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Prices were unchanged to sharply higher for eggs at the beginning of the week and unchanged from midweek on. The early week market tone was fully steady to firm and at the end of the week steady. Demand was mixed, light to occasionally good, with best interest noted where feature activity was in progress. Supplies were close for the larger sized graded product and mostly adequate to available for the lighter weights. High temperatures engulfing the nation throughout the week resulted in reduced egg production and smaller weight product. Breaking stock prices were generally unchanged for the current week. Supplies were adequate from regular sources for the light demand. Any additional movement centered on processors' processing light weight eggs. The market undertone was steady. Light type hen offerings were fully adequate to ample 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)	117-119	105-107	60-62
New York	85-87	82-85	46-49
Philadelphia	78.5-85	76.5-83	42.5-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	75-76	73.5-75	38-39
Jackson (1)	88-89	82-83	45-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	85-95	79-93	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	73-78	72-77	37-42
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	33-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-76	70-74	34-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-82	62-73	37-44
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	93-95	87-89	53-54
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	115	105	75

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 23-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	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	79.50	77.12	44.11
SOUTHERN	69.74	66.97	39.86
MIDWEST	64.75	62.65	33.20
WESTERN	92.09	84.43	59.17
TWELVE METRO AREAS	79.73	75.42	46.62

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

	07-27-99	07-20-99	07-28-98
Large	53-55	42-44	54-56
Medium	19-21	14-16	20-22

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM July 26, 1999 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	3.8	5.1	3.5	6.2	6.9	25.5
	Change	0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.4	1.5	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.0	14.1	7.5	13.7	15.3	68.6
	Change	3.6	1.2	1.7	-0.1	4.6	19%
Large	Curr Wk	35.4	38.9	38.2	43.3	58.9	214.7
	Change	10.3	4.9	5.9	3.9	10.2	20%
Medium	Curr Wk	20.7	37.3	16.8	30.9	25.1	130.8
	Change	0.4	5.8	-1.2	5.5	1.9	10%
Small	Curr Wk	8.9	6.2	5.0	9.9	7.5	37.5
	Change	1.3	-1.9	0.0	0.6	-1.0	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	15.6	9.0	8.7	6.2	45.0
	Change	0.8	3.4	-0.4	-2.4	0.7	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.2	50.1	15.9	26.5	48.5	162.2
	Change	2.9	1.2	5.8	3.6	8.3	16%
Total	Curr Wk	113.5	167.3	95.9	139.2	168.4	684.3
	Percent Change	21%	9%	14%	8%	18%	14%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	684.3	14%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	437.3	-6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1121.6	5%	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 24-JUL-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES		LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE				
CW	1,088,863	26,278	9,924	4,849	2,413	3,483
PW	1,104,967	26,772	9,997	5,140	2,709	*3,672*
LY	1,052,714	24,014	9,967	5,107	2,361	3,534
% PW	-1	-2	-1	-6	-11	-5
% LY	3	9	0	-5	2	-1
1999	31,490,508	730,155	304,647	167,005	76,345	*98,929*
1998	30,356,008	686,823	303,565	164,293	77,114	98,081
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	40.90	41.25	40.49			

* INDICATES A REVISION TO PREVIOUS WEEKS DATA.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 24-Jul-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	227.9	7	0
E.N. CENTRAL	451.3	5	7
W.N. CENTRAL	226.0	10	4
S. ATLANTIC	190.7	1	-7
S. CENTRAL	70.2	0	-7
WEST	193.9	1	-2
TOTAL	1,360.0	5	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		94	94

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	JUL 17	JUL 24	JUL 17	JUL 24
AL	27,667	27,803	*20,057	20,507
AR	30,271	30,202	24,386	24,127
DE	4,611	4,647	*4,770	4,485
FL	2,857	2,792	2,294	2,314
GA	*32,009	31,808	*24,819	25,045
MD	8,756	8,215	*6,600	6,547
MS	18,221	18,228	15,144	14,339
NC	17,893	18,211	13,913	13,500
PA	*3,876	3,843	*2,880	2,900
SC	5,120	4,804	3,932	3,776
TX	*13,318	13,295	10,566	9,651
VA	6,719	6,414	*5,579	5,327
CA, TN, & WV	11,363	11,649	*10,518	10,633
15 State Total	*182,681	181,911	*145,458	143,151
Previous Year	176,107	175,380	140,233	135,983
Pct. of Prev.	104	104	104	105

