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At the beginning of the week prices throughout the country were generally unchanged to lower. Over the course of the week prices were unchanged to sharply declined in the Eastern region and in Chicago and unchanged to down in all other areas. The trade sentiment was mixed, mostly weak for the larger sizes and at best steady for the light weight eggs. Demand was fair to mostly good for retail and mostly moderate for food service. Supplies were available to ample for jumbo, extra large, and large and were adequate to fully adequate for medium and small. Nest run breaking stock prices were sharply lower throughout the week. Breakers were satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production which was more than adequate for current processing needs. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Light type hens were fully adequate for immediate 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 22, 1999	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	106-108	95-97	69-71
New York	67-69	64-67	43-46
Philadelphia	65-71.5	63-69.5	42-48
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	38-39
Jackson (1)	71-72	68-69	47-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	73-87	71-85	44-58
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	59-64	58-63	35-40
Detroit (2)	56-59	55-58	31-34
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-64	58-62	33-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	60-67	58-65	35-42
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-82	78-79	50-52
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	98	91	67

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 19-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	72.16	69.78	49.62
SOUTHERN	70.04	68.34	54.28
MIDWEST	62.25	61.01	44.35
WESTERN	90.64	86.04	70.47
TWELVE METRO AREAS	76.35	73.48	56.35

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

	11-23-99	11-16-99	11-24-98
Large	36-38	41-43	57-59
Medium	16-18	27-29	42-44

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Nov 22,1999 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.3	8.3	4.0	9.7	6.5	33.8
	Change	-2.8	-0.7	-2.2	-1.0	-1.2	-19%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.2	26.9	8.6	27.4	22.5	111.6
	Change	-5.6	0.9	-2.6	-5.1	2.1	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	45.4	55.1	70.6	78.1	90.0	339.2
	Change	-12.0	-25.9	-3.3	-16.8	-11.4	-17%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.3	28.1	13.2	20.3	19.8	97.7
	Change	0.3	-9.0	-6.2	-7.3	1.1	-18%
Small	Curr Wk	6.6	9.5	1.1	5.8	5.0	28.0
	Change	1.7	2.1	-0.6	-2.1	-0.2	3%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	24.4	8.5	14.7	4.5	56.0
	Change	-0.8	5.8	-1.3	2.6	-2.3	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	42.4	51.6	21.8	26.7	43.2	185.7
	Change	3.5	4.1	-3.1	1.8	1.6	4%
Total	Curr Wk	146.1	203.9	127.8	182.7	191.5	852.0
	Change	-10%	-10%	-13%	-13%	-5%	-10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	852.0	-10%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	426.3	-4%	40
Total Shell Egg	1278.3	-8%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166.0 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 20-NOV-99

	CASES (LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,206,348	27,217	12,521	6,591	2,575	3,819
P W	1,197,250*	27,575*	13,037	6,662	2,349	3,964*
L Y	1,113,422	26,527	10,113	5,247	1,606	3,615
% P W	1	-1	-4	-1	10	-4
% L Y	8	3	24	26	60	6
1999	51,589,544*	1,195,230*	497,377	270,400	118,444	163,809*
1998	48,855,044	1,119,188	485,611	255,389	114,753	156,675
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.57	42.80	40.87			

* Previous week was revised.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 13-NOV-99

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	242.3	-1	-7
E.N. CENTRAL	506.1	3	12
W.N. CENTRAL	203.7	0	8
S. ATLANTIC	218.7	4	0
S. CENTRAL	80.7	0	-10
WEST	215.1	-8	-5
TOTAL	1,466.6	0	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		91	91

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	NOV 13	NOV 20	NOV 13	NOV 20
AL	27,820	26,818	18,682	18,649
AR	30,164	28,719	*22,379	21,396
DE	*4,233	4,358	*4,790	5,447
FL	2,623	2,842	2,231	2,365
GA	*30,914	30,573	*21,427	24,007
MD	*8,888	8,590	*5,289	5,459
MS	16,878	17,976	13,293	13,332
NC	17,100	17,424	12,301	13,877
PA	*3,352	3,701	*2,512	2,622
SC	5,040	4,843	3,752	3,642
TX	13,034	13,116	9,634	10,302
VA	*6,387	6,277	*4,989	5,097
CA, TN, & WV	11,274	11,364	9,535	9,290
15 State Total	*177,707	176,601	*130,814	135,485
Previous Year	180,373	179,965	129,741	135,777
Pct. of Prev.	99	98	101	100

