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Prices at the beginning of the week in the majority of the markets were unchanged to lower on mediums, elsewhere prices were unchanged. Throughout the week mediums were unchanged to trending lower and late week all sizes were unchanged to lower. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak, mostly unsettled. Demand remained mixed; light to occasionally good, usually no better than moderate, and best when limited features are a factor. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate to instances ample, and mediums eggs continued in the longest position. Breaking stock prices were unchanged throughout most of the week, however unchanged to lower late in the period. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with lighter weight nest run and graded product in the longest position. The trade sentiment was steady to barely 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 | 61-63 | 58-61 | 37-40 |
| Philadelphia | 59-66 | 57-64 | 36-44 |
| SOUTHERN CITIES | | | |
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 52-53 | 50.5-52 | 35-36 |
| Jackson (1) | 64-65 | 59-60 | 44-45 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 61-72 | 56-70 | 41-55 |
| MIDWEST CITIES | | | |
| Chicago | 50-55 | 49-54 | 31-36 |
| Detroit (2) | 49-52 | 48-51 | 31-34 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 50-55 | 49-53 | 32-37 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 53-61 | 51-58 | 35-42 |
| WESTERN CITIES | | | |
| Houston (1) | 67-69 | 63-64 | 47-49 |
| California(Grade AA)(1)(3) | 87 | 79 | 64 |

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 17-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 | 45.16 |
| SOUTHERN | 59.30 | 56.82 | 43.45 |
| MIDWEST | 53.30 | 52.00 | 38.93 |
| WESTERN | 79.58 | 73.79 | 62.17 |
| TWELVE METRO AREAS | 67.49 | 64.11 | 49.78 |

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

| | 09-21-99 | 09-14-99 | 09-22-98 |
|---------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Large | 32-34 | 32-34 | 48-50 |
| Medium | 17-19 | 21-23 | 20-22 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Sep 20, 1999
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | Northeast | NO CENT | SO CENT | SO Atl | 5-Area Pacific | |
|----------|---------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|----------------|-------|
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 7.5 | 10.8 | 3.6 | 7.9 | 7.7 | 37.5 |
| | Change | 1.4 | 1.6 | 0.1 | 0.5 | -0.3 | 10% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 23.5 | 33.4 | 8.9 | 23.2 | 17.2 | 106.2 |
| | Change | 6.8 | 3.5 | -1.3 | -2.4 | -0.8 | 6% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 39.8 | 66.7 | 54.8 | 64.2 | 69.8 | 295.3 |
| | Change | 8.4 | 10.1 | -0.3 | 0.7 | -4.7 | 5% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 18.0 | 28.6 | 15.1 | 25.0 | 21.7 | 108.4 |
| | Change | 3.8 | 2.2 | -3.2 | -0.7 | -3.2 | -1% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 6.4 | 7.8 | 2.9 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 31.1 |
| | Change | 0.6 | -1.0 | 1.6 | -1.4 | -0.2 | -1% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 10.9 | 14.4 | 12.4 | 11.0 | 4.4 | 53.1 |
| | Change | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | -3.2 | -0.6 | -2% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 29.4 | 80.8 | 10.2 | 21.5 | 44.4 | 186.3 |
| | Change | 6.4 | 4.3 | -5.0 | -0.6 | -9.2 | -2% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 135.5 | 242.5 | 107.9 | 159.4 | 172.6 | 817.9 |
| | Change | 25% | 9% | -5% | -4% | -10% | 2% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 817.9 | 2% | 168 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock | 490.4 | 2% | 38 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1308.3 | 2% | 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 18-SEP-99

*** *'s indicate adjustments to data***

| | CASES | | LIQUID | | DRIED | | INED. |
|------|--------------|-----------|---------|---------|--------|-----------|-------|
| | BROKEN | WHOLE | WHITE | YOLK | | | |
| CW | 1,185,374 | 27,407 | 10,847 | 5,911 | 2,376 | 3,717 | |
| PW | *1,094,416* | *25,934* | 9,768 | 5,500 | 2,359 | *3,481* | |
| LY | 1,088,117 | 25,424 | 9,995 | 5,205 | 2,333 | 3,439 | |
| % PW | 8 | 6 | 11 | 7 | 1 | 7 | |
| % LY | 9 | 8 | 9 | 14 | 2 | 8 | |
| 1999 | *40,764,626* | *945,944* | 389,822 | 212,613 | 95,671 | *128,767* | |
| 1998 | 39,007,124 | 884,136 | 390,861 | 207,941 | 96,572 | 125,774 | |

