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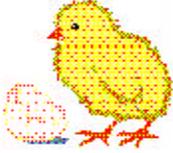
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At the beginning of the week prices were unchanged to higher throughout the country and continued the period unchanged to higher in Chicago and New York and unchanged elsewhere. The trade sentiment was firm. Demand was usually good to very good into retail sectors with the best movement being stimulated by features either planned or in progress. Food service movement was usually moderate to instances good. Supplies were about adequate to instances tight and confidently held. Offerings of breaking stock were adequate to instances tight with demand light to moderate at times. Breakers were watching inventories closely and purchasing for immediate needs with some breakers diverting into graded channels and buying nest run breaking stock at the high side of the current range. Floor stocks were mixed from in close balance to ample. The trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Light type hens were at least adequate to ample for current processor 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	93-106	82-95	60-64
New York	73-75	70-73	51-54
Philadelphia	52.5-73	50.5-71	40-51
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	46-47	44.5-46	36-37
Jackson (1)	56-57	53-54	45-46
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	56-69	53-67	41-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	57-62	56-61	41-46
Detroit (2)	43-46	42-45	30-33
Major Ohio Cities (2)	44-49	43-47	31-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	45-52	34-41
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	64-65	59-61	48-49
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	84	77	69

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Dec-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	55.13	52.76	42.01
SOUTHERN	49.14	47.24	39.79
MIDWEST	43.86	42.68	32.88
WESTERN	70.39	65.67	57.22
TWELVE METRO AREAS	57.51	54.60	45.18

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

	12-14-99	12-07-99	12-15-98
Large	27-28	22-24	57-59
Medium	17-19	14-16	37-39

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

		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT				
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.3	9.3	5.3	21.2	6.7	47.8
	Change	-0.3	2.1	0.8	10.1	-0.3	35%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	21.2	12.3	25.8	18.9	101.7
	Change	-2.2	-11.0	2.6	-1.9	-10.5	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	48.9	62.3	52.2	70.3	84.2	317.9
	Change	5.7	-6.7	-1.7	-2.1	-2.2	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.8	28.9	11.7	24.7	19.0	97.1
	Change	-5.3	-3.1	0.4	-3.3	-0.1	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.3	4.1	3.7	7.9	6.5	25.5
	Change	-1.3	-1.7	1.5	1.2	-0.5	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	24.0	8.1	12.0	5.0	54.1
	Change	0.3	4.5	2.9	0.2	-0.2	17%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.4	58.2	21.5	24.4	49.0	189.5
	Change	-4.1	-19.8	2.2	-3.6	-4.7	-14%
Total	Curr Wk	135.2	208.0	114.8	186.3	189.3	833.6
	Change	-5%	-15%	8%	0%	-9%	-6%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	833.6	-6%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	475.7	-4%	40

Total Shell Egg 1309.3 -5% 205

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-DEC-99

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,252,677	28,840	12,003	6,585	2,738	4,170
PW	1,256,059	27,735*	12,122*	7,308	2,594	4,091
LY	1,123,142	25,651	11,100	5,839	2,093	3,591
% PW	0	4	-1	-10	6	2
% LY	12	12	8	13	31	16
1999	55,155,163	1,269,101*	528,840*	289,828*	126,163	175,646
1998	52,000,419	1,191,967	515,950	271,469	120,501	166,689

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
41.19	40.81	41.12

* Revisions previous week liquid whole and white, year to date for liquid whole, white and yolk.*

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 11-DEC-99
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	253.1	2	3
E.N. CENTRAL	485.1	0	3
W.N. CENTRAL	198.2	0	5
S. ATLANTIC	218.8	-2	1
S. CENTRAL	79.8	2	0
WEST	210.5	-1	-9
TOTAL	1,445.5	0	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		90	93

