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At the beginning of the week prices in Florida and California were higher and elsewhere prices were mostly unchanged. During the week prices were unchanged in all reported areas. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand was mostly moderate to at times fairly good with the best interest coming from feature activity. Supplies were generally adequate with mediums the most available. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged throughout the week. Offerings were usually adequate for the quiet trading and demand. Floor stocks ranged from in balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Light hens were about adequate for current 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.

(November 8, 1999)	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	106-108	95-97	72-74
New York	72-74	69-72	56-59
Philadelphia	67.5-72	65.5-70	53-56
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	49-50
Jackson (1)	71-72	68-69	58-59
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	73-87	71-85	56-70
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	48-53
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-60	44-47
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-64	58-62	45-50
Major Wisconsin Cities	62-69	60-67	48-55
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	81-83	79-80	63-64
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	98	91	79

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 5-Nov-99 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	72.20	69.83	56.77
SOUTHERN	69.69	67.92	55.86
MIDWEST	62.25	61.01	48.92
WESTERN	88.01	82.52	73.40
TWELVE METRO AREAS	75.36	72.16	60.89

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

	11-09-99	11-02-99	11-10-98
Large	41-43	41-43	53-55
Medium	30-32	30-32	42-44

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Nov 08,1999 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.8	10.6	3.9	12.6	7.4	42.3
	Change	-0.4	-1.6	-2.1	-2.4	-1.9	-17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.2	17.1	8.8	29.1	18.6	105.8
	Change	5.8	-7.6	-0.8	1.1	-0.8	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	58.2	61.7	48.0	82.7	92.2	342.8
	Change	10.6	-1.2	-4.3	7.0	8.2	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.0	29.9	11.4	22.8	21.9	100.0
	Change	1.0	-2.0	-2.6	1.1	1.4	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	9.6	1.3	7.8	4.0	26.2
	Change	-1.7	4.0	-3.0	-0.4	0.0	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	12.3	7.7	12.3	7.0	44.2
	Change	-0.5	-7.3	-1.9	2.9	1.8	-10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.3	59.1	12.0	22.7	50.6	182.7
	Change	-3.3	-5.5	-0.9	2.0	2.3	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	158.9	200.3	93.1	190.0	201.7	844.0
	Change	8%	-10%	-14%	6%	6%	0%

TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	844.0	0%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	446.0	-1%	38

Total Shell Egg 1290.0 -1% 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 06-NOV-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,154,744	26,156	11,710	6,283	2,465	3,938
PW	1,147,221	26,803	12,062	6,307	2,298	3,744
LY	1,107,065	26,141	10,365	5,438	1,922	3,427
% PW	1	-2	-3	0	7	5
% LY	4	0	13	16	28	15
1999	49,184,927	1,140,360	471,819	257,147	113,520	156,022
1998	46,652,195	1,066,775	460,087	244,859	111,393	149,446

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
41.64	42.64	40.98

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 30-OCT-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	242.0	-1	2
E.N. CENTRAL	491.7	2	11
W.N. CENTRAL	198.0	3	6
S. ATLANTIC	200.4	6	-10
S. CENTRAL	77.8	4	-10
WEST	214.3	5	-4
TOTAL	1,424.2	3	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		91	91

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	OCT 30	NOV 6	OCT 30	NOV 6
AL	*25,693	26,223	*18,086	17,671
AR	*26,326	27,441	*22,070	21,428
DE	*4,611	4,552	*4,870	5,050
FL	2,847	2,615	2,110	2,233
GA	*29,874	29,457	*24,343	22,537
MD	8,752	8,477	*5,432	5,135
MS	*16,167	16,328	*14,062	13,731
NC	17,504	17,457	12,700	12,928
PA	*3,207	3,496	*2,463	2,340
SC	4,878	4,618	3,563	3,765
TX	12,918	13,122	10,657	10,383
VA	5,382	6,345	4,416	4,570
CA, TN, & WV	10,639	11,165	*8,645	8,809
15 State Total	*168,798	171,296	*133,417	130,580
Previous Year	172,049	174,260	135,661	132,640
Pct. of Prev.	98	98	98	98