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 1-Jan-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 140.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 138.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 140.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 127.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.02 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 11/17/99-11/23/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	44.00	46.00	39.90	43.05	42.00	48.50	25.00
GNR W 2	—	—	31.25	32.75	28.50	30.00	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	25.25	27.75	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	54.00	43.50	—	7.50
GL W LG	50.38	52.67	46.43	48.00	40.00	—	20.25
GL W MD	35.00	36.33	19.00	—	24.40	30.25	15.50
GL W SM	22.50	23.50	19.25	20.88	20.00	22.50	9.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.00	36.00	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	22.63	26.20	12.25
NRBS - 45	17.75	19.00	—	—	23.25	25.00	11.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 20-NOV-99

SELECTED CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	LY
ATLANTA	28.8	28.8	0	-13
BOSTON	4.2	4.2	0	-63
CHICAGO	65.8	60.1	9	0
DETROIT	31.1	31.0	0	4
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	99.1	93.0	7	4
NEW ORLEANS	12.7	9.4	35	-27
NEW YORK	41.1	43.0	-4	-15
ST. LOUIS	14.6	14.9	-2	-6
SAN FRANCISCO	25.2	22.6	12	2
TOTAL	322.7	307.1	5	-5
4 WK MVG AVG	297.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 13-Nov-99

	FRYER-ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	0	5,878	4	5,882
AVGWT	0.00	24.82	23.00	24.81
LAST WEEK	0	6,355	15	6,370
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,200	25	5,225
AVGWT	0.00	25.02(A)	25.10	25.02
TO-DATE/1999	55	220,669(A)	1,619	222,343
TO-DATE/1998	72	229,150(A)	1,718	230,940

(A) Includes 682,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,008,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 13-NOV-99 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	HEAD	AVG
NEAST	1,361	42	21.40	NONE	NONE	1,361	21.40
SATL	826	-55	27.19	(A)	(A)	830	27.17
N CENT	2,164	-9	29.08	NONE	NONE	2,164	29.08
S CENT	791	-14	19.14	NONE	NONE	791	19.14
WEST	736	177	22.03	NONE	NONE	736	22.03
U.S.TOTAL	5,878(B)	22	24.82	0	4	5,882	24.81
TO DATE							
1999	220,669(B)			55	1,619	222,343	
TO DATE							
1998	229,150(B)			72	1,718	230,940	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 8,000 for the year 682,000; last year to date 1,008,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 20-Nov-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	145,519(A)	2,080	1,512	3,592	469
AVGWT	4.97	3.42	7.98	5.34	6.74
LAST WEEK	148,379	1,848	1,550	3,398	406
YR AGO	147,385	1,692	1,450	3,142	501
AVGWT	4.98	3.50	7.85	5.52	6.55
TO-DATE/1999	6,977,536	95,265	65,461	160,726	20,304
TO-DATE/1998	6,737,480	92,872	58,184	151,056	20,767

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 140.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 147.3 million head or 6.8 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Nov 27

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/27/99(1)	11/20/99
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	113,450(2)	146,690
LT HENS	1,257	2,049
HVY HENS	870	1,489
TOTAL	115,577	150,228

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Nov-99 is 140.3 million head compared to 112.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 114.8 million head or 25.5 million less than estimated available. For week of 04-Dec-99 the estimated available is 143.6 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
OCTOBER 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
13	150.2	144.2	104	5.02
20	147.3	140.5	105	4.97
YEAR TO DATE	7063.9	6971.5	101	
NOVEMBER 27		140.3		
DECEMBER 4		143.6		

