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At the beginning of the week, extra large and large prices were slightly higher in New England. In the Central and Eastern region prices were unchanged for the larger sizes and unchanged to higher for mediums. Towards the end of the week prices in Chicago and the Eastern region were higher for mediums, and in the Southwest prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady to instances weak on the larger sizes and steady to fully steady on mediums. Demand was mixed, light to instances good. Supplies of large were adequate to ample and were adequate to tight for the lighter weight eggs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light trading and demand. Floor stocks were at least sufficient as most breakers planned time off for the upcoming holiday weekend. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady.

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) | 98-102 | 88-92 | 54-56 |
| New York | 66-68 | 63-66 | 45-48 |
| Philadelphia | 64-66 | 62-64 | 39-45 |
| SOUTHERN CITIES | | | |
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 56-57 | 54.5-56 | 33-34 |
| Jackson (1) | 70-71 | 63-64 | 42-43 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 67-76 | 60-74 | 38-53 |
| MIDWEST CITIES | | | |
| Chicago | 54-59 | 53-58 | 38-43 |
| Detroit (2) | 51-54 | 50-53 | 32-35 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 52-57 | 51-55 | 32-37 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 55-66 | 53-60 | 36-43 |
| WESTERN CITIES | | | |
| Houston (1) | 75-77 | 68-71 | 45-47 |
| California(Grade AA)(1)(3) | 94 | 83 | 64 |
| (1) - Prices reported weekly | | | |
| (2) - Delivered Warehouse | | | |
| (3) - Reported Invoice prices | | | |

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Aug-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 | 66.51 | 64.13 | 40.46 |
| SOUTHERN | 63.86 | 60.82 | 36.45 |
| MIDWEST | 55.44 | 54.00 | 31.36 |
| WESTERN | 86.52 | 77.92 | 57.74 |
| TWELVE METRO AREAS | 70.94 | 66.44 | 44.29 |

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

| | 08-31-99 | 08-24-99 | 09-01-98 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Large | 34-36 | 34-36 | 43-45 |
| Medium | 18-20 | 15-17 | 22-24 |

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

| | | NO | SO | SO | 5-Area | | |
|----------|---------|-----------------|-------|----------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|
| | | CENT | CENT | Atl | Pacific | | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 6.1 | 6.5 | 3.0 | 8.8 | 8.2 | 32.6 |
| | Change | 1.1 | -1.2 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 1.4 | 16% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 24.8 | 23.5 | 8.8 | 20.0 | 19.9 | 97.0 |
| | Change | -1.1 | -5.2 | 3.8 | 3.4 | -1.1 | 0% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 45.1 | 67.2 | 50.9 | 58.2 | 87.9 | 309.3 |
| | Change | 0.3 | 7.6 | 8.8 | 0.5 | 1.1 | 6% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 11.6 | 22.3 | 16.2 | 21.7 | 24.7 | 96.5 |
| | Change | -0.2 | 3.7 | 0.0 | -2.1 | 5.4 | 8% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 9.5 | 7.9 | 1.5 | 7.7 | 8.2 | 34.8 |
| | Change | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0.3 | -3.2 | 0.9 | -8% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 5.3 | 14.7 | 10.3 | 9.8 | 5.4 | 45.5 |
| | Change | 0.2 | 0.6 | 1.1 | 2.1 | -0.4 | 9% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 41.1 | 59.6 | 14.3 | 21.8 | 63.6 | 200.4 |
| | Change | 4.7 | 12.4 | -2.7 | -5.3 | -9.0 | 0% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 143.5 | 201.7 | 105.0 | 148.0 | 217.9 | 816.1 |
| | Change | 4% | 10% | 12% | -1% | -1% | 4% |
| TOTAL | | Number of Cases | | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators | | |

| | | | |
|--------------------------|-------|-----|-----|
| Shell Egg | 816.1 | 4% | 166 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 491.8 | -1% | 38 |

| | | | |
|-----------------|--------|----|-----|
| Total Shell Egg | 1307.9 | 2% | 204 |
|-----------------|--------|----|-----|

