 42-44 | 29-31 | 46-48 |
| Medium | 14-16 | 14-16 | 16-18 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM July 19,1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | NO | SO | SO | 5-Area | | |
|----------|---------|------|-------|------|---------|-------|-------|
| | | Cent | Cent | Atl | Pacific | | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 3.6 | 5.3 | 3.3 | 6.6 | 5.4 | 24.2 |
| | Change | 0.1 | -1.1 | 0.4 | 0.7 | -0.3 | -1% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 14.4 | 12.9 | 5.8 | 13.8 | 10.7 | 57.6 |
| | Change | 1.1 | -4.5 | 1.1 | 1.9 | -1.3 | -3% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 25.1 | 34.0 | 32.3 | 39.4 | 48.7 | 179.5 |
| | Change | 1.6 | -6.3 | 2.3 | 5.0 | -1.7 | 1% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 20.3 | 31.5 | 18.0 | 25.4 | 23.2 | 118.4 |
| | Change | 2.2 | 6.5 | 5.5 | 2.0 | 0.9 | 17% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 7.6 | 8.1 | 5.0 | 9.3 | 8.5 | 38.5 |
| | Change | 0.5 | -3.2 | 0.6 | -0.4 | 1.0 | -4% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 4.7 | 12.2 | 9.4 | 11.1 | 5.5 | 42.9 |
| | Change | -0.7 | -0.7 | 0.3 | 1.7 | -0.7 | 0% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 18.3 | 48.9 | 10.1 | 22.9 | 40.2 | 140.4 |
| | Change | -2.3 | -6.0 | -4.0 | -7.9 | 2.5 | -11% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 94.0 | 152.9 | 83.9 | 128.5 | 142.2 | 601.5 |
| | Change | 3% | -9% | 8% | 2% | 0% | -1% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 601.5 | -1% | 167 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 466.1 | -4% | 38 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1067.6 | -2% | 205 |

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 167 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 17-JUL-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED | INED. |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|--------|--------|
| CW | 1,104,967 | 26,772 | 9,997 | 5,140 | 2,709 | 3,669 |
| PW | 1,089,066 | 26,004 | 9,403 | 4,917 | 2,880 | 3,605 |
| LY | 1,033,865 | 23,261 | 9,623 | 4,896 | 2,765 | 3,128 |
| % PW | 1 | 3 | 6 | 5 | -6 | 2 |
| % LY | 7 | 15 | 4 | 5 | -2 | 17 |
| 1999 | 30,401,645 | 703,877 | 294,723 | 162,156 | 73,932 | 95,443 |
| 1998 | 29,303,294 | 662,809 | 293,598 | 159,186 | 74,753 | 94,547 |
| AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - | | | | | | |
| | CURRENT | PREVIOUS | LAST | | | |
| | WEEK | WEEK | YEAR | | | |
| | 41.25 | 40.34 | 39.57 | | | |

1999 To-date cases broken, liquid white reflect changes made on July 3 report.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 17-Jul-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| | | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
| N. ATLANTIC | 212.7 | -4 | -5 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 428.6 | 0 | -1 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 205.2 | -3 | -8 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 188.5 | -5 | -8 |
| S. CENTRAL | 70.4 | -2 | -8 |
| WEST | 191.5 | -17 | -14 |
| TOTAL | 1,296.9 | -5 | -6 |
| MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING | | 94 | 94 |

