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Prices at the beginning of the week in the majority of the markets were unchanged to lower for the larger sizes and mostly unchanged for medium. Throughout the week, mediums were unchanged to trending lower and the balance of the sizes were unchanged. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak with the lighter weights in the weakest position. Demand was fair to fairly good into both retail and food service outlets with retail features providing the best movement. Supplies of the larger eggs were at least adequate to available and the light weight eggs were ample. Breaking stock prices were unchanged throughout the week. Offerings were adequate for the light to at times fair trading and demand. Breaking schedules were full-time to over-time. The trade sentiment was about 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)	101-103	91-93	56-58
New York	66-68	63-66	43-46
Philadelphia	64-66	62-64	42-45
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52-53	50.5-52	37-38
Jackson (1)	64-65	59-60	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	61-72	56-70	43-57
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	52-57	51-56	36-41
Detroit (2)	49-52	48-51	35-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-55	49-53	36-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-61	51-58	39-46
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	69-70	64-65	50-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	87	79	68

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Sep-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	45.88
SOUTHERN	62.51	60.24	43.45
MIDWEST	55.29	54.00	39.64
WESTERN	83.45	77.79	62.17
TWELVE METRO AREAS	69.67	66.35	50.19

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

	09-14-99	09-07-99	09-15-98
Large	32-34	34-36	43-45
Medium	21-23	21-23	20-22

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Sep 13,1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific			
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.1	7.1	3.5	7.4	8.0	32.1	
	Change	-0.5	0.2	0.5	-1.9	1.1	-2%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.7	20.4	10.2	25.6	18.0	90.9	
	Change	-5.5	-3.8	1.2	4.2	1.3	-3%	
Large	Curr Wk	31.4	42.1	55.1	63.5	74.5	266.6	
	Change	-1.3	-5.8	-2.9	-2.6	-5.1	-6%	
Medium	Curr Wk	14.2	24.4	18.3	25.7	24.9	107.5	
	Change	1.3	1.2	-1.0	2.6	-1.2	3%	
Small	Curr Wk	5.8	8.8	1.3	8.0	7.6	31.5	
	Change	-2.4	1.0	0.2	-0.5	1.9	1%	
Misc	Curr Wk	10.9	14.3	9.9	14.2	5.0	54.3	
	Change	5.8	0.8	0.5	2.5	-0.7	20%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.0	76.5	15.2	22.1	53.6	190.4	
	Change	-12.8	5.4	2.0	-5.6	1.4	-5%	
Total	Curr Wk	108.1	193.6	113.5	166.5	191.6	773.3	
	Change	-12%	-1%	0%	-1%	-1%	-2%	

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	773.3	-2%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	482.2	-3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1255.5	-3%	203

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.

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 11-SEP-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,095,390	25,980	9,768	5,500	2,359	3,478
PW	1,140,020	26,636	10,655	5,776	2,525	3,666
LY	1,020,478	23,652	9,492	5,014	2,212	3,144
% PW	-4	-2	-8	-5	-7	-5
% LY	7	10	3	10	7	11
1999	39,551,864	917,470	378,975	206,702	93,295	124,883
1998	37,919,007	858,712	380,866	202,736	94,239	122,335

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	40.83	40.99	40.47

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 11-SEP-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	232.9	-2	2
E.N. CENTRAL	437.6	-2	0
W.N. CENTRAL	239.8	5	12
S. ATLANTIC	193.6	-4	-1
S. CENTRAL	78.6	0	15
WEST	225.2	4	1
TOTAL	1,407.7	0	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		94	94

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

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	SEP 04	SEP 11 Thousand	SEP 04	SEP 11
AL	27,479	24,054	19,570	19,341
AR	*29,190	28,288	23,247	23,374
DE	*4,445	4,157	*5,110	5,245
FL	2,790	2,744	2,122	2,325
GA	*30,252	29,076	*23,594	24,317
MD	*8,059	7,481	*5,638	5,651
MS	18,242	17,254	14,910	14,553
NC	*16,695	16,571	13,747	13,846
PA	*3,682	3,250	*2,719	2,816
SC	4,618	4,503	3,969	3,245
TX	*13,552	13,348	*9,983	10,193
VA	5,788	6,080	5,449	5,480
CA, TN, & WV	*11,530	10,604	*10,112	9,656
15 State Total	*176,322	167,410	140,170	140,042
Previous Year	173,366	168,081	138,388	139,912
Pct. of Prev.	102	100	101	100