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 | 28-AUG-99 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) | | (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS) | | | |
|-------------|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | CASES | LIQUID | LIQUID | LIQUID | DRIED | INED. |
| | BROKEN | WHOLE | WHITE | YOLK | | |
| CW | 1,192,988 | 28,476 | 10,990 | 5,578 | 2,693 | 3,868 |
| PW | 1,191,186 | 27,480 | 11,734 | 6,135 | 2,525 | 3,778 |
| LY | 1,061,149 | 24,699 | 10,472 | 5,280 | 2,445 | 3,351 |
| % PW | 0 | 4 | -6 | -9 | 7 | 2 |
| % LY | 12 | 15 | 5 | 6 | 10 | 15 |
| 1999 | 37,316,454 | 864,854 | 358,552 | 195,426 | 88,411 | 117,739 |
| 1998 | 35,787,114 | 810,552 | 360,236 | 191,878 | 89,296 | 115,858 |

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

| | CURRENT | PREVIOUS | LAST |
|--|---------|----------|-------|
| | WEEK | WEEK | YEAR |
| | 41.00 | 41.24 | 41.28 |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 28-Aug-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------|
| N. ATLANTIC | 232.1 | 0 | 2 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 438.9 | -1 | 2 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 229.0 | -1 | 9 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 194.5 | 2 | -5 |
| S. CENTRAL | 74.0 | -2 | -3 |
| WEST | 227.0 | -3 | 8 |
| TOTAL | 1,395.5 | -1 | 3 |
| MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING | | 94 | 94 |

| STATE | Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States | | Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States | |
|----------------|---|---------|--|---------|
| | AUG 21 | AUG 28 | AUG 21 | AUG 28 |
| AL | 27,467 | 27,543 | 19,861 | 20,216 |
| AR | *29,735 | 30,053 | *24,040 | 23,105 |
| DE | 4,415 | 4,427 | 4,920 | 5,688 |
| FL | 2,744 | 2,704 | 2,548 | 2,115 |
| GA | *31,382 | 30,998 | *25,217 | 23,501 |
| MD | 8,461 | 7,908 | 6,021 | 5,452 |
| MS | 18,120 | 17,761 | 15,056 | 14,976 |
| NC | 18,001 | 17,824 | 13,600 | 13,398 |
| PA | *3,942 | 3,712 | *2,635 | 2,727 |
| SC | 5,118 | 4,840 | 4,176 | 4,268 |
| TX | 13,699 | 13,463 | 10,116 | 10,019 |
| VA | 6,640 | 6,601 | 5,235 | 5,315 |
| CA, TN, & WV | *11,409 | 11,697 | 9,018 | 9,851 |
| 15 State Total | *181,133 | 179,531 | *142,443 | 140,631 |
| Previous Year | 176,002 | 175,967 | 137,633 | 138,416 |
| Pct. of Prev. | 103 | 102 | 103 | 102 |

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 9-Oct-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 149.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 145.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 151.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 68.19 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 08/26/99-09/01/99

| | SE | | NE | | MW | | LOADS |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | |
| GNR W 1 | 39.00 | 36.94 | 40.25 | 42.33 | — | — | 37.00 |
| GNR W 3 | 27.00 | 29.00 | — | — | 27.67 | 29.50 | 4.00 |
| GNR W 4 | — | 28.00 | — | — | — | 30.00 | 4.00 |
| GL W LG | 39.00 | 45.06 | 39.75 | 42.70 | 37.32 | — | 18.50 |
| GL W MD | 28.08 | 30.08 | 26.33 | 27.67 | — | 32.00 | 15.50 |
| GL W SM | 15.50 | 17.43 | 15.42 | 17.00 | — | — | 9.50 |
| NRBS - 50 | — | — | — | — | — | 29.75 | .25 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | 34.00 | 34.50 | 15.00 |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | 30.50 | 28.50 | 2.00 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 28-Aug-99

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW THOUSANDS | PW THOUSANDS | PERCENT CHG PW | LY |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----|
| ATLANTA | 31.0 | 29.1 | 7 | 5 |
| BOSTON | 5.4 | 5.7 | -5 | -58 |
| CHICAGO | 54.3 | 48.6 | 12 | 15 |
| DETROIT | 30.7 | 26.8 | 15 | -3 |
| KANSAS CITY | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| LOS ANGELES | 91.9 | 90.3 | 2 | 18 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 12.1 | 10.5 | 15 | -15 |
| NEW YORK | 37.9 | 41.4 | -8 | -6 |
| ST. LOUIS | 13.1 | 14.2 | -8 | 51 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 18.6 | 20.8 | -11 | -1 |
| TOTAL | 295.1 | 287.5 | 3 | 5 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 278.0 | | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 21-Aug-99

