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Prices were unchanged to sharply lower for eggs throughout the week in the Eastern Region and Chicago. Prices elsewhere were unchanged. The market tone was steady to weak, mostly weak as the week progressed. Demand was fair to no better than moderate with limited feature activity drawing additional consumer purchases. Supplies of jumbo eggs remained tight to close with the remainder of the sizes adequate to available, instances ample for medium eggs. Breaking stock prices were lower for the current week. Supplies were fully adequate from regular sources, with any additional trading continuing to center around the more available lighter weight graded and ungraded product. The market undertone was barely steady to weak. 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)	108-119	97-107	54-62
New York	72-74	69-72	35-38
Philadelphia	70-85	68-83	34-46
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	38-39
Jackson (1)	89-90	83-84	47-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	86-96	80-94	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	64-69	63-68	30-35
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	33-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-76	70-74	34-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-84	72-79	37-44
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	94-96	88-90	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 30-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	84.95	82.58	46.71
SOUTHERN	82.59	79.82	44.72
MIDWEST	74.29	72.18	37.64
WESTERN	107.15	99.49	68.68
TWELVE METRO AREAS	90.33	86.02	52.43

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

	08-03-99	07-27-99	08-04-98
Large	51-53	53-55	55-57
Medium	19-21	19-21	20-22

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Aug 02,1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	3.8	4.4	3.1	6.6	24.4
	Change	0.0	-0.7	-0.4	0.4	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.3	15.8	8.1	16.4	79.7
	Change	5.3	1.7	0.6	2.7	16%
Large	Curr Wk	40.6	44.7	40.7	55.2	257.8
	Change	5.2	5.8	2.5	11.9	20%
Medium	Curr Wk	18.1	44.0	22.8	29.1	139.7
	Change	-2.6	6.7	6.0	-1.8	7%
Small	Curr Wk	10.2	6.7	2.7	12.3	41.0
	Change	1.3	0.5	-2.3	2.4	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	13.6	9.0	12.1	44.6
	Change	-0.9	-2.0	0.0	3.4	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.2	49.8	22.1	25.5	178.0
	Change	8.0	-0.3	6.2	-1.0	10%
Total	Curr Wk	129.8	179.0	108.5	157.2	765.2
	Change	14%	7%	13%	13%	12%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	765.2	12%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	456.2	4%	38

Total Shell Egg 1221.4 9% 206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168 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 31-JUL-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,116,788	26,063	9,770	5,488	2,109	3,722
PW	1,088,863	26,278	9,924	4,849	2,413	3,483
LY	1,071,319	24,428	9,763	5,208	2,417	3,733
% PW	3	-1	-2	13	-13	7
% LY	4	7	0	5	-13	0
1999	32,607,296	756,218	314,417	172,493	78,454	102,651
1998	31,427,327	711,251	313,328	169,501	79,531	101,814

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
40.33 40.90 40.26

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 31-Jul-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	231.8	2	3
E.N. CENTRAL	458.6	2	5
W.N. CENTRAL	233.5	3	4
S. ATLANTIC	192.3	1	-5
S. CENTRAL	73.4	5	0
WEST	218.3	13	7
TOTAL	1,407.9	4	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		94	94

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	JUL 24	JUL 31 Thousand	JUL 24	JUL 31
AL	27,803	27,563	20,507	18,746
AR	*30,168	29,721	*24,166	22,543
DE	4,647	4,437	4,485	5,231
FL	2,792	2,715	2,314	2,537
GA	*31,854	31,532	*25,058	24,389
MD	8,215	8,515	6,547	5,973
MS	18,228	18,362	14,339	15,106
NC	18,211	17,761	*13,666	13,750
PA	*3,576	3,078	*3,020	2,885
SC	4,804	4,823	*3,642	3,710
TX	13,295	13,229	9,651	10,311
VA	6,414	6,597	5,327	5,437
CA, TN, & WV	11,649	10,802	10,633	11,081
15 State Total	*181,656	179,135	*143,355	141,699
Previous Year	175,380	174,311	135,983	138,463
Pct. of Prev.	104	103	105	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 144.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 131.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 70.92 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 07/29/99-08/04/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	59.00	58.60	57.20	58.83	—	—	23.75
GNR W 2	—	—	58.50	60.00	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	62.00	64.00	64.54	54.43	58.50	20.50
GL W LG	—	62.00	—	—	45.40	—	14.75
GL W MD	—	—	20.68	22.06	19.64	19.13	18.00
GL W SM	16.58	18.00	14.50	16.55	14.00	—	14.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	36.25	15.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	26.00	29.00	5.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 31-Jul-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.2	26.6	2	-1
BOSTON	5.5	5.1	8	-54
CHICAGO	37.8	38.9	-3	-14
DETROIT	25.1	22.0	14	-12
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	81.3	80.8	1	-5
NEW ORLEANS	10.2	9.6	6	-22
NEW YORK	34.6	37.5	-8	-13
ST. LOUIS	10.3	9.5	8	3
SAN FRANCISCO	18.1	18.3	-1	8
TOTAL	250.2	248.4	1	-10
4 WK MVG AVG	264.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 24-Jul-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	4,633	37	4,670
AVGWT	0.00	25.19	26.11	25.20
LAST WEEK	0	4,981	35	5,016
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,907	21	4,928
AVGWT	0.00	23.49(A)	24.33	23.49
TO-DATE/1999	55	136,291(A)	972	137,318
TO-DATE/1998	32	146,315(A)	1,047	147,394

