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Prices were higher throughout the country at the beginning of the period. During the week, prices in the eastern region and Chicago were higher and elsewhere were unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Demand was seasonally good to excellent into retail channels with the best interest where features were a factor. Food service movement was usually moderate to instances good. Supplies of the larger sizes were about adequate to instances tight, and smaller sizes no more than adequate to in close balance. Offerings of breaking stock were adequate with most breakers not seeking additional nest run product. Most plants were working reduced schedules this week. The trade sentiment was steady. Light type hens supplies were fully adequate for current slaughter 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)	109-118	98-107	63-65
New York	81-83	78-81	58-61
Philadelphia	65-81	63-79	47-58
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	62-63	60.5-62	45-46
Jackson (1)	74-75	71-72	55-56
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-85	69-83	51-65
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	69-74	68-73	48-53
Detroit (2)	61-64	60-63	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59.5-65	58-63	40-45
Major Wisconsin Cities	65-72	63-70	44-51
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	80-81	75-77	58-59
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	103	96	85

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

### SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 23-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	77.37	75.00	54.93
SOUTHERN	70.14	68.24	51.52
MIDWEST	65.31	63.99	44.86
WESTERN	94.96	90.12	78.08
TWELVE METRO AREAS	80.34	77.35	60.74

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

	12-21-99	12-14-99	12-22-98
Large	44-46	27-28	53-55
Medium	26-28	17-19	27-29

### WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Dec 20, 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	4.6	9.3	5.8	10.9	7.4	38.0
	Change	-0.7	0.0	0.5	-10.3	0.7	-21%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.2	20.0	8.8	20.9	17.3	83.2
	Change	-7.3	-1.2	-3.5	-4.9	-1.6	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	31.9	44.4	51.1	58.6	69.2	255.2
	Change	-17.0	-17.9	-1.1	-11.7	-15.0	-20%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	30.0	10.6	16.6	18.7	88.8
	Change	0.1	1.1	-1.1	-8.1	-0.3	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	2.0	3.3	3.4	6.0	6.4	21.1
	Change	-1.3	-0.8	-0.3	-1.9	-0.1	-17%
Misc	Curr Wk	14.3	18.9	8.1	11.3	5.0	57.6
	Change	9.3	-5.1	0.0	-0.7	0.0	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	25.0	41.6	13.7	20.0	42.7	143.0
	Change	-11.4	-16.6	-7.8	-4.4	-6.3	-25%
Total	Curr Wk	106.9	167.5	101.5	144.3	166.7	686.9
	Change	-21%	-19%	-12%	-23%	-12%	-18%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	686.9	-18%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	388.0	-18%	40

Total Shell Egg 1074.9 -18% 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.

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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.

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**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-99

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,197,215	27,472	11,206	6,834	2,755	3,942
PW	1,252,677	28,840	12,003	6,585	2,738	4,170
LY	1,088,886	25,681	10,180	5,623	2,732	3,569
% PW	-4	-5	-7	4	1	-5
% LY	10	7	10	22	1	10
1999	56,352,378	1,296,573	540,046	296,662	128,918	179,588
1998	53,089,305	1,217,648	526,130	277,092	123,233	170,258

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.31	41.19	41.38

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

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	239.8	-5	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	480.1	-1	9
W.N. CENTRAL	190.4	-4	6
S. ATLANTIC	225.9	3	-1
S. CENTRAL	79.3	-1	13
WEST	208.3	-1	-11
TOTAL	1423.8	-2	2

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Dec 11	Dec 18 Thousand	Dec 11	Dec 18
AL	28,338	28,275	19,792	20,669
AR	30,315	30,644	*24,619	24,092
DE	4,326	4,088	*5,096	4,887
FL	2,615	2,591	2,559	2,268
GA	*31,129	31,565	*24,217	24,749
MD	*8,523	8,659	*5,761	6,403
MS	18,203	17,685	13,381	14,763
NC	17,443	17,931	*13,623	14,067
PA	3,718	3,698	*2,824	2,741
SC	*4,836	4,980	*3,851	3,791
TX	13,686	14,714	10,776	10,830
VA	6,368	6,404	*5,285	4,939
CA, TN, & WV	11,361	10,928	10,115	10,745
15 State Total	*180,861	182,162	*141,899	144,944
Previous Year	180,668	180,235	142,208	143,605
Pct. of Prev.	100	101	100	101