| | FRYER- ROASTERS | YOUNG TURKEYS | OLD BANDED | TOTAL |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|
| | THOUSANDS | | | |
| HEAD | 0 | 6,361 | 64 | 6,425 |
| AVGWT | 0.00 | 23.68 | 26.73 | 23.71 |
| LAST WEEK | 0 | 5,342 | 67 | 5,409 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 23 | 5,797 | 41 | 5,861 |
| AVGWT | 8.52 | 24.61(A) | 26.88 | 24.56 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 55 | 158,357(A) | 1,186 | 159,598 |
| TO-DATE/1998 | 72 | 168,473(A) | 1,202 | 169,747 |

(A) Includes 512,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 864,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 21-Aug-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

| | ---YOUNG TURKEYS--- | | | FRYER | OLD | TOTAL | TKY |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| | THOUSAND | PW | AVG | RSTR | BAND | HEAD | AVG |
| | HEAD | % CHG | WT | ---THOUSAND HEAD--- | | WT | |
| N EAST | 844 | -4 | 21.91 | (A) | (A) | 849 | 21.96 |
| S ATL | 1,845 | 344 | 22.51 | (A) | (A) | 1,859 | 22.55 |
| N CENT | 2,243 | -20 | 27.18 | (A) | (A) | 2,287 | 27.14 |
| S CENT | 1,009 | 17 | 19.43 | NONE | NONE | 1,009 | 19.43 |
| WEST | 420 | 8 | 23.89 | (A) | (A) | 421 | 23.97 |
| U.S.TOTAL | 6,361(B) | 19 | 23.68 | 0 | 64 | 6,425 | 23.71 |
| TO DATE | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | 158,357(B) | | | 55 | 1,186 | 159,598 | |
| TO DATE | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | 168,473(B) | | | 72 | 1,202 | 169,747 | |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 21,000 for the year 512,000; last year to date 864,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 28-Aug-99 (PRELIMINARY)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| HEAD | 157,438 (A) | 1,812 | 1,546 | 3,358 | 428 |
| AVGWT | 4.85 | 3.33 | 7.94 | 5.45 | 6.54 |
| LAST WEEK | 154,016 | 1,952 | 1,564 | 3,516 | 400 |
| YR AGO | 149,014 | 1,984 | 1,243 | 3,227 | 450 |
| AVGWT | 4.85 | 3.51 | 7.84 | 5.18 | 6.21 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 5,163,096 | 72,642 | 46,745 | 119,387 | 15,006 |
| TO-DATE/1998 | 4,966,252 | 71,416 | 42,933 | 114,349 | 15,344 |

(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 159.4 million head or 4.8 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Aug-28

| CLASS | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 09/04/99(1) | 08/28/99 |
| ----- THOUSAND HEAD ----- | | |
| BRO-FRY | 159,340(2) | 160,496 |
| LT HENS | 1,987 | 1,896 |
| HVY HENS | 1,575 | 1,602 |
| TOTAL | 162,902 | 163,994 |

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Sep-99 is 152.7 million head compared to 150.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.3 million head or 8.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 11-Sep-99 the estimated available is 150.8 million head.

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

| MILLION HEAD WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------|
| JULY | 24 | 156.9 | 155.7 | 101 |
| | 31 | 157.4 | 156.4 | 101 |
| AUGUST | 7 | 154.4 | 156.8 | 98 |
| | 14 | 157.3 | 155.9 | 101 |
| | 21 | 155.9 | 155.5 | 100 |
| | 28 | 159.4 | 154.6 | 103 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 5227.4 | 5183.3 | 101 | |
| SEPTEMBER | 4 | 152.7 | | |
| | 11 | 150.8 | | |

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

| | Change from | | |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| 30-Aug-99 | 23-Aug-99 | 23-Aug-99 | 31-Aug-98 |
| 59.84 | -0.06 | 59.90 | 70.70 |
| NUMBER OF LOADS | 654 | | |
| MONTHLY | WEIGHTED AVERAGE | | LOADS |
| AUGUST | 57.65 | | 2962.60 |

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 8/30-9/04/99.