| STATE | Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States | | Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States | |
|----------------|---|---------|--|---------|
| | JUL 10 | JUL 17 | JUL 10 | JUL 17 |
| AL | *26,045 | 27,667 | *20,829 | 20,068 |
| AR | 28,938 | 30,271 | 24,544 | 24,386 |
| DE | 4,673 | 4,611 | 5,617 | 5,357 |
| FL | 2,868 | 2,857 | 2,513 | 2,294 |
| GA | *31,026 | 32,079 | *25,086 | 24,809 |
| MD | 8,806 | 8,756 | *5,730 | 5,913 |
| MS | *18,301 | 18,221 | *15,445 | 15,144 |
| NC | 17,868 | 17,893 | 13,917 | 13,913 |
| PA | *3,754 | 3,884 | *2,785 | 2,881 |
| SC | 5,087 | 5,120 | 4,452 | 3,932 |
| TX | 13,656 | 13,197 | 10,516 | 10,566 |
| VA | 6,568 | 6,719 | 5,631 | 5,674 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 11,191 | 11,363 | *9,882 | 10,319 |
| 15 State Total | *178,781 | 182,638 | *146,947 | 145,256 |
| Previous Year | 174,784 | 176,107 | 142,108 | 140,233 |
| Pct. of Prev. | 102 | 104 | 103 | 104 |

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 28-Aug-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 150.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 72.47 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 07/15/99-07/21/99

| | SE | | NE | | MW | | LOADS |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | |
| GNR W 1 | 52.75 | 58.70 | 50.00 | 54.20 | 56.33 | — | 39.25 |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | 51.00 | 51.50 | 48.75 | 53.25 | 6.00 |
| GNR W 3 | 41.50 | — | 25.50 | 27.00 | 29.25 | 30.50 | 11.00 |
| GNR W 4 | — | — | — | — | 28.60 | 31.00 | 5.00 |
| GL W XL | — | — | 67.00 | 70.17 | 63.77 | 70.15 | 30.75 |
| GL W LG | 68.75 | 70.00 | 58.50 | 60.33 | 61.70 | 66.44 | 17.75 |
| GL W MD | 23.00 | 31.00 | 22.69 | 26.32 | 26.25 | 28.72 | 22.50 |
| GL W SM | 18.00 | 21.25 | 18.33 | 20.33 | 18.19 | 20.31 | 10.25 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | 38.50 | — | 4.00 |
| NRBS - 42 | — | 36.00 | 22.00 | 23.00 | 29.25 | 29.60 | 7.50 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 17-Jul-99

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW THOUSANDS | PW THOUSANDS | PERCENT CHG | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|-----|
| | | | PW | LY |
| ATLANTA | 35.1 | 32.5 | 8 | 29 |
| BOSTON | 5.9 | 5.7 | 4 | -47 |
| CHICAGO | 47.8 | 47.1 | 1 | 1 |
| DETROIT | 32.5 | 27.0 | 20 | 16 |
| KANSAS CITY | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| LOS ANGELES | 86.0 | 88.7 | -3 | 1 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 11.0 | 11.4 | -4 | -9 |
| NEW YORK | 35.1 | 37.0 | -5 | -19 |
| ST. LOUIS | 11.2 | 11.7 | -4 | 6 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 20.3 | 20.0 | 2 | 34 |
| TOTAL | 285.0 | 281.2 | 1 | 2 |
| 4WK MVG AVG | 282.7 | | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 10-Jul-99

| | FRYER- ROASTERS | YOUNG TURKEYS | OLD BANDED | TOTAL |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|
| | | | | |
| HEAD | 0 | 5,221 | 49 | 5,270 |
| AVGWT | 0.00 | 24.71 | 25.51 | 24.71 |
| LAST WEEK | 0 | 3,508 | 40 | 3,548 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 0 | 3,854 | 20 | 3,874 |
| AVGWT | 0.00 | 25.75(A) | 24.25 | 25.74 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 55 | 126,677(A) | 900 | 127,632 |
| TO-DATE/1998 | 32 | 135,636(A) | 976 | 136,644 |