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-99 IS ESTIMATED AT 139.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 143.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 141.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.02 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 11/03/99-11/09/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	50.00	51.43	46.58	48.22	51.42	45.50	67.00
GNR W 2	—	—	40.17	42.00	45.50	—	6.00
GNR W 3	41.00	42.00	—	—	35.50	38.00	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	33.00	36.00	1.25
GL W XL	53.00	54.00	54.50	56.50	51.66	—	17.75
GL W LG	—	52.00	—	—	52.89	—	4.25
GL W MD	—	44.50	33.67	37.14	44.25	30.00	16.25
GL W SM	23.50	24.50	20.50	22.50	22.50	25.00	8.00
NRBS - 50	—	40.00	42.00	43.00	—	—	4.25
NRBS - 48	—	40.00	39.20	40.33	39.25	42.00	11.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 06-NOV-99

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING THOUSANDS	CW	PW	PERCENT	CHG
		THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA		33.2	29.5	13	0
BOSTON		3.6	4.3	-16	-69
CHICAGO		46.1	40.3	14	4
DETROIT		33.1	28.0	18	-6
KANSAS CITY		0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES		91.6	89.0	3	6
NEW ORLEANS		12.4	9.0	38	-8
NEW YORK		35.1	35.6	-1	-24
ST. LOUIS		16.4	15.4	6	7
SAN FRANCISCO		19.6	18.7	5	-12
TOTAL		291.2	269.9	8	-6
4 WK MVG AVG		288.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 30-OCT-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	5,703	46	5,749
AVGWT	0.00	24.98	25.33	24.98
LAST WEEK	0	5,378	35	5,413
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,693	27	5,720
AVGWT	0.00	23.52(A)	25.63	23.53
TO-DATE/1999	55	208,436(A)	1,600	210,091
TO-DATE/1998	72	217,485(A)	1,650	219,207

(A) Includes 653,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,004,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 30-OCT-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	
NEAST	1,162	-14	21.51	NONE	NONE	1,162	21.51
SATL	468	-35	31.69	(A)	(A)	508	31.11
N CENT	2,629	1	26.28	(A)	(A)	2,634	26.29
S CENT	597	80	20.17	NONE	NONE	597	20.17
WEST	847	130	25.39	(A)	(A)	848	25.40
U.S.TOTAL	5,703(B)	18	24.98	0	46	5,749	24.98
TO DATE							
1999	208,436(B)			55	1,600	210,091	
TO DATE							
1998	217,485(B)			72	1,650	219,207	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 18,000 for the year 653,000; last year to date 1,004,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 06-Nov-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	154,731(A)	1,785	1,416	3,201	433
AVGWT	5.12	3.36	7.80	5.33	6.64
LAST WEEK	152,012	2,024	1,581	3,605	446
YRAGO	152,261	1,736	1,074	2,810	450
AVGWT	5.02	3.55	7.67	4.43	6.50
1999	6,683,638	91,337	62,399	153,736	19,429
1998	6,438,762	89,500	55,424	144,924	19,810

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.6 million head or 8.3 million head more than or 106 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Nov 13

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/13/99(1)	11/06/99
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	151,701(2)	154,965
LT HENS	1,795	1,741
HVY HENS	1,586	1,457
TOTAL	155,082	158,163

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 13-Nov-99 is 144.2 million head compared to 154.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.5 million head or 9.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 20-Nov-99 the estimated available is 140.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
OCTOBER 2	155.8	151.8	103	4.94
9	154.9	149.7	103	5.06
16	155.2	148.5	105	5.08
23	155.9	148.3	105	5.06
30	153.9	148.5	104	4.97
NOVEMBER 6	156.6	148.3	106	5.12
YEAR TO DATE	6766.4	6686.8	101	
NOVEMBER 13		144.2		
20		140.5		