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4-Sep-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 70.70 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 07/22/99-07/28/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	59.50	69.13	61.90	63.14	60.00	—	45.00
GNR W 2	—	—	60.13	61.50	61.00	62.00	8.00
GNR W 3	—	50.00	45.50	47.00	44.00	43.20	9.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	29.00	31.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	68.50	74.29	67.50	—	15.50
GL W LG	76.75	—	68.00	71.14	66.44	—	14.00
GL W MD	—	—	26.58	28.00	25.82	27.88	18.00
GL W SM	18.00	20.00	18.18	19.58	—	—	8.75
NRBS - 48	—	50.00	—	—	45.00	44.00	6.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00

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

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.6	35.1	-24	-14
BOSTON	5.1	5.9	-14	-60
CHICAGO	38.9	47.8	-19	-8
DETROIT	22.0	27.0	-19	-22
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	80.8	86.0	-6	-2
NEW ORLEANS	9.6	11.0	-13	-22
NEW YORK	37.5	35.1	7	-4
ST. LOUIS	9.5	11.2	-15	-5
SAN FRANCISCO	18.3	20.3	-10	24
TOTAL	248.4	279.5	-11	-9
4 WK MVG AVG	273.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 17-Jul-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
HEAD	0	4,981	35	5,016
AVGWT	0.00	25.52	24.66	25.51
LAST WEEK	0	5,221	49	5,270
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,772	50	5,822
AVGWT	0.00	24.17(A)	26.64	24.19
TO-DATE/1999	55	131,658(A)	935	132,648
TO-DATE/1998	32	141,408(A)	1,026	142,466

(A) Includes 379,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 512,000 in 1998.

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

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG CHG WT				
NEAST	757	-50	22.54	NONE	NONE	757	22.54
SATL	712	1	28.36	(A)	(A)	725	28.26
N CENT	2,320	2	27.46	(A)	(A)	2,334	27.46
S CENT	583	11	18.80	NONE	NONE	583	18.80
WEST	609	201	24.93	(A)	(A)	617	24.91
U.S.TOTAL	4,981(B)	-5	25.52	0	35	5,016	25.51
TO DATE							
1999	131,658(B)			55	935	132,648	
TO DATE							
1998	141,408(B)			32	1,026	142,466	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 10,000 for the year 379,000; last year to date 512,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 24-Jul-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	155,059(A)	2,217	1,507	3,724	456
AVGWT	4.90	3.35	8.08	5.27	6.25
LAST WEEK	158,335	1,978	1,089	3,067	444
YRAGO	150,431	2,192	1,231	3,423	557
AVGWT	4.63	3.43	7.80	4.63	6.36
TO-DATE/1999	4,389,722	62,846	39,396	102,242	12,860
TO-DATE/1998	4,221,761	61,412	36,649	98,061	13,096

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.9 million head or 1.2 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Jul-31

	CURRENT WEEK 07/31/99(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 07/24/99
CLASS-----	THOUSAND HEAD	-----
BRO-FRY	153,315(2)	160,983
LT HENS	2,212	2,327
HVY HENS	1,572	1,514
TOTAL	157,099	164,824

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Jul-99 is 156.4 million head compared to 152.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.2 million head or 1.2 million less than estimated available. For week of 07-Aug-99 the estimated available is 156.8 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JUNE	19	158.4	102	5.11
	26	161.4	104	5.05
JULY	3	162.0	105	5.02
	10	137.9	89	4.94
	17	160.3	103	4.98
	24	156.9	101	4.90
YEAR TO DATE	4443.0	4404.1	101	
JULY	31	156.4		
AUGUST	7	156.8		