| | U.S. GRADE A | | COMPOSITE | |
|-------------|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | MAJ | WTD AVG | LDS | WTD AVG |
| Chicago | 51.00-55.00 | 54.91 | 54 | 56.88 |
| Los Angeles | 66.00 | 65.45 | 70 | 64.98 |
| New York | 53.00-55.00 | 53.21 | 44 | 55.27 |

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/ | 74-75 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 72.5-75 | 72.5-75 | 74.17 | 120 |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 74-75 | - | - | - |

16-24 LB TOMS

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------|----|-------|----|
| EASTERN REGION | 72-73 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 72-74 | 74 | 74.00 | 80 |
| WESTERN REGION | 72 | - | - | - |

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 30-Aug-99 | 3,959 | 190,894 | 97,195 |
| AM 1-Aug-99 | 3,203 | 195,480 | 94,776 |
| CHG | 756 | -4586 | 2419 |
| PCT CHG | 24 | -2 | 3 |

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

| | HEAVY TYPE | | |
|---------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD. AVG |
| 8/30/99 | | | |
| Southeast | 7.75-16.5(1) | 10-16 | 12.72 |
| Southeast | TFEWR(2) | | |
| South Central | 9-19.5(1) | 14.5-17 | 15.08 |
| 8/27/99 | | | |
| | LIGHT TYPE | | |
| Eastern | 0-0(1) | | |
| Eastern | TFEWR 2) | | |
| So. Central | TFEWR(2) | | |
| No. Central | TFEWR(1) | | |
| No. Central | 0-5(2) | | |

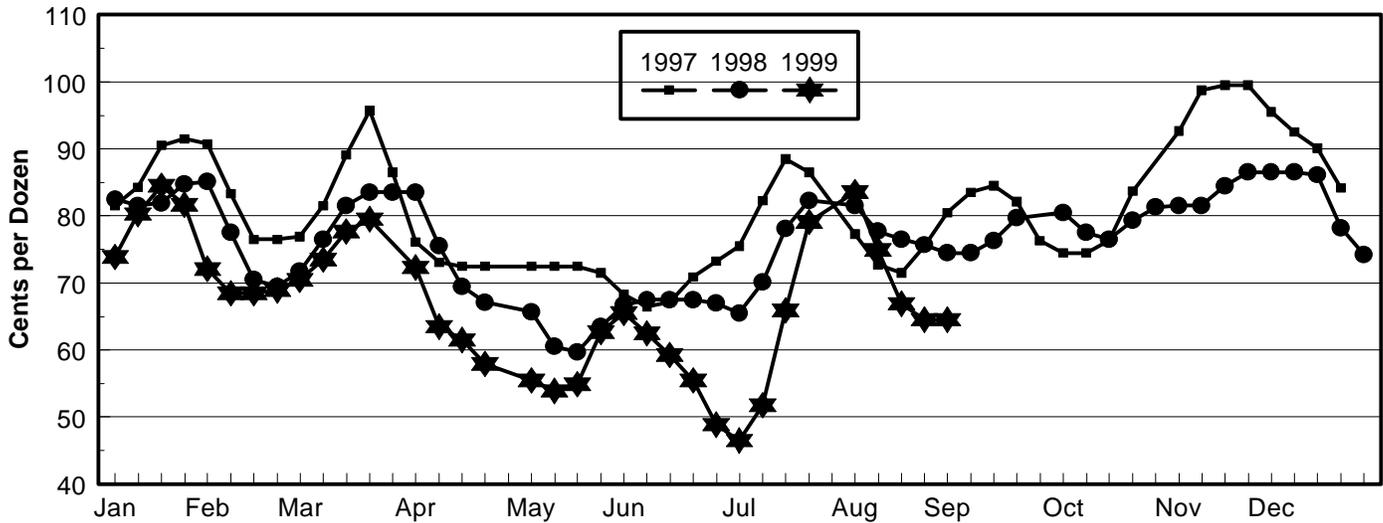
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