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

	Change from			
	8-Nov-99	1-Nov-99	1-Nov-99	9-Nov-98
	59.46	0.65	58.81	64.18
NUMBER OF LOADS	644			

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 11/08-11/13/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	51.00-53.00	53.03	47	55.29	77	
Los Angeles	64.00	62.73	64	61.65	154	
New York	56.00-58.00	56.44	34	60.09	90	

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/	79-81	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	79	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	72-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-75	-	-	-

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 8-Nov-99	3,660	150,931	85,233
AM 1-Oct-99	4,146	183,153	95,290
CHG	-486	-32222	-10057
PCT CHG	-12	-18	-11

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
11/08/99			
Southeast	7-17(1)	8-11	10.40
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	9-19.5(1)	10-13	12.83
11/05/99			
	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.5(2)		

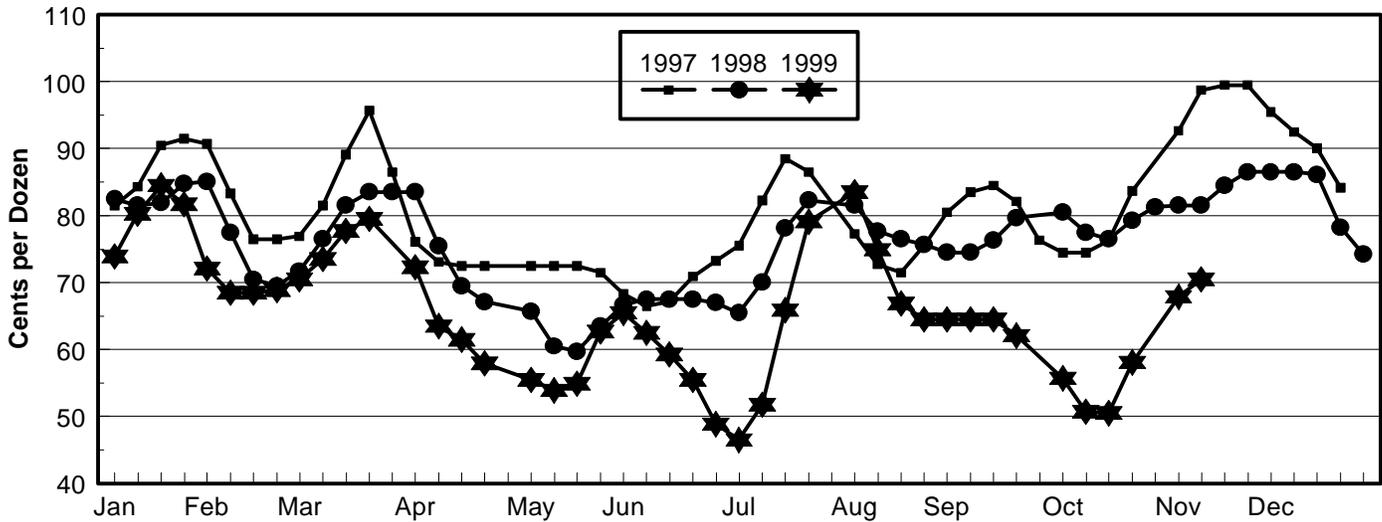
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