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

	Change from		
26-Jul-99	19-Jul-99	19-Jul-99	27-Jul-98
57.17	-1.97	59.14	69.69
NUMBER OF LOADS	646		

MONTHLY

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
JULY	59.46	2904.60

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 7/26-7/31/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	44.00-49.00	48.95	53	51.34	85
Los Angeles	66.00	65.09	64	62.97	118
New York	45.00-52.00	50.89	60	54.78	95

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 26-Jul-99	3,695	188,351	95,497
AM 1-July-99	3,057	180,335	96,237
CHG	638	8016	-740
PCT CHG	21	4	-1

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
7/26/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	8-19(1)	16-17	15.38
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	10-19.5(1)	15-16	15.49
7/23/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	TFEWR(2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.5(2)		

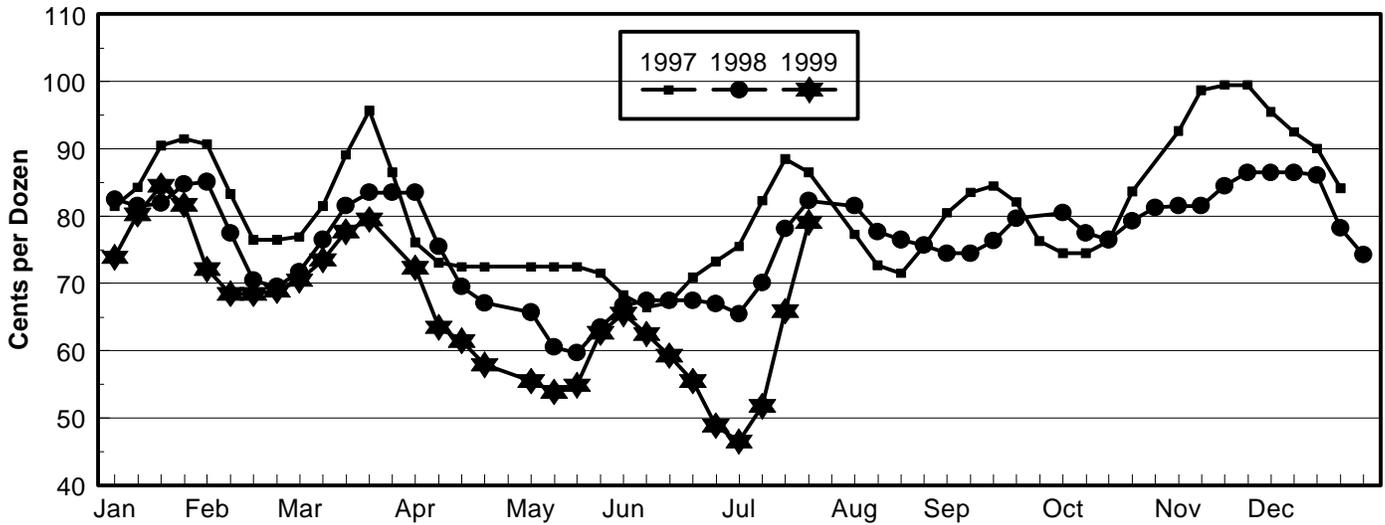
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

