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Prices at the beginning of the week were unchanged to mostly lower throughout the country. Over the course of the week prices were unchanged to sharply declined in the Eastern region and in Chicago and mostly unchanged in other areas. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak, mostly weak. Demand was mixed, light to fairly good with feature activity noted in most areas. Supplies were ample for jumbo, extra large, and large and fully adequate for medium and small. Nest run breaking stock prices were sharply lower throughout the week. Offerings of heavy weight product were fully adequate for current needs. Floor stocks were mixed ranging from in good balance to excessive. The trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady. Light type hens were fully sufficient 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.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	90-98	79-87	61-67
New York	52-54	49-52	40-43
Philadelphia	50-66.5	48-64.5	39-43.5
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	49-50	47.5-49	36-37
Jackson (1)	59-60	56-57	45-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	57-70	54-68	41-55
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	44-49	43-48	32-37
Detroit (2)	46-49	45-48	30-33
Major Ohio Cities (2)	47-52	46-50	31-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	50-57	48-55	34-41
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	65-67	62-63	47-49
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	85	78	65

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

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 26-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	64.12	61.73	44.62
SOUTHERN	70.04	68.34	44.45
MIDWEST	58.84	57.60	35.76
WESTERN	90.64	86.04	61.35
TWELVE METRO AREAS	73.05	70.18	48.56

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

	11-30-99	11-23-99	12-01-98
<b>Large</b>	29-31	36-38	57-59
<b>Medium</b>	16-18	16-18	42-44

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-** AM Nov 29, 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	4.9	8.9	4.9	8.1	7.8	34.6
	Change	-0.4	0.6	0.9	-1.7	1.3	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	27.3	9.5	26.2	19.3	105.5
	Change	-3.0	0.4	0.9	-4.1	-3.2	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	39.1	64.2	61.6	62.5	86.2	313.6
	Change	-6.3	9.1	-9.0	-22.1	-3.8	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	25.8	10.6	20.4	17.8	89.3
	Change	-1.6	-2.3	-2.6	-0.2	-2.0	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	10.2	1.7	4.9	6.3	28.3
	Change	-1.4	0.7	0.6	-0.9	1.3	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.1	28.1	9.6	14.6	7.7	66.1
	Change	2.2	3.7	1.1	-0.1	3.2	18%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	45.6	79.9	26.4	29.8	59.4	241.1
	Change	3.2	28.3	1.9	2.2	16.2	27%
Total	Curr Wk	138.8	244.4	124.3	166.5	204.5	878.5
	Change	-5%	20%	-5%	-14%	7%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	878.5	2%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	460.6	8%	40
Total Shell Egg	1339.1	4%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165.0 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.

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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 27-NOV-99

\*\*\*PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO-DATE 1999 REVISED\*\*\*

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,050,728	23,853	11,862	5,741	2,387	3,561
PW	1,212,503	27,325	12,554	6,632	2,575	3,834
LY	938,449	22,062	8,799	4,827	1,471	2,844
% PW	-13	-13	-6	-13	-7	-7
% LY	12	8	35	19	62	25
1999	52,646,427	1,219,191	509,272	276,182	120,831	167,385
1998	49,793,493	1,141,250	494,410	260,216	116,224	159,519

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**  
**CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST**  
**WEEK WEEK YEAR**  
 42.84 41.52 41.06

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 27-Nov-99  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	242.6	0	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	489.5	-3	11
W.N. CENTRAL	199.3	-2	6
S. ATLANTIC	218.5	0	8
S. CENTRAL	78.5	-3	-8
WEST	218.3	1	-6
TOTAL	1446.7	-1	3