(A) Includes 369,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 486,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 10-Jul-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

| | ---YOUNG TURKEYS--- | | | FRYER RSTR | OLD BAND | TOTAL HEAD | TKY AVG WT |
|-----------|---------------------|-----|-----------|---------------|-------------|---------------|------------------|
| | THOUSAND | PW | AVG WT | | | | |
| N EAST | 1,504 | 235 | 20.95 | (A) | (A) | 1,512 | 20.98 |
| S ATL | 707 | 40 | 27.68 | (A) | (A) | 724 | 27.59 |
| N CENT | 2,285 | 35 | 27.41 | (A) | (A) | 2,308 | 27.39 |
| S CENT | 523 | -6 | 18.84 | NONE | NONE | 523 | 18.84 |
| WEST | 202 | -34 | 26.82 | (A) | (A) | 203 | 26.96 |
| U.S.TOTAL | 5,221(B) | 49 | 24.71 | 0 | 49 | 5,270 | 24.71 |
| TO DATE | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | 126,677(B) | | | 55 | 900 | 127,632 | |
| TO DATE | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | 135,636(B) | | | 32 | 976 | 136,644 | |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 5,000 for the year 369,000; last year to date 486,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 17-Jul-99 (PRELIMINARY)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| HEAD | 158,335 (A) | 1,978 | 1,089 | 3,067 | 444 |
| AVGWT | 4.98 | 3.41 | 7.88 | 5.00 | 6.63 |
| LAST WEEK | 136,199 | 1,797 | 1,385 | 3,182 | 378 |
| YR AGO | 145,775 | 2,164 | 1,223 | 3,387 | 488 |
| AVGWT | 4.69 | 3.38 | 7.99 | 5.05 | 6.37 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 4,234,663 | 60,629 | 37,889 | 98,518 | 12,404 |
| TO-DATE/1998 | 4,071,330 | 59,220 | 35,418 | 94,638 | 12,539 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.3 million head or 4.9 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Jul-24

| CLASS | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 07/24/99(1) | 07/17/99 |
| THOUSAND HEAD | | |
| BRO-FRY | 160,983(2) | 152,457 |
| LT HENS | 2,327 | 2,280 |
| HVY HENS | 1,514 | 1,643 |
| TOTAL | 164,824 | 156,380 |

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Jul-99 is 155.7 million head compared to 147.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.9 million head or 7.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 31-Jul-99 the estimated available is 156.4 million head.

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

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD | | PCT | AVG WT | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|-------|--------|------|
| | SLAUGHTERED | AVAILABLE | | | |
| JUNE | 12 | 153.7 | 154.2 | 100 | 5.04 |
| | 19 | 158.4 | 154.6 | 102 | 5.11 |
| | 26 | 161.4 | 154.6 | 104 | 5.05 |
| JULY | 3 | 162.0 | 154.9 | 105 | 5.02 |
| | 10 | 137.9 | 154.6 | 89 | 4.94 |
| | 17 | 160.3 | 155.4 | 103 | 4.98 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 4286.1 | 4248.4 | 101 | | |
| JULY | 24 | | 155.7 | | |
| | 31 | | 156.4 | | |

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

| | Change from | | 12-Jul-99 | 20-Jul-98 |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 19-Jul-99 | 12-Jul-99 | | |
| | 59.14 | -1.25 | 60.39 | 68.68 |
| NUMBER OF LOADS | 634 | | | |

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 7/19-7/24/99.

| | U.S. GRADE A | | COMPOSITE | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----|
| | MAJ | WTD AVG | LDS | WTD AVG | LDS |
| Chicago | 49.00-53.00 | 53.47 | 51 | 55.57 | 78 |
| Los Angeles | 66.00 | 65.13 | 75 | 63.89 | 117 |
| New York | 49.00-56.00 | 53.29 | 55 | 56.52 | 92 |

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/ | 70-75 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 70-70.5 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 70-72 | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 71-75 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 71-71.5 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 71-73 | - | - | - |

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 19-Jul-99 | 3,625 | 183,080 | 96,456 |
| AM 1-July-99 | 3,057 | 180,335 | 96,237 |
| CHG | 568 | 2745 | 219 |
| PCT CHG | 19 | 2 | 0 |