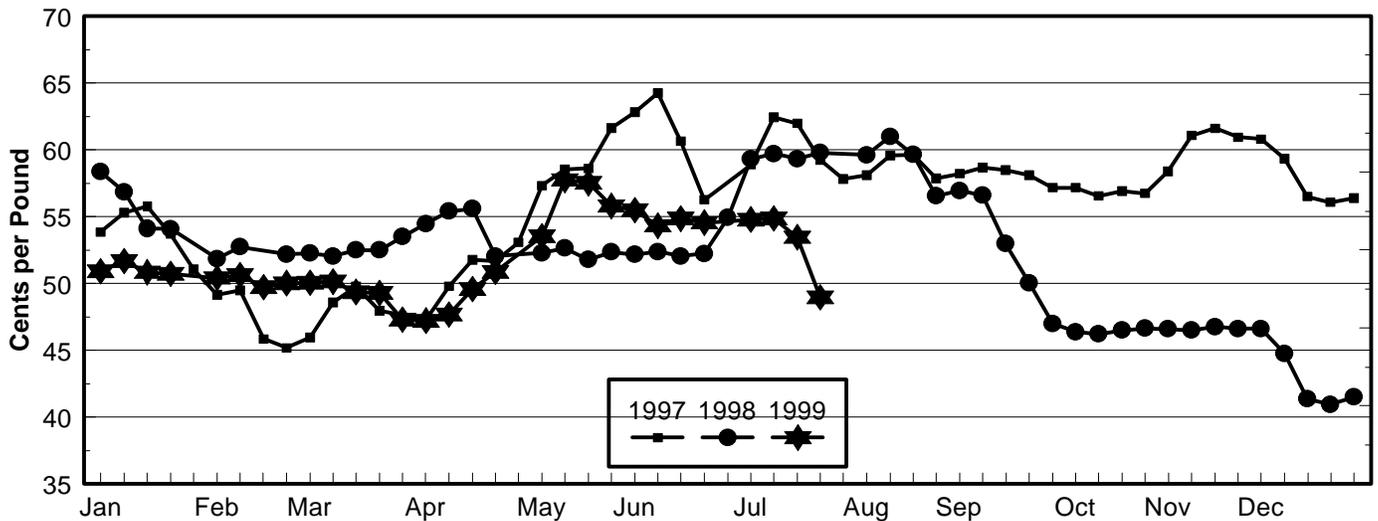
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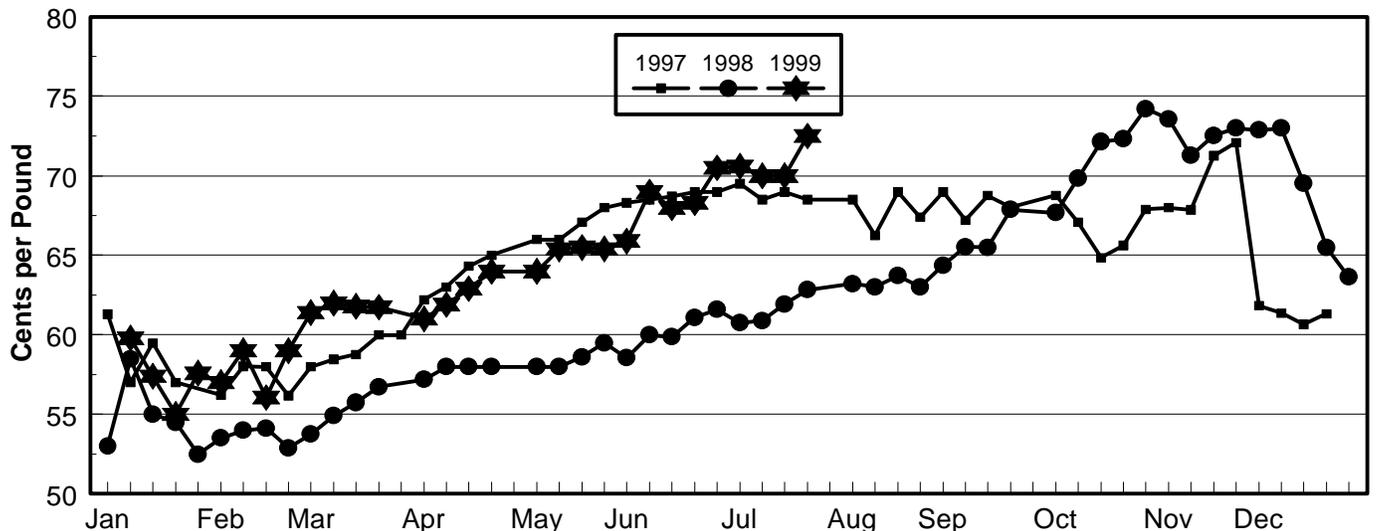
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.