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> <u>15 Selected States</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> <u>in 15 Selected States</u>	
	NOV 20	NOV 27	NOV 20	NOV 27
AL	26,818	28,169	*18,499	19,047
AR	*29,393	29,920	*21,227	21,399
DE	4,358	4,330	5,447	5,688
FL	2,842	2,849	*2,406	2,349
GA	*30,674	30,995	*23,787	23,718
MD	8,590	8,784	5,459	5,358
MS	17,976	17,925	13,332	13,983
NC	17,424	17,738	13,877	13,757
PA	3,701	3,333	2,622	2,818
SC	4,843	4,969	3,642	3,746
TX	*13,479	13,554	*10,347	10,765
VA	6,277	6,250	5,097	5,395
CA, TN, & WV	11,364	11,611	9,290	9,781
15 State Total	*177,739	180,427	*135,032	137,804
Previous Year	179,965	180,153	135,777	136,717
Pct. of Prev.	99	100	99	101

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 8-Jan-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 144.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 140.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 144.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.48 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 11/25/99-12/01/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	33.50	—	29.25	32.00	26.50	—	7.00
GNR W 2	—	—	23.50	25.00	25.50	—	3.00
GNR W 3	20.00	21.00	17.25	19.00	19.67	21.00	7.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	30.59	—	13.25
GL W LG	—	37.00	35.92	35.43	28.47	32.00	14.75
GL W MD	—	29.00	21.00	—	24.71	25.00	11.75
GL W SM	25.33	—	20.50	23.00	21.25	23.50	7.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	16.67	17.67	21.67	24.00	18.50	20.07	32.50
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	23.38	16.60	17.75	17.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 27-Nov-99

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PERCENT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	34.1		28.8		18	1
BOSTON	2.9		4.2		-31	-71
CHICAGO	47.7		65.8		-28	-27
DETROIT	33.6		31.1		8	17
KANSAS CITY	0.1		0.1		0	0
LOS ANGELES	100.7		99.1		2	19
NEW ORLEANS	12.4		11.2		11	-13
NEW YORK	35.0		41.1		-15	-14
ST. LOUIS	17.3		14.6		18	-12
SAN FRANCISCO	27.2		25.2		8	9
TOTAL	311.0		321.2		-3	-3
4 WK MVG AVG	302.3					

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** WEEK ENDING 20-NOV-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1	6,815	30	6,846
AVGWT	15.00	25.27	26.47	25.28
LAST WEEK	0	5,878	4	5,882
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	5,700	35	5,735
AVGWT	0.00	25.27(A)	28.51	25.29
TO-DATE/1999	56	227,484(A)	1,649	229,189
TO-DATE/1998	72	234,850(A)	1,753	236,675

(A) Includes 696,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,023,000 in 1998.

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 20-NOV-99  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL TKY HEAD	TOTAL TKY WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
N EAST	664	-51	22.58	(A)	(A)	666	22.60
S ATL	597	-28	25.62	(A)	(A)	612	25.57
N CENT	3,649	69	27.11	(A)	(A)	3,663	27.12
S CENT	907	15	19.91	NONE	NONE	907	19.91
WEST	998	36	25.02	NONE	NONE	998	25.02
U.S.TOTAL	6,815(B)	41	25.27	1	30	6,846	25.28

TO DATE

1999 227,484(B) 56 1,649 229,189

TO DATE

1998 234,850(B) 72 1,753 236,675

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 14,000 for the year 696,000; last year to date 1023,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 27-Nov-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	109,769 (A)	1,364	846	2,210	387
AVGWT	4.97	3.53	7.92	5.21	6.73
LAST WEEK	145,519	2,080	1,512	3,592	469
YRAGO	111,417	1,364	919	2,283	378
AVGWT	5.13	3.39	7.85	5.18	6.64
TO-DATE/1999	7,087,305	96,629	66,307	162,936	20,691
TO-DATE/1998	6,848,897	94,236	59,103	153,339	21,145

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 140.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 111.1 million head or 29.2 million head less than or 79 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Dec 04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/04/99(1)	11/27/99
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	153,842(2)	113,450
LT HENS	2,054	1,257
HVY HENS	1,533	870
TOTAL	157,429	115,577

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Dec-99 is 143.6 million head compared to 154.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.7 million head or 12.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 11-Dec-99 the estimated available is 144.1 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
OCTOBER	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
	27	111.1	140.3	79	4.97
YEAR TO DATE		7175.0	7111.8	101	
DECEMBER	4		143.6		
	11		144.1		