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

| | HEAVY TYPE | | |
|---------------|------------|-----------|----------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD. AVG |
| 7/19/99 | | | |
| Southeast | 9-19(1) | 16-17 | 15.76 |
| Southeast | TFEWR(2) | | |
| South Central | 10-19.5(1) | 15.5-17.5 | 16.78 |
| 7/16/99 | | | |
| | LIGHT TYPE | | |
| Eastern | 0(1) | | |
| Eastern | TFEWR(2) | | |
| So. Central | TFEWR(2) | | |
| No. Central | TFEWR(1) | | |
| No. Central | 0-5(2) | .5 | |

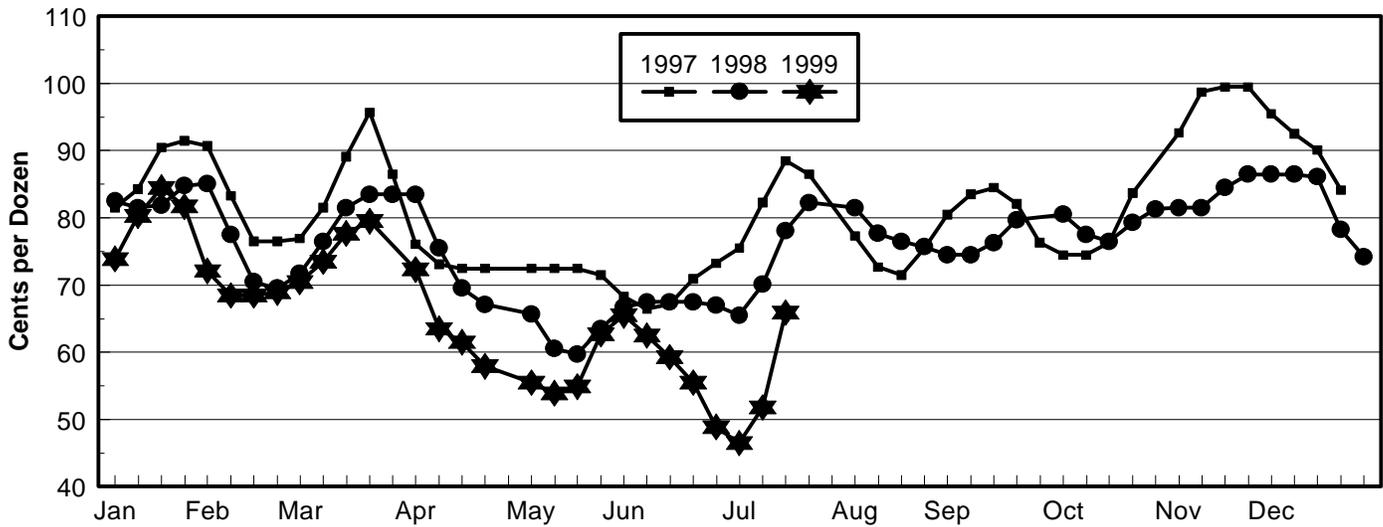
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