(A) Includes 408,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 543,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 24-Jul-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	AVG
NEAST	1,100	45	22.20	(A)	(A)	1,107	22.25
SATL	361	-49	29.41	NONE	NONE	361	29.41
N CENT	2,217	-4	28.66	(A)	(A)	2,241	28.63
S CENT	477	-18	17.07	NONE	NONE	477	17.07
WEST	478	-22	20.86	(A)	(A)	484	20.88
U.S.TOTAL	4,633 (B)	-7	25.19	0	37	4,670	25.20
TO DATE							
1999	136,291 (B)			55	972	137,318	
TO DATE							
1998	146,315 (B)			32	1,047	147,394	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 29,000 for the year 408,000; last year to date 543,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 31-Jul-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	155,473 (A)	2,097	1,270	3,367	417
AVGWT	4.93	3.41	7.95	5.12	6.62
LAST WEEK	155,059	2,217	1,507	3,724	456
YR AGO	145,799	1,946	1,282	3,228	420
AVGWT	4.70	3.50	7.75	5.19	6.50
TO-DATE/1999	4,545,195	64,943	40,666	105,609	13,277
TO-DATE/1998	4,367,560	63,358	37,931	101,289	13,516

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.4 million head or 1.0 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Aug-07

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	08/07/99(1)	07/31/99
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	158,837(2)	153,315
LT HENS	2,139	2,212
HVY HENS	1,508	1,572
TOTAL	162,484	157,099

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Aug-99 is 156.8 million head compared to 147.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.8 million head or 4.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 14-Aug-99 the estimated available is 155.9 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	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
	24	156.9	155.7	101	4.90
	31	157.4	156.4	101	5.96
YEAR TO DATE	4600.4	4560.5	101		
AUGUST	7		156.8		
	14		155.9		

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

Change from			
	2-Aug-99	26-Jul-99	26-Jul-99
	54.56	-2.61	57.17
NUMBER OF LOADS		652	71.09

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 8/2-8/7/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	41.00-46.00	45.96	47	48.45	77
Los Angeles	65.00	64.46	57	61.18	137
New York	42.00-48.00	46.22	52	49.99	87

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/	72-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-73	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	72	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	71-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-73	-	-	-
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 2-Aug-99	3,203	195,480	94,776
AM 1-July-99	3,057	180,335	96,237
CHG	146	15145	-1461
PCT CHG	5	8	-2

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

8/2/99	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	8-18.5(1)	16-17	15.25
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	10-18(1)	14-16	15.46
7/30/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0(2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	-5(2)		

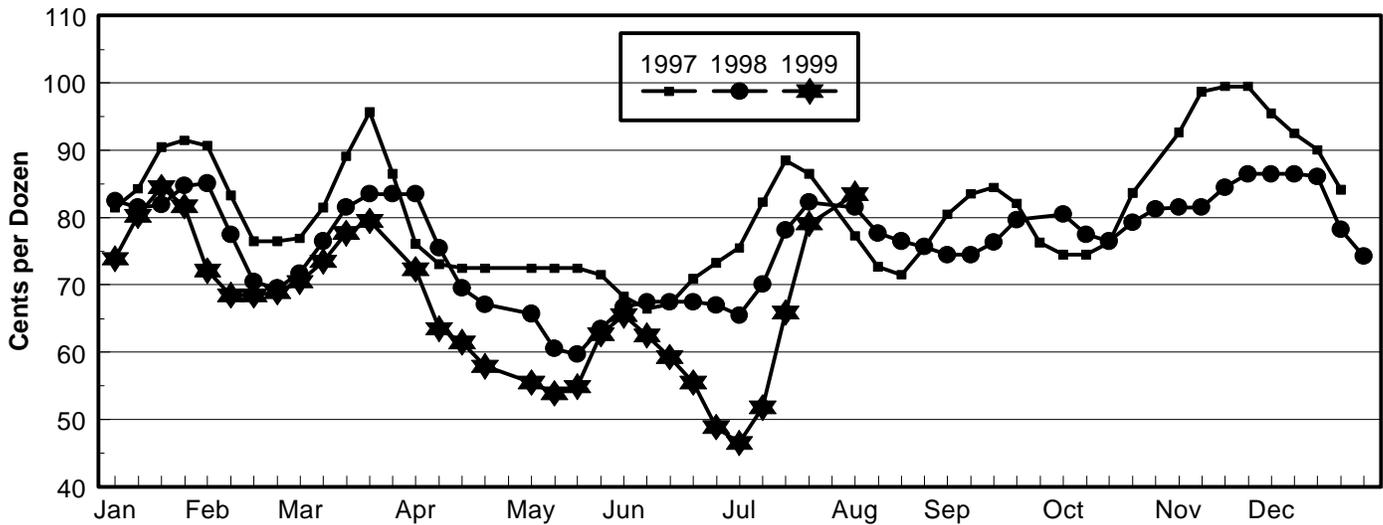
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