12-CITY COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES

	Change from		
22-Nov-99	15-Nov-99	15-Nov-99	23-Nov-98
60.13	0.49	59.64	63.64

NUMBER OF LOADS 575

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 11/22-11/27/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	51.00-53.00	53.57	46	55.30
Los Angeles	64.00	62.81	61	62.76
New York	57.00-60.00	58.82	34	61.59

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/				
EASTERN REGION 3/	76-80	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-80	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-80	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	71-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-76	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-75	-	-	-

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 22-Nov-99	3,154	103,826	77,476
AM 1-Nov-99	3,633	161,851	82,865
CHG	-479	-58025	-5389
PCT CHG	-13	-36	-7

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY TYPE

11/22/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-14.5(1)	7.5-11	10.35
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	9-19.5(1)	11-13	12.82

11/19/99**LIGHT TYPE**

Eastern	0-0(1)
Eastern	0 2)
So. Central	TFEWR(2)
No. Central	TFEWR(1)
No. Central	0-.5(2)

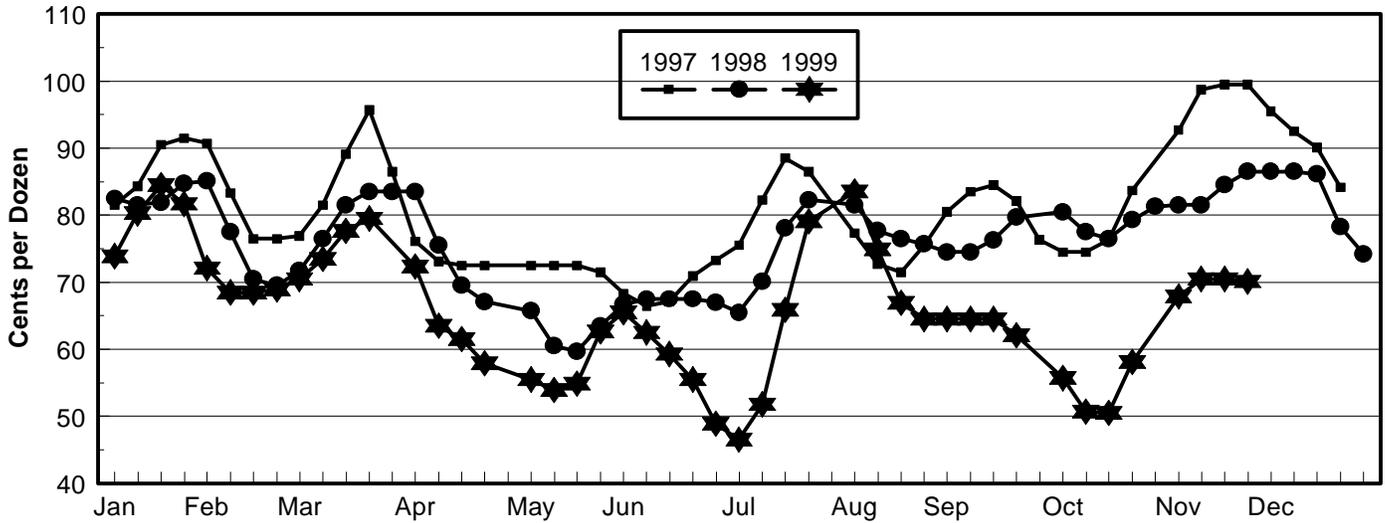
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