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 23-Oct-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 146.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 148.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 67.60 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 09/09/99-09/15/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	40.00	36.91	40.40	41.80	38.25	—	37.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	32.00	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	26.00	29.00	7.00
GL W XL	—	—	47.50	47.19	42.04	40.00	22.50
GL W LG	—	43.00	45.00	47.00	36.18	—	8.50
GL W MD	—	32.00	22.50	24.50	33.25	—	6.00
GL W SM	16.20	17.95	15.17	17.33	—	—	8.50
NRBS - 48	32.00	33.00	—	—	33.00	31.00	20.75
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	23.81	26.75	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 11-SEP-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT PW	LY
ATLANTA	19.4	31.8	-39	-36
BOSTON	5.6	5.7	-2	-56
CHICAGO	54.8	52.4	5	11
DETROIT	29.0	37.9	-23	0
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	95.6	92.5	3	17
NEW ORLEANS	11.9	12.5	-5	-20
NEW YORK	36.4	42.9	-15	-9
ST. LOUIS	14.0	12.4	13	67
SAN FRANCISCO	21.8	17.7	23	-4
TOTAL	288.6	305.9	-6	0
4 WK MVG AVG	294.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 04-SEP-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	5,082	35	5,117
AVGWT	0.00	23.41	23.74	23.41
LAST WEEK	0	5,442	26	5,468
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,044	67	4,111
AVGWT	0.00	24.67(A)	25.49	24.68
TO-DATE/1999	55	168,881(A)	1,247	170,183
TO-DATE/1998	72	176,956(A)	1,325	178,353

(A) Includes 540,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 935,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 04-SEP-99 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	AVG
NEAST	1,137	64	21.79	(A)	(A)	1,140	21.79
SATL	1,049	-18	23.77	(A)	(A)	1,063	23.77
N CENT	1,986	-16	25.56	(A)	(A)	2,003	25.55
S CENT	467	-20	18.32	NONE	NONE	467	18.32
WEST	443	-17	22.49	(A)	(A)	444	22.47
U.S.TOTAL	5,082(B)	-7	23.41	0	35	5,117	23.41
TO DATE							
1999	168,881(B)			55	1,247	170,183	
TO DATE							
1998	176,956(B)			72	1,325	178,353	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 11,000 for the year 540,000; last year to date 935,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-Sep-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	135,122 (A)	1,583	1,368	2,951	413
AVGWT	4.91	3.35	8.20	5.60	6.59
LAST WEEK	156,031	1,883	1,522	3,405	448
YR AGO	129,593	1,776	1,055	2,831	444
AVGWT	4.74	3.70	8.62	5.53	6.38
TO-DATE/1999	5,454,249	76,108	49,635	125,743	15,867
TO-DATE/1998	5,247,296	75,208	45,341	120,549	16,334

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 136.8 million head or 14.0 million head less than or 91 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Sep 18

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/18/99(1)	09/11/99
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	158,026(2)	126,390
LT HENS	2,029	1,634
HVY HENS	1,547	1,385
TOTAL	161,602	129,409

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Sep-99 is 151.7 million head compared to 131.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.9 million head or 8.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 25-Sep-99 the estimated available is 153.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
AUGUST	7	154.4	156.8	98	4.68
	14	157.3	155.9	101	4.85
	21	155.9	155.5	100	4.81
	28	159.4	154.6	103	4.85
SEPTEMBER	4	157.9	152.7	103	4.86
	11	136.8	150.8	91	4.91
YEAR TO DATE		5522.1	5486.8	101	
SEPTEMBER 18			151.7		
	25		153.2		

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

	Change from		6-Sep-99	14-Sep-98
	13-Sep-99	6-Sep-99		
	57.83	-0.57	58.40	70.56
NUMBER OF LOADS	619			