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

| | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|--|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| | 40.39 | 40.83 | 40.49 |

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 18-SEP-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---|--------------|
| N. ATLANTIC | 233.6 | 0 | 4 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 426.4 | -3 | -1 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 234.1 | -2 | 8 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 201.8 | 4 | 4 |
| S. CENTRAL | 79.3 | 1 | 5 |
| WEST | 223.7 | -1 | 9 |
| TOTAL | 1,398.9 | -1 | 4 |
| MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING | | 94 | 94 |

| STATE | Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States | | Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States | |
|----------------|---|---------|--|---------|
| | SEP 11 | SEP 18 | SEP 11 | SEP 18 |
| AL | 24,054 | 27,499 | 19,341 | 19,745 |
| AR | 28,288 | 28,699 | 23,374 | 24,128 |
| DE | 4,157 | 3,804 | 5,245 | 4,458 |
| FL | *2,798 | 2,639 | *2,616 | 2,476 |
| GA | *28,893 | 29,808 | *24,249 | 24,352 |
| MD | 7,481 | 7,698 | *5,654 | 5,636 |
| MS | 17,254 | 16,800 | 14,553 | 13,974 |
| NC | 16,571 | 16,385 | 13,846 | 14,051 |
| PA | *3,193 | 3,610 | *2,753 | 2,808 |
| SC | 4,503 | 4,604 | 3,245 | 3,371 |
| TX | 13,348 | 13,178 | 10,193 | 10,153 |
| VA | 6,080 | 5,626 | 5,480 | 5,780 |
| CA, TN, & WV | 10,604 | 9,474 | 9,656 | 9,918 |
| 15 State Total | *167,224 | 169,824 | *140,205 | 140,850 |
| Previous Year | 168,081 | 166,924 | 139,912 | 138,700 |
| Pct. of Prev. | 99 | 102 | 100 | 102 |

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 30-Oct-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 146.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 66.05 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 09/16/99-09/22/99

| | SE | | NE | | MW | | LOADS |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | |
| GNR W 1 | 39.50 | 35.50 | 40.25 | 41.83 | 32.00 | 37.00 | 18.00 |
| GNR W 3 | — | 31.00 | — | — | 27.50 | — | 3.00 |
| GNR W 4 | — | — | 17.00 | — | 18.75 | 20.63 | 2.00 |
| GL W XL | — | — | 48.00 | 47.22 | 41.63 | 41.00 | 17.25 |
| GL W LG | 39.00 | — | 45.00 | 45.33 | 37.21 | — | 7.00 |
| GL W MD | — | 26.00 | 19.75 | 21.00 | 19.00 | — | 13.50 |
| GL W SM | 14.71 | 16.83 | 14.58 | 16.42 | 16.50 | — | 6.25 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | 34.31 | 30.00 | — | 32.76 | 34.23 | 44.00 |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 18-SEP-99

| SELECTED CENTERS | CONSUMING THOUSANDS | CW THOUSANDS | PW THOUSANDS | PERCENT PW | CHG LY |
|------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------|
| ATLANTA | | 30.1 | 19.4 | 55 | -1 |
| BOSTON | | 5.6 | 5.6 | 0 | -55 |
| CHICAGO | | 47.5 | 54.8 | -13 | -2 |
| DETROIT | | 22.1 | 29.0 | -24 | -18 |
| KANSAS CITY | | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 |
| LOS ANGELES | | 88.1 | 95.6 | -8 | 2 |
| NEW ORLEANS | | 11.6 | 11.9 | -3 | -25 |
| NEW YORK | | 38.1 | 36.4 | 5 | -11 |
| ST. LOUIS | | 14.9 | 14.0 | 6 | 54 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | | 20.7 | 21.8 | -5 | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 278.8 | 288.6 | -3 | -5 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | | 292.1 | | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 11-SEP-99