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 29-Jan-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 151.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.89 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES -** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/16/99-12/22/99

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	49.71	52.46	50.83	52.92	49.44	50.93	63.50
GNR W 2	—	46.00	46.75	41.17	40.56	51.00	15.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	26.00	28.00	6.00
GL W XL	63.00	65.00	—	64.30	60.50	—	6.00
GL W LG	63.00	65.00	—	63.17	62.83	62.00	11.50
GL W MD	—	—	37.88	39.50	44.25	—	14.00
GL W SM	22.00	23.00	24.92	26.42	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	28.00	—	—	12.50

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

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	32.6	28.8	13 -2
BOSTON	3.6	3.3	9 -60
CHICAGO	63.4	50.0	4 13
DETROIT	45.9	40.4	14 30
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0 0
LOS ANGELES	100.3	101.6	-1 11
NEW ORLEANS	12.4	14.0	-11 -23
NEW YORK	47.6	39.1	22 0
ST. LOUIS	15.3	15.7	-3 -6
SAN FRANCISCO	24.4	22.4	9 4
TOTAL	345.6	315.4	10 5
4 WK MVG AVG	312.0		

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 11-Dec-99

	FRYER-	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	
THOUSANDS				
HEAD	0	4,55	147	4,598
AVG WT	0.00	24.62	26.81	24.65
LAST WEEK	0	5,287	75	5,362
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	7,935	31	7,966
AVG WT	0.00	23.56(A)	26.42	23.57
TO-DATE/1999	56	240,632(A)	1,817	242,505
TO-DATE/1998	72	250,941(A)	1,838	252,851

(A) Includes 731,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,074,000 in 1998.

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 11-Dec-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							
N EAST	844	-14	21.26	(A)	(A)	859	21.32
S ATL	521	-28	24.91	(A)	(A)	550	25.05
N CENT	2,130	-15	26.90	(A)	(A)	2,131	26.91
S CENT	492	-35	23.15	NONE	NONE	492	23.15
WEST	564	78	22.07	(A)	(A)	566	22.09
U.S. TOTAL	4,551(B)	-6	24.62	0	47	4,598	24.65
TO DATE							
1999	240,632(B)			56	1,817	242,505	
TO DATE							
1998	250,941(B)			72	1,838	252,851	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 0 for the year 731,000; last year to date 1,074,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	149,008 (A)	2,594	2,544	5,138	384
AVG WT	5.05	3.40	7.70	5.53	6.95
LAST WEEK	151,438	2,167	1,425	3,592	545
YR AGO	154,374	2,562	1,395	3,957	509
AVG WT	5.02	3.36	7.96	4.98	6.72
TO-DATE/1999	7,541,759	103,480	71,715	175,195	22,109
TO-DATE/1998	7,303,981	101,368	63,072	164,440	22,554

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 139.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.8 million head or 11.3 million head more than or 108 percent of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Dec-99

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/25/99(1)	12/18/99
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	120,987(2)	156,830
LT HENS	1,717	2,153
HVY HENS	1,170	1,513
TOTAL	123,874	160,496

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Dec-99 is 137.9 million head compared to 108.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 122.5 million head or 15.4 million less than estimated available. For week of 01-Jan-00 the estimated available is 140.4 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
NOVEMBER 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
18	150.8	139.5	108	5.05
YEAR TO DATE	7635.0	7539.0	101	
DECEMBER 25		137.9		
JANUARY 1		140.4		

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

	Change from			
	13-Dec-99	13-Dec-99	21-Dec-98	
20-Dec-99	58.10	-0.01	58.11	59.63

NUMBER OF LOADS 599

**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 12/20-12/25/99.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	49.00-52.00	51.95	49	54.20	77
Los Angeles	64.00	63.17	57	62.28	114
New York	49.00-54.00	50.67	57	55.49	101