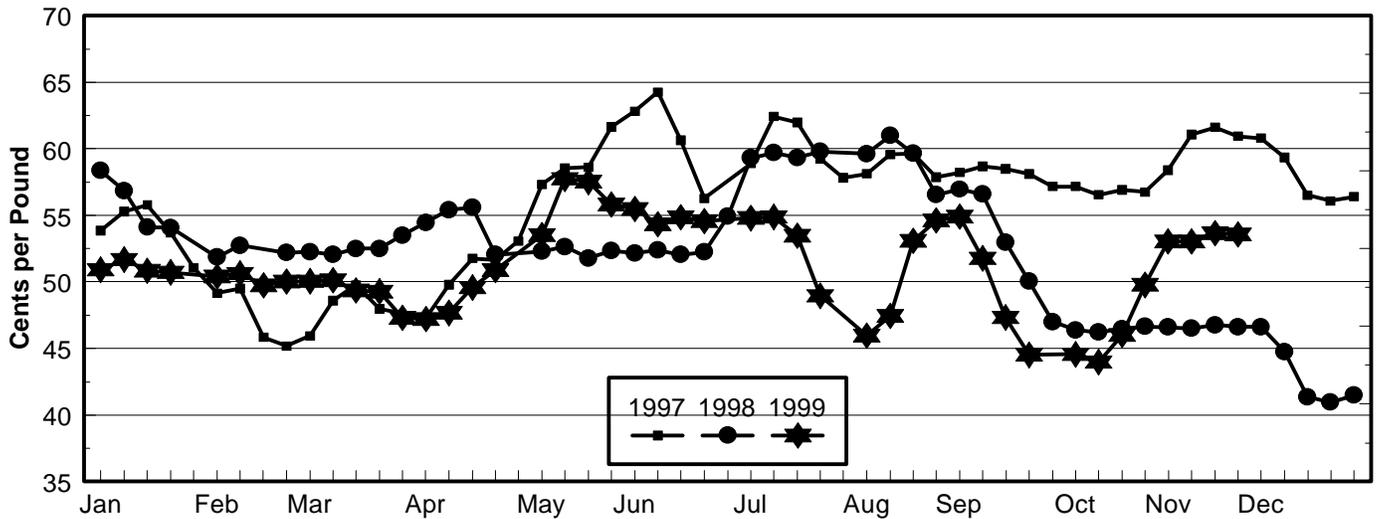
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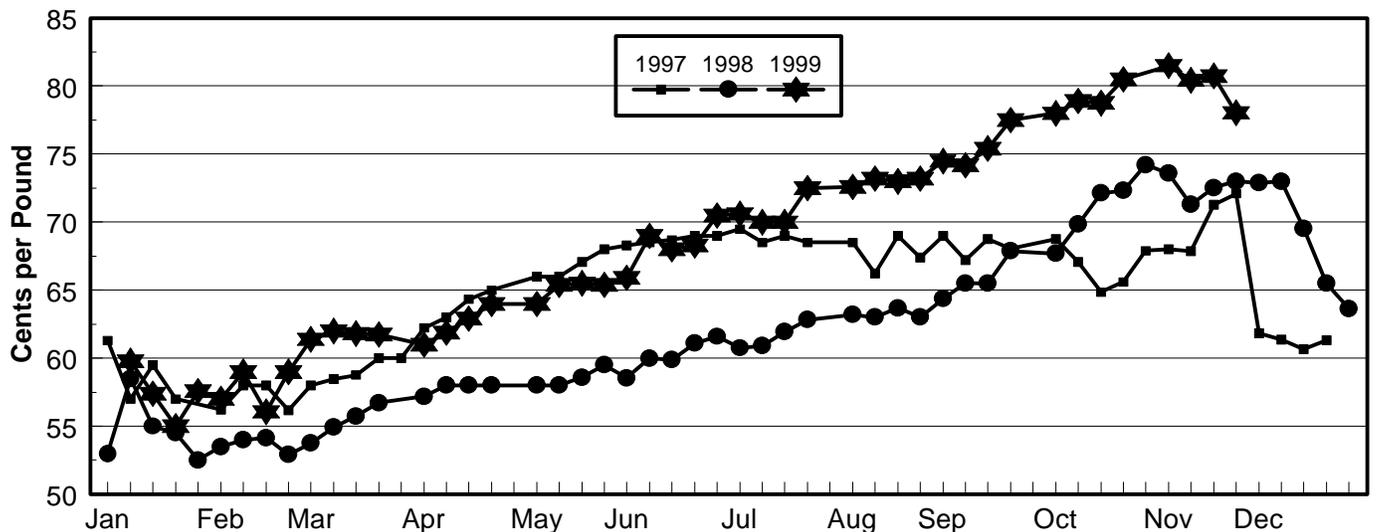
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.