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	DEC 04	DEC 11	DEC 04	DEC 11
	Thousand			
AL	*27,954	28,338	*19,976	19,792
AR	29,683	30,315	23,148	23,783
DE	*4,456	4,326	*4,965	4,990
FL	2,696	2,615	2,687	2,559
GA	*31,639	31,136	*24,770	24,152
MD	*8,683	8,583	*5,798	5,681
MS	*17,898	18,203	*14,029	13,381
NC	17,881	17,443	13,799	13,774
PA	*3,520	3,718	*2,637	2,827
SC	4,661	4,838	3,752	3,698
TX	13,630	13,686	11,117	10,776
VA	6,335	6,368	*5,681	5,254
CA, TN, & WV	10,616	11,361	*10,253	10,115
15 State Total	*179,652	180,930	*142,612	140,782
Previous Year	175,890	180,668	142,295	142,208
Pct. of Prev.	102	100	100	99

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 22-Jan-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 149.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 146.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.26 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/09/99-12/15/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	35.40	42.00	35.83	37.68	42.04	—	34.00
GNR W 2	—	37.60	30.50	37.75	29.25	—	9.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	26.50	28.50	4.00
GNR W 4	—	—	18.67	20.50	16.57	18.30	11.00
GL W XL	—	43.00	—	56.00	45.33	41.25	6.75
GL W LG	—	47.50	40.00	42.00	47.53	48.00	17.00
GL W MD	—	—	26.63	28.20	30.50	34.00	19.50
GL W SM	—	—	21.00	22.50	—	—	2.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.25	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	24.10	30.00	7.00

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

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING THOUSANDS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
				PW	LY
ATLANTA		28.8	27.3	5	-4
BOSTON		3.3	3.5	-6	-62
CHICAGO		50.0	49.9	4	-11
DETROIT		40.4	29.0	39	18
KANSAS CITY		0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES		101.6	77.4	31	16
NEW ORLEANS		14.0	11.7	20	-3
NEW YORK		39.1	41.3	-5	-4
ST. LOUIS		15.7	16.7	-6	15
SAN FRANCISCO		22.4	19.2	17	-6
TOTAL		315.4	276.1	14	2
4 WK MVG AVG		305.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 04-Dec-99

	FRYER- ROASTERS	YOUNG TURKEYS	OLD BANDED	TOTAL
HEAD	0	5,287	75	5,362
AVG WT	0.00	24.82	26.29	24.84
LAST WEEK	0	3,310	46	3,356
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	3,971	27	3,998
AVG WT	0.00	26.09(A)	25.37	26.08
TO-DATE/1999	56	236,081(A)	1,770	237,907
TO-DATE/1998	72	243,006(A)	1,807	244,885

(A) Includes 731,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,035,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 04-DEC-99
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL TKY	
	THOUSAND	PW AVG			THOUSAND	WT
N EAST	979	-5 21.40	(A)	(A)	991	21.43
S ATL	724	70 29.35	(A)	(A)	758	29.15
N CENT	2,511	99 26.27	(A)	(A)	2,524	26.25
S CENT	757	123 20.68	NONE	NONE	757	20.68
WEST	316	27 23.45	(A)	(A)	332	23.93
U.S.TOTAL	5,287(B)	10 24.82	0	75	5,362	24.84

TO DATE

1999 236,081 (B) 56 1,770 237,907

TO DATE

1998 243,006 (B) 72 1,807 244,885

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 14,000 for the year 731,000; last year to date 1,035,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-Dec-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,438(A)	2,167	1,425	3,592	545
AVG WT	5.01	3.41	7.93	5.20	6.69
LAST WEEK	154,008	2,090	1,439	3,529	489
YR AGO	148,532	2,379	1,277	3,656	469
AVG WT	5.09	3.45	7.83	4.98	6.60
TO-DATE/1999	7,392,751	100,886	69,171	170,057	21,725
TO-DATE/1998	7,149,607	98,806	61,677	160,483	22,045

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 144.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.3 million head or 9.2 million head more than or 106 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING Dec 18

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/18/99(1)	12/11/99
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	156,830(2)	152,367
LT HENS	2,153	2,146
HVY HENS	1,513	1,468
TOTAL	160,496	155,981

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Dec-99 is 139.5 million head compared to 156.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.7 million head or 19.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 25-Dec-99 the estimated available is 137.9 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
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
DECEMBER 4	155.9	143.6	109	5.08
11	153.3	144.1	106	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	7484.2	7399.5	101	
DECEMBER 18		139.5		
25		137.9		