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 9/13-9/18/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	46.00-51.00	50.77	49	53.17	80
Los Angeles	66.00	65.48	60	63.72	115
New York	50.00-53.00	50.55	48	54.44	88

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/	76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-73	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-

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- CENTERS	SELECTED STGE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)		
	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 13-Sep-99	3,128	189,660	96,500
AM 1-Sep-99	3,039	192,814	95,979
CHG	89	-3154	521
PCT CHG	3	-2	1

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

9/13/99	HEAVY TYPE			WTD. AVG
	RANGE	MAJORITY		
Southeast	7-17(1)	8-16		12.14
Southeast	TFEWR(2)			
South Central	8-18(1)	12-14		13.39
9/10/99	LIGHT TYPE			
Eastern	0-0(1)			
Eastern	TFEWR 2)			
So. Central	TFEWR(2)			
No. Central	TFEWR(1)			
No. Central	0-5(2)			

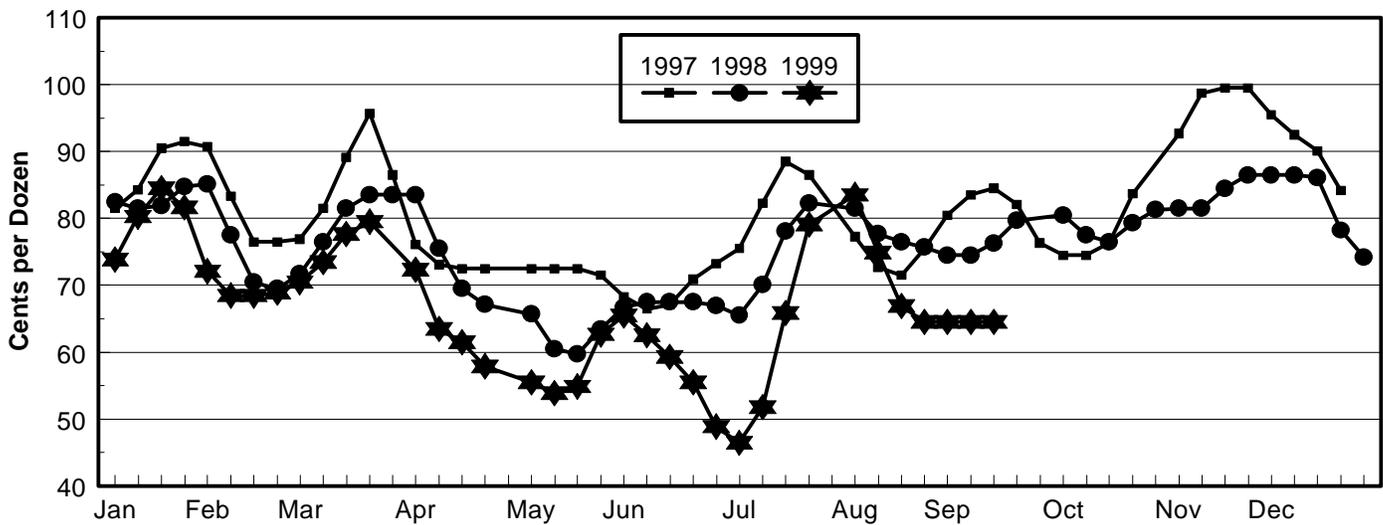
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