**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/	64-73	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-71	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-73	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	62-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-67	-	-	-

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-Dec-99	3,634	65,265	79,861
AM 1-Dec-99	3,309	82,430	74,738
CHG	325	-17165	5123
PCT CHG	10	-21	7

**HEN MARKETS**

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE			
	12/20/99	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast		8-16.5(1)	8.25-14.5	11.10
Southeast		TFEWR(2)		
South Central		9-19.5(1)	10-13	13.25
<b>12/17/99 LIGHT TYPE</b>				
Eastern		0-0(1)		
Eastern		0 2)		
So. Central		TFEWR(2)		
No. Central		TFEWR(1)		
No. Central		0-5(2)		

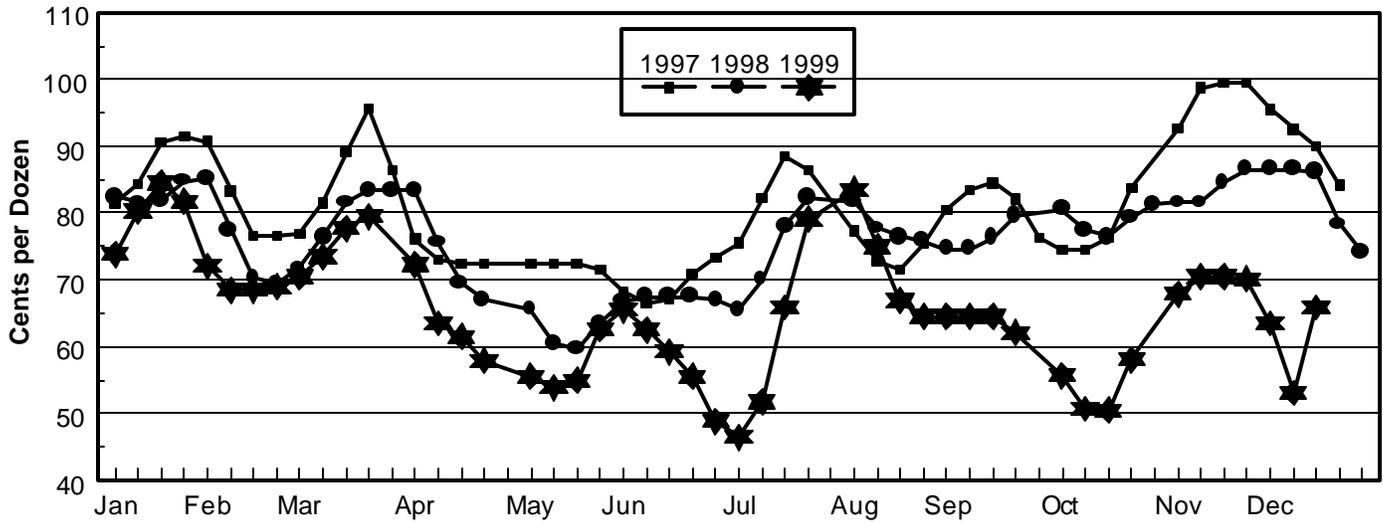
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