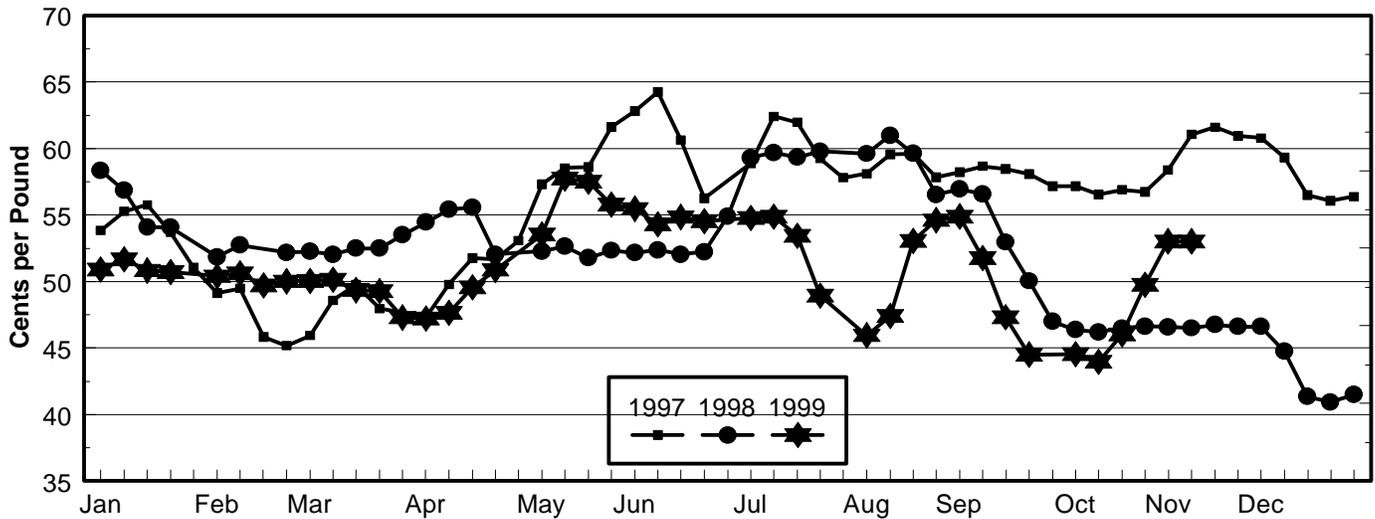
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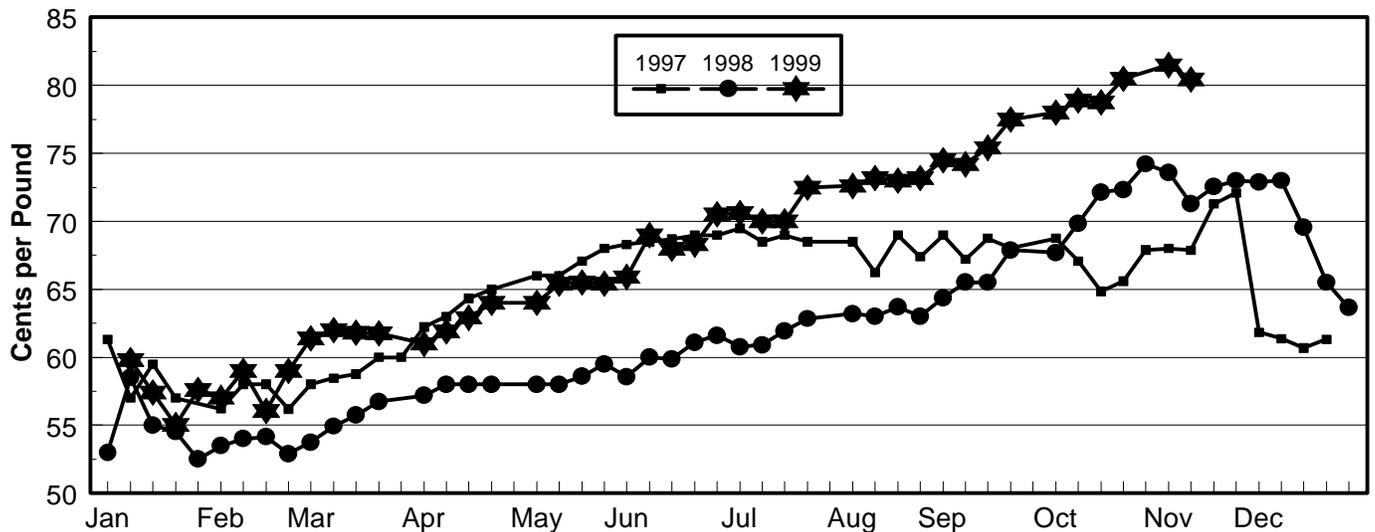
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.