| | FRYER- ROASTERS | YOUNG TURKEYS | OLD BANDED | TOTAL |
|------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------|---------|
| | THOUSANDS | | | |
| HEAD | 0 | 3,969 | 48 | 4,017 |
| AVGWT | 0.00 | 25.93 | 24.60 | 25.91 |
| LAST WEEK | 0 | 5,082 | 35 | 5,117 |
| SAME WEEK YR AGO | 0 | 4,235 | 12 | 4,247 |
| AVGWT | 0.00 | 25.14(A) | 26.25 | 25.15 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 55 | 172,850(A) | 1,295 | 174,200 |
| TO-DATE/1998 | 72 | 181,191(A) | 1,337 | 182,600 |

(A) Includes 546,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 942,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 11-SEP-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

| | ---YOUNG TURKEYS--- | | | FRYER | OLD | TOTAL | TKY |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| | THOUSAND | PW | AVG | RSTR | BAND | HEAD | AVG |
| N EAST | 362 | -68 | 24.32 | NONE | NONE | 362 | 24.32 |
| S ATL | 446 | -57 | 26.90 | (A) | (A) | 462 | 26.81 |
| N CENT | 2,284 | 15 | 27.51 | (A) | (A) | 2,308 | 27.48 |
| S CENT | 687 | 47 | 20.64 | (A) | (A) | 692 | 20.68 |
| WEST | 190 | -57 | 26.88 | (A) | (A) | 193 | 26.77 |
| U.S.TOTAL | 3,969(B)-22 | 25.93 | | 0 | 48 | 4,017 | 25.91 |
| TO DATE | | | | | | | |
| 1999 | 172,850 (B) | | | 55 | 1,295 | 174,200 | |
| TO DATE | | | | | | | |
| 1998 | 181,191 (B) | | | 72 | 1,337 | 182,600 | |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 6,000 for the year 546,000; last year to date 942,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 18-Sep-99 (PRELIMINARY)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| HEAD | 152,393 (A) | 2,014 | 1,484 | 3,498 | 454 |
| AVGWT | 4.87 | 3.40 | 8.04 | 5.37 | 6.96 |
| LAST WEEK | 135,122 | 1,583 | 1,368 | 2,951 | 413 |
| YR AGO | 148,765 | 1,863 | 1,240 | 3,103 | 391 |
| AVGWT | 4.68 | 3.56 | 8.00 | 5.33 | 6.36 |
| TO-DATE/1999 | 5,606,642 | 78,122 | 51,119 | 129,241 | 16,321 |
| TO-DATE/1998 | 5,396,061 | 77,071 | 46,581 | 123,652 | 16,725 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.2 million head or 2.5 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Sep 25

| CLASS | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 09/25/99(1) | 09/18/99 |
| ----- THOUSAND HEAD ----- | | |
| BRO-FRY | 158,676(2) | 158,026 |
| LT HENS | 1,982 | 2,029 |
| HVY HENS | 1,699 | 1,547 |
| TOTAL | 162,357 | 161,602 |

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Sep-99 is 153.2 million head compared to 150.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.6 million head or 7.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 02-Oct-99 the estimated available is 151.8 million head.

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

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | PCT | AVG WT | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | | | | AUGUST |
| | 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 |
| | 18 | 154.2 | 151.7 | 102 | 4.87 |
| YEAR TO DATE | | 5676.3 | 5638.5 | 101 | |
| SEPTEMBER 25 | | | 153.2 | | |
| OCTOBER | 2 | | 151.8 | | |

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

| Change from | | | |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | 20-Sep-99 | 13-Sep-99 | 21-Sep-98 |
| | 55.77 | -2.06 | 70.47 |
| NUMBER OF LOADS | | 629 | |

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 9/20-9/25/99.

| | U.S. GRADE A | | | COMPOSITE | |
|-------------|--------------|---------|-----|-----------|-----|
| | MAJ | WTD AVG | LDS | WTD AVG | LDS |
| Chicago | 43.00-47.00 | 47.32 | 48 | 50.95 | 83 |
| Los Angeles | 66.00 | 65.29 | 56 | 60.80 | 144 |
| New York | 50.00-53.00 | 51.47 | 38 | 53.41 | 67 |