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

13-Dec-99	Change from		
	6-Dec-99	6-Dec-99	14-Dec-98
58.11	-0.51	58.62	60.02

NUMBER OF LOADS 614

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 12/13-12/18/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	50.00-52.00	51.91	48	54.43	79	
Los Angeles	64.00	62.71	64	61.71	125	
New York	49.00-54.00	51.50	42	56.61	84	

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/	72-77	74	74.00	12
CENTRAL REGION 4/	71-75	72.5-75	73.25	57
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-77	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	65-69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	64-68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	65-70	-	-	-

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 13-Dec-99	3,778	66,705	77,566
AM 1-Dec-99	3,309	82,430	74,738
CHG	469	-15725	2828
PCT CHG	14	-19	4

HEN MARKETS

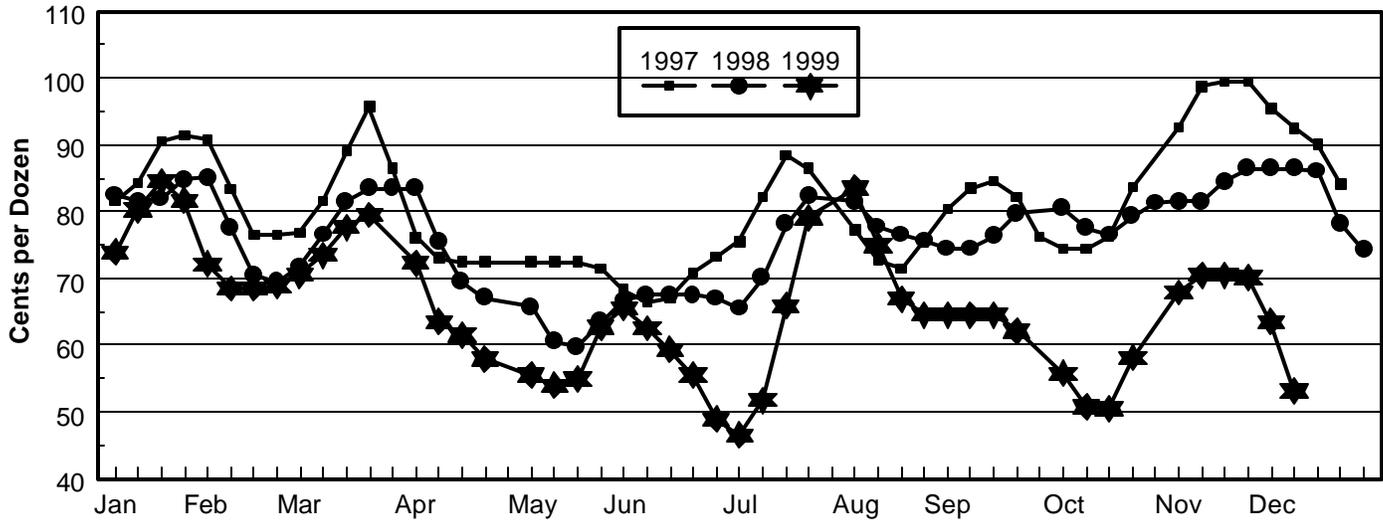
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

12/13/99	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	6-16.5(1)	8-14.5	10.53
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-19.5(1)	10-15	14.59
12/10/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)		
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading			
(2) At Farm Producer Loading			