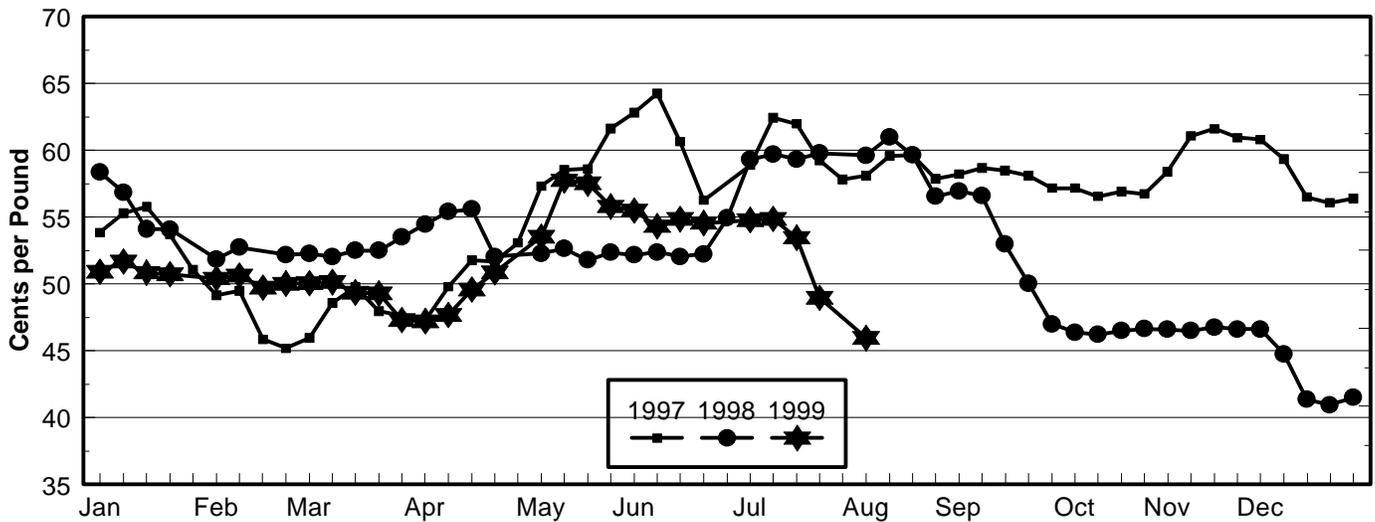
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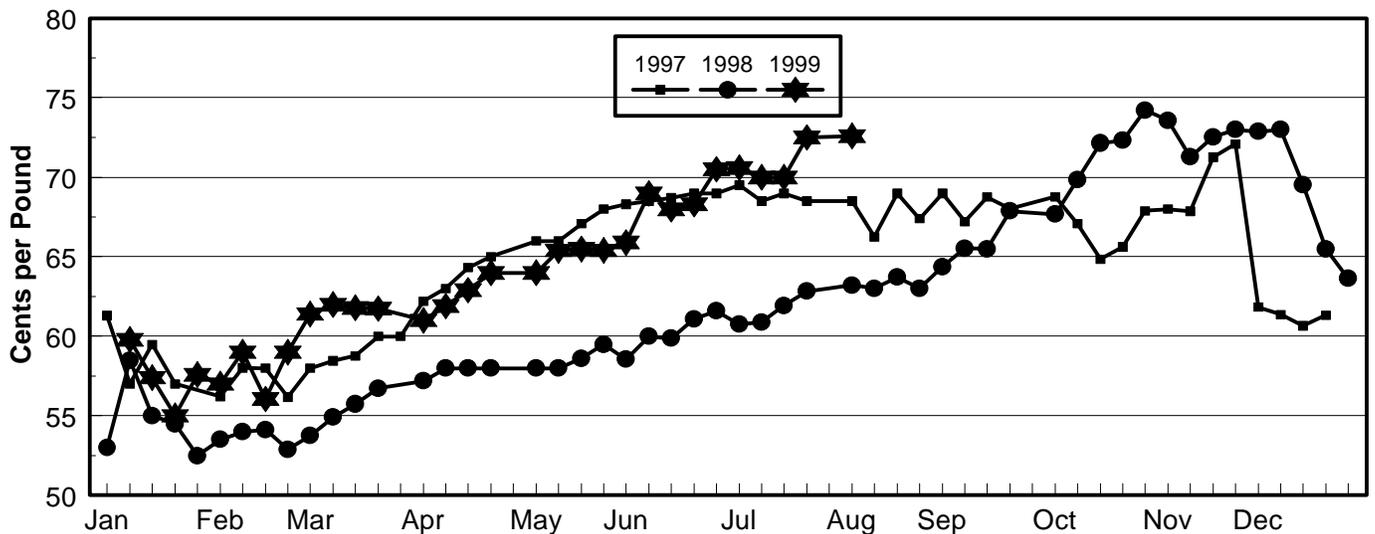
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.