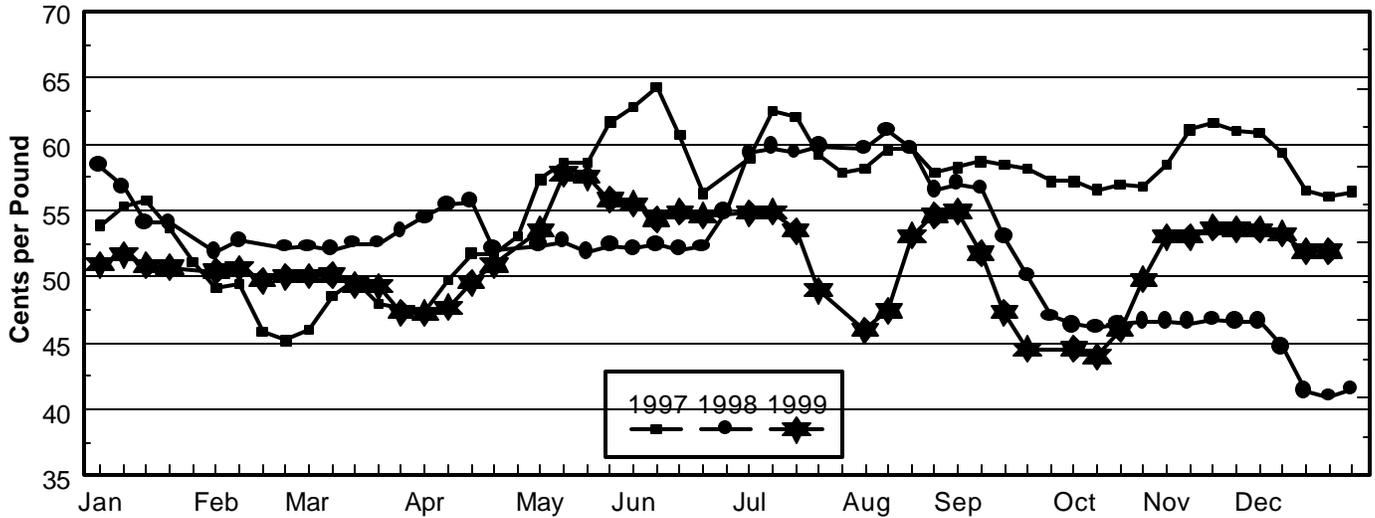
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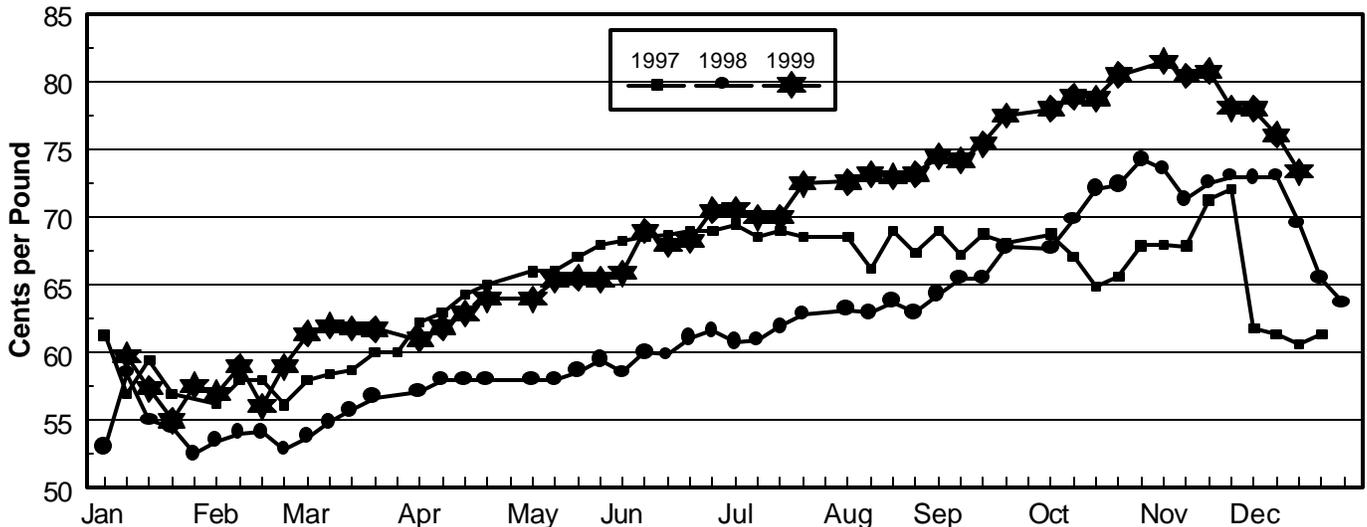
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.