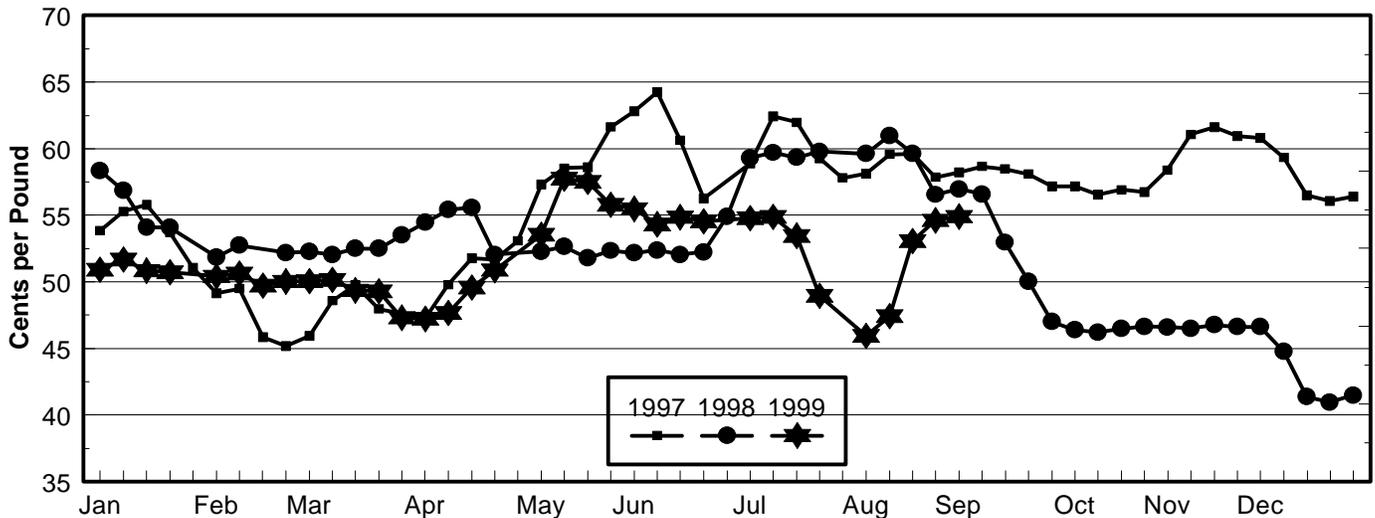
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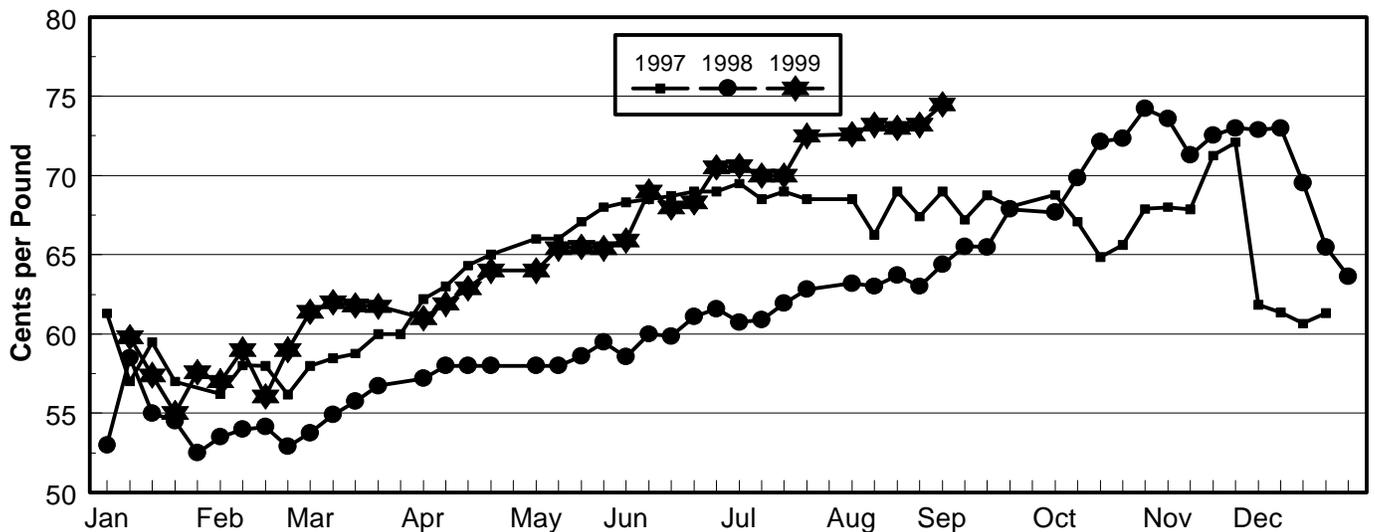
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.