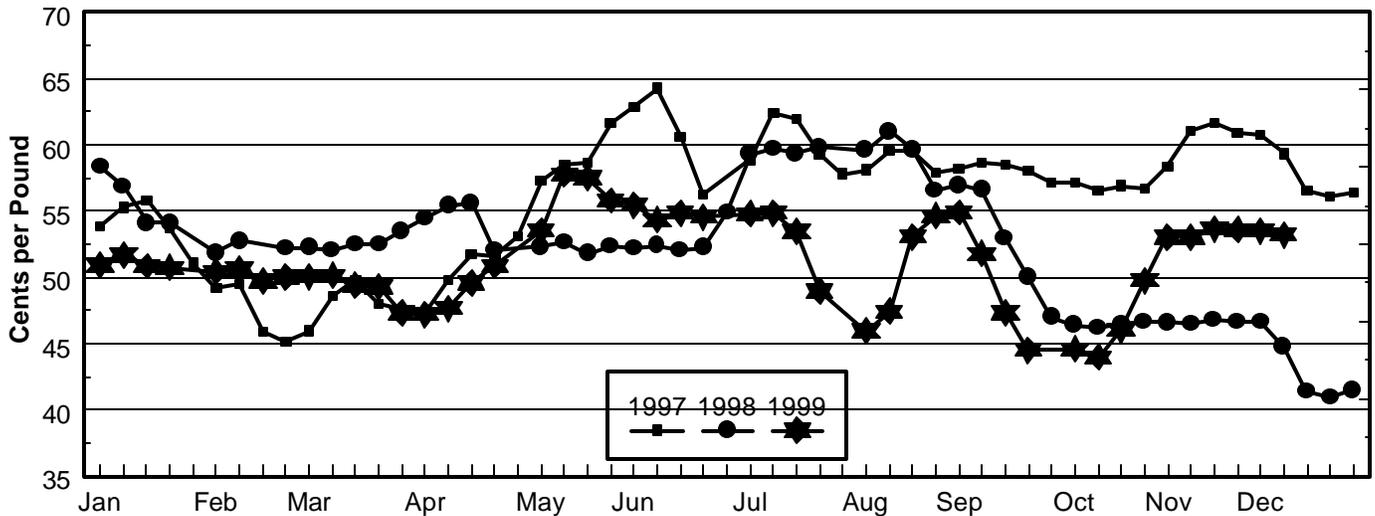
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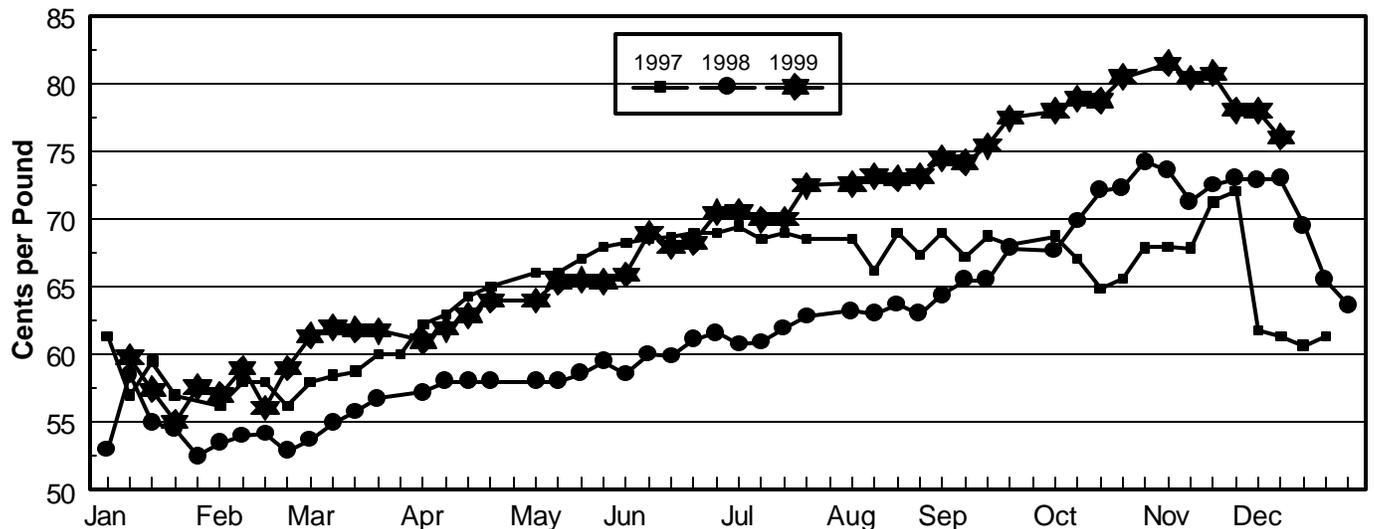
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.