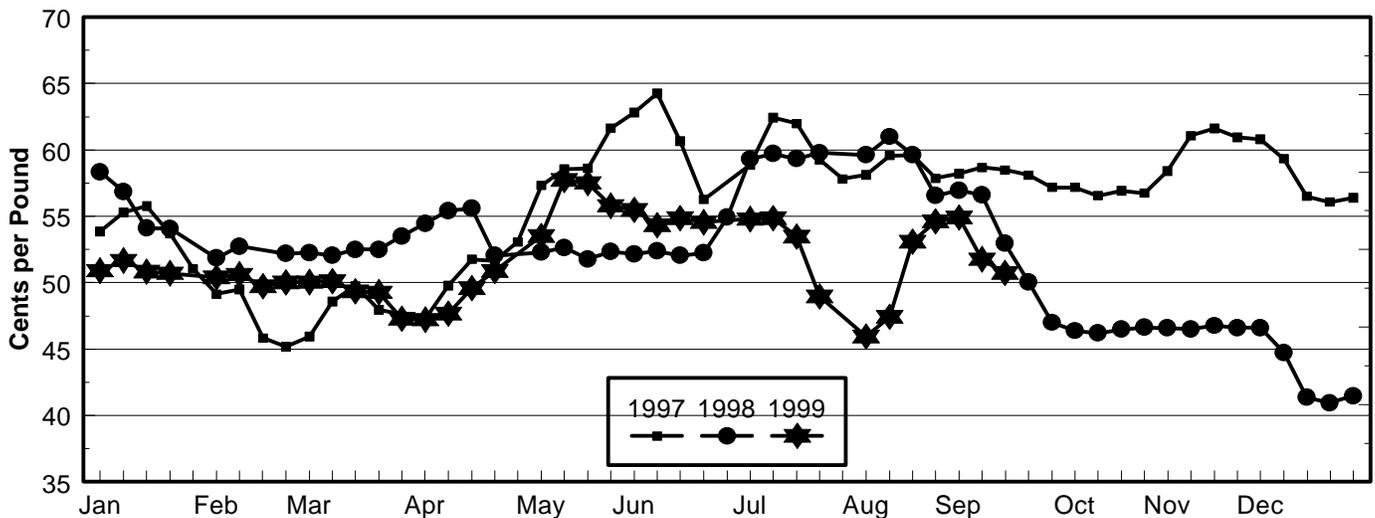
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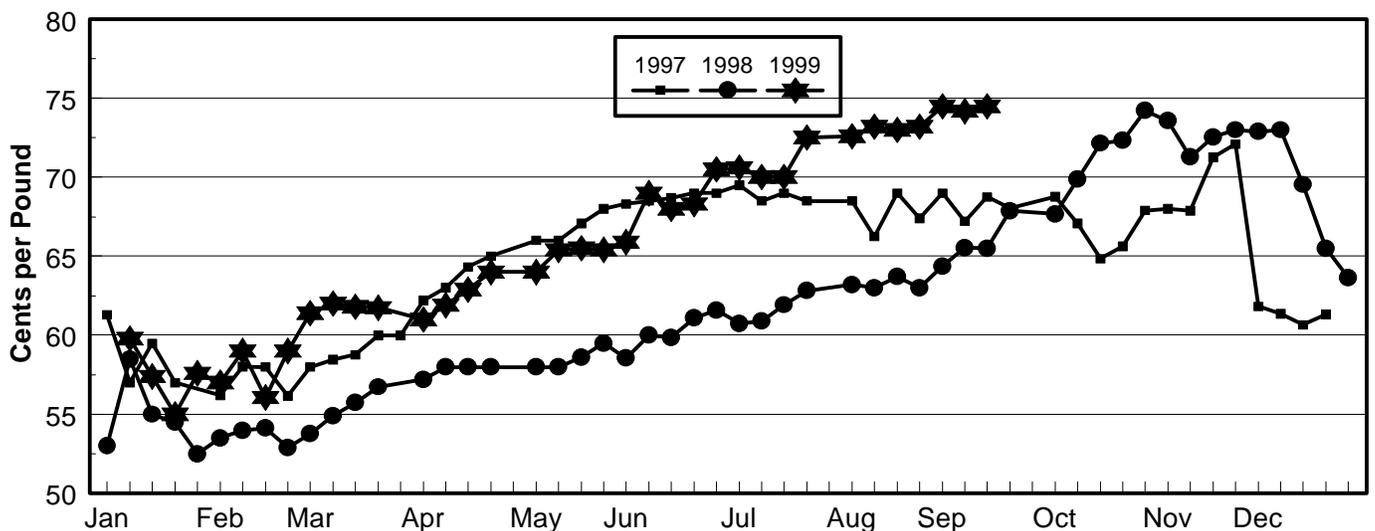
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.