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/ | 77-79 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 77-78 | 77 | 77.00 | 40 |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 76 | - | - | - |

16-24 LB TOMS

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------|---|---|---|
| EASTERN REGION | 72-74 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 72-74 | - | - | - |
| 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-SELECTED STGE

CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

| | FREGS LBS | TURKS LBS | POP LBS |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| AM 20-Sep-99 | 2,845 | 187,990 | 96,446 |
| AM 1-Sep-99 | 3,039 | 192,814 | 95,979 |
| CHG | -194 | -4824 | 467 |
| PCT CHG | -6 | -3 | 0 |

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

| | HEAVY TYPE | | |
|---------------|--------------|----------|----------|
| | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD. AVG |
| 9/20/99 | | | |
| Southeast | 5.75-16.5(1) | 10-14.5 | 12.48 |
| Southeast | TFEWR(2) | | |
| South Central | 7-19.5(1) | 11-14 | 12.73 |
| 9/17/99 | LIGHT TYPE | | |
| Eastern | 0-0(1) | | |
| Eastern | TFEWR 2) | | |
| So. Central | TFEWR(2) | | |
| No. Central | TFEWR(1) | | |
| No. Central | 0-.5(2) | | |

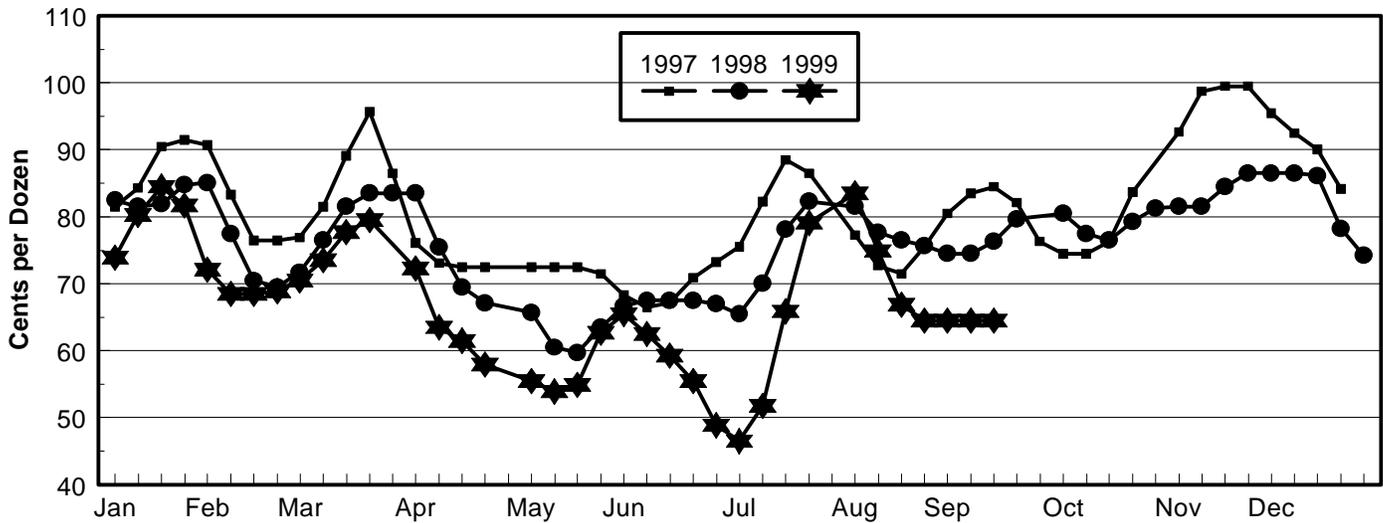
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