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

Change from			
	29-Nov-99	22-Nov-99	30-Nov-98
	59.82	-0.31	62.69
NUMBER OF LOADS	678		

**MONTHLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYER**

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
NOVEMBER	59.52	2737.20

**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 11/29-12/04/99.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	51.00-53.00	53.53	46	55.67
Los Angeles	64.00	62.74	61	62.57
New York	57.00-60.00	57.47	34	60.32

**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)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	73-79	73	73.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-76	75	75.00	22
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	68-69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	66-72	-	-	-

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	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 29-Nov-99	3,099	92,204	73,809
AM 1-Nov-99	3,633	161,851	82,865
CHG	-534	-69647	-9056
PCT CHG	-15	-43	-11

**HEN MARKETS**

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
11/29/99			
Southeast	7.5-16.5(1)	8-14.5	11.00
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	9-19.5(1)	10-14	13.34
11/26/99			
Eastern	0-0(1)		
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So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.5(2)		

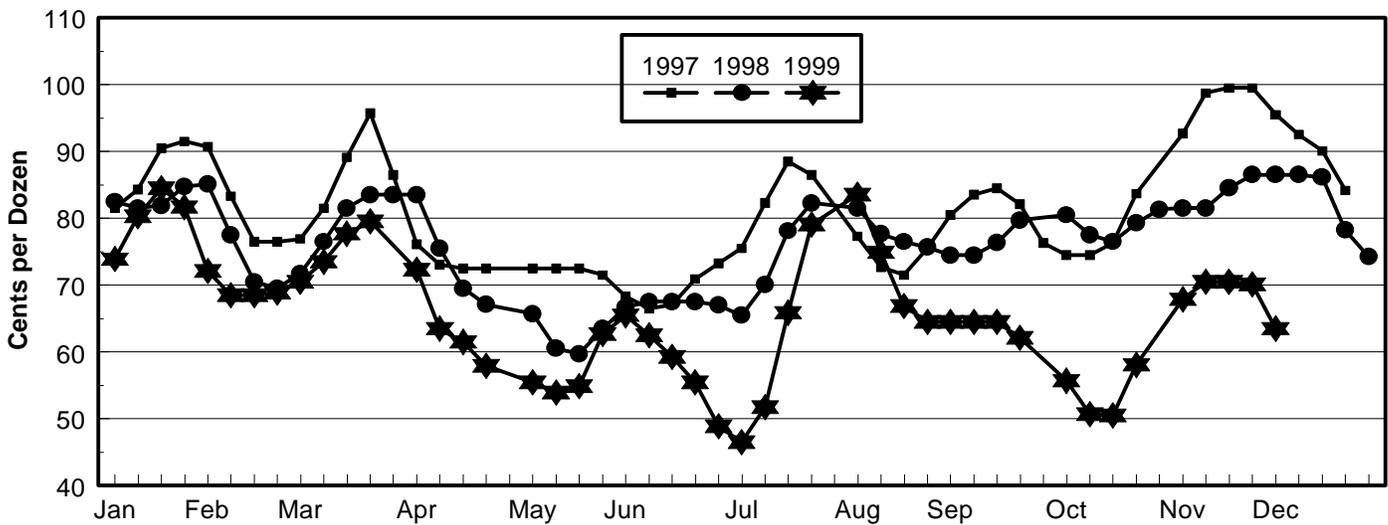
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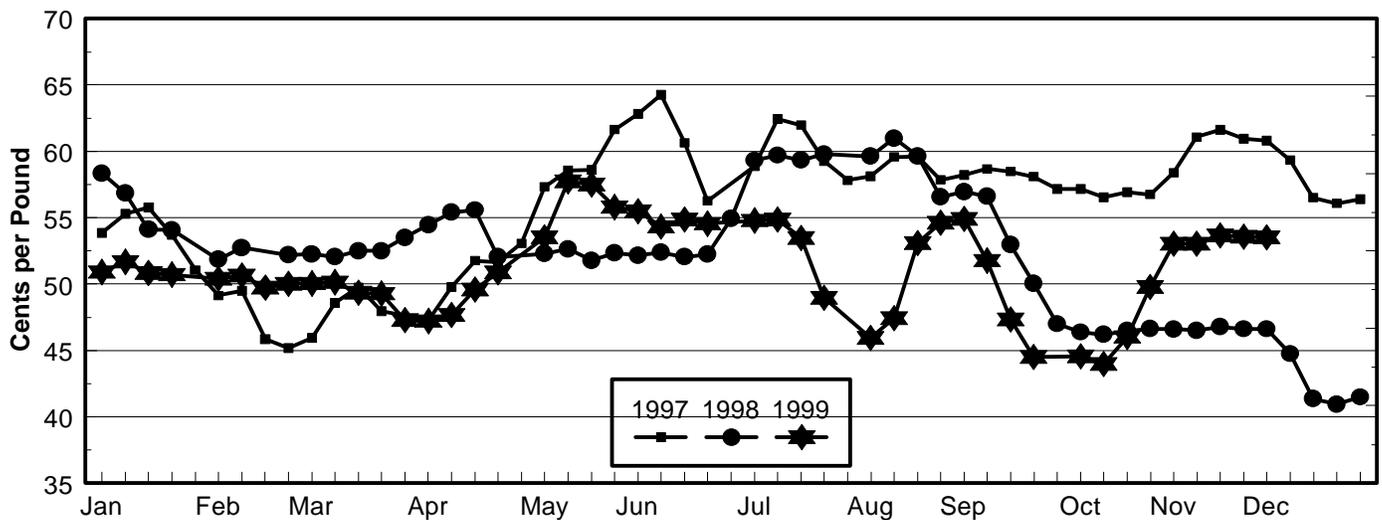
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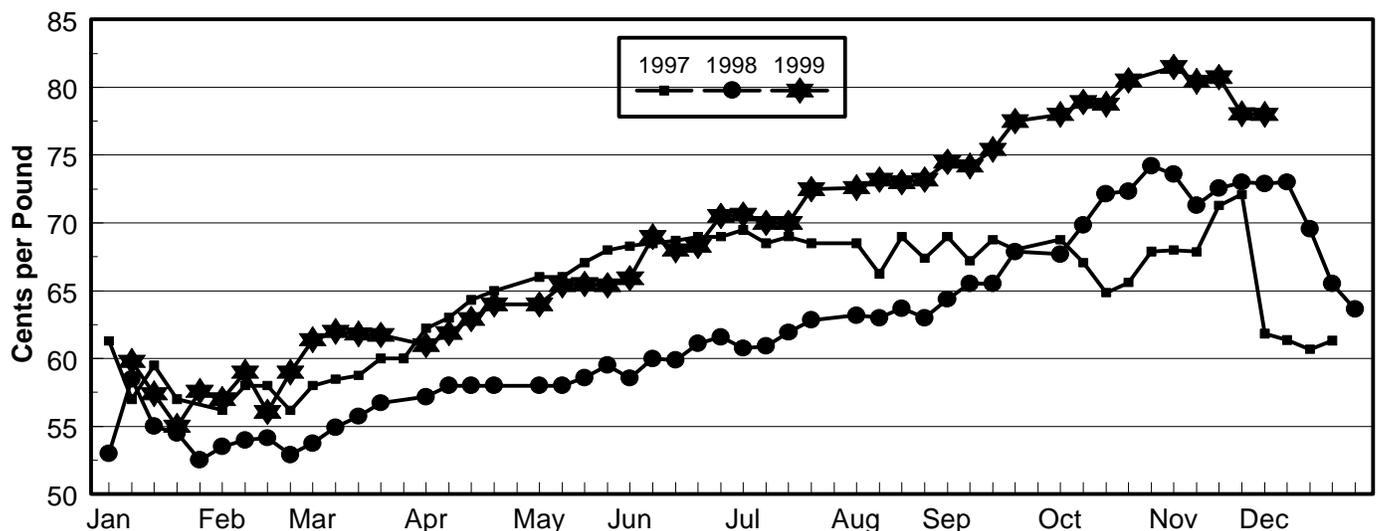
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.