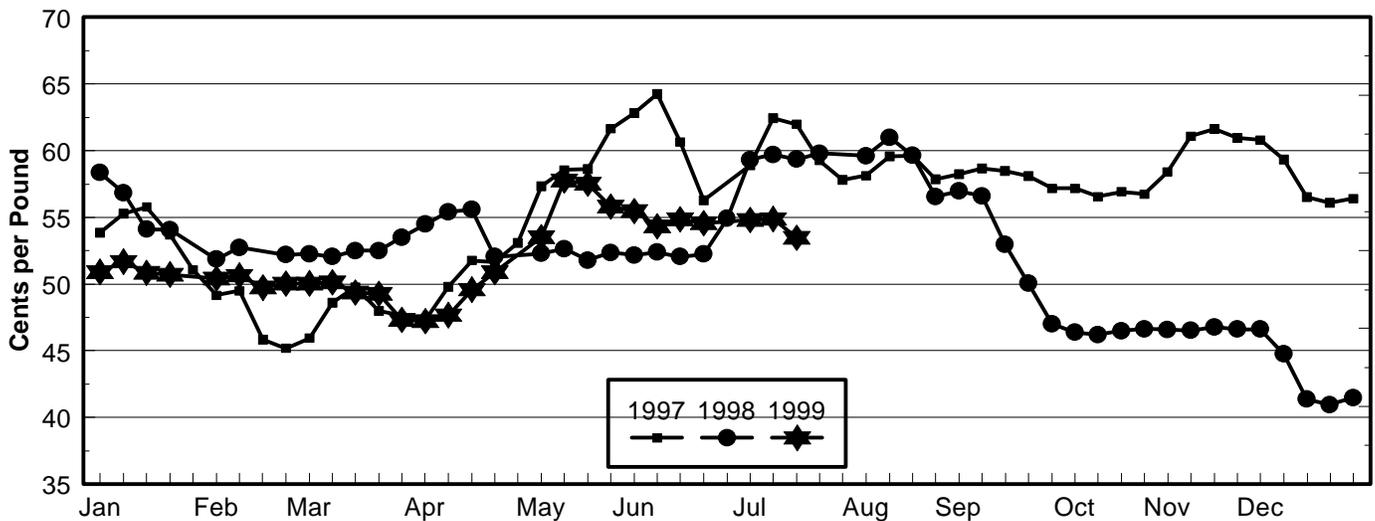
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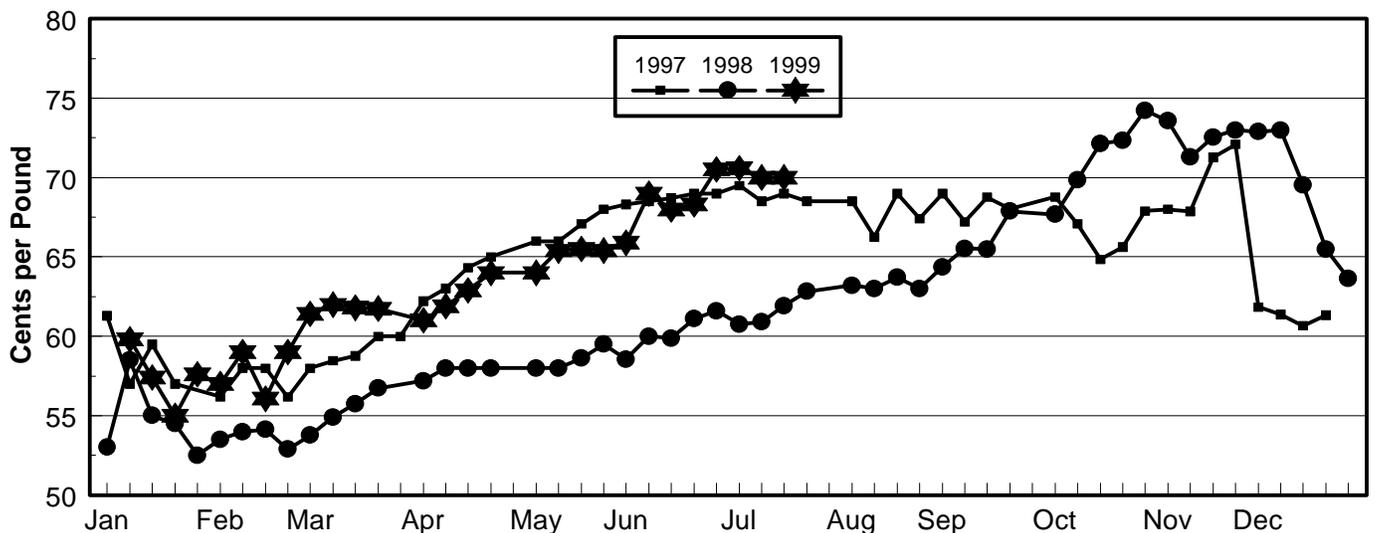
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.