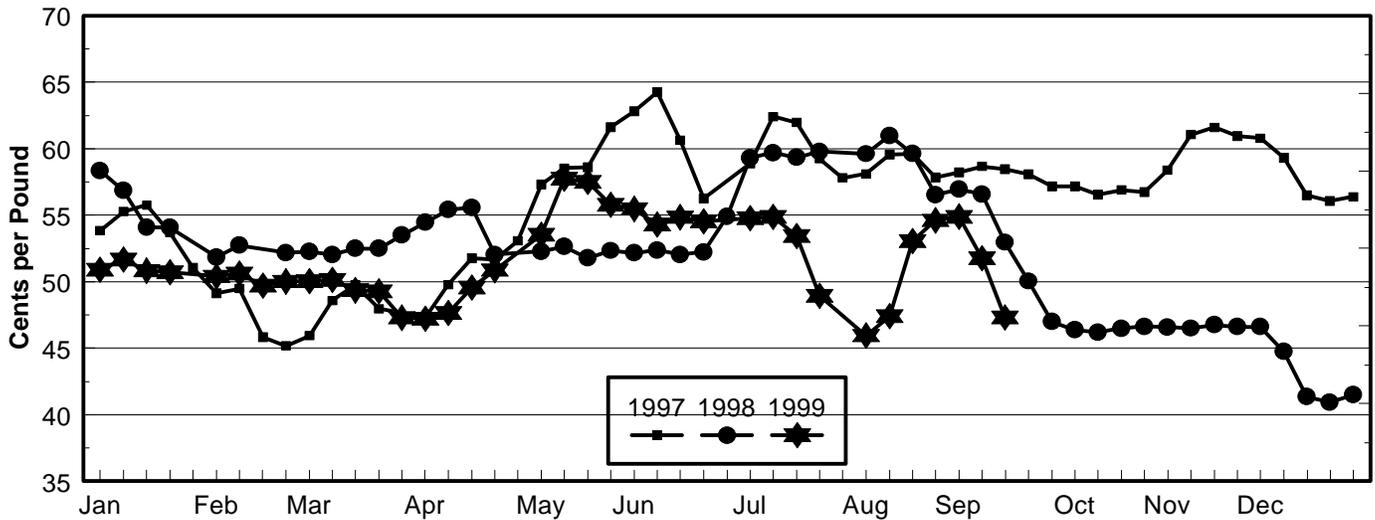
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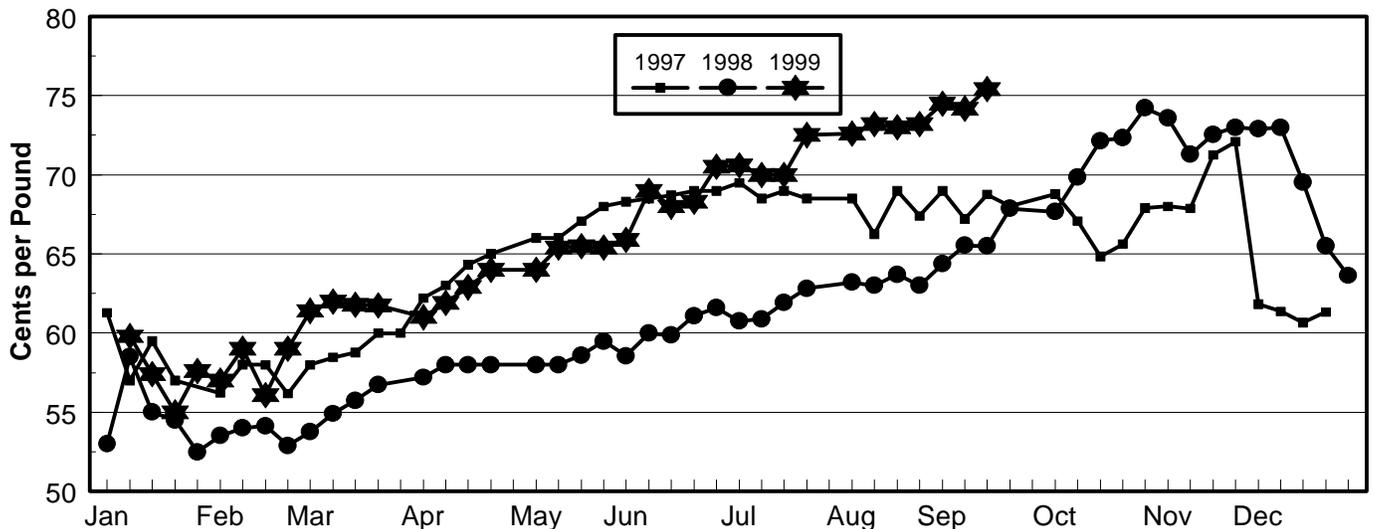
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.