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At the beginning of the week, prices were slightly higher in Philadelphia and were unchanged elsewhere. During the week prices in the Eastern region and in Chicago were sharply lower for the larger sizes and slightly lower for medium and small. Prices were unchanged in other areas during the week. The market tone was weak and unsettled. Retail demand was light to fair at best with some additional interest coming from limited feature activity. Food service movement was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to readily available for current needs. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged throughout the week. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate trading and demand. Breakers were generally satisfied with regular commitments and company owned production. Occasional buyers bid higher for extra product. 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	108-119	97-108	61-65
New York	67-69	64-67	53-56
Philadelphia	65-81	63-79	52-58
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	71-72	69.5-71	53-54
Jackson (1)	81-82	78-79	62-63
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	80-93	77-91	57-71
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	45-50
Detroit (2)	67-70	66-69	46-49
Major Ohio Cities (2)	68-73	67-71	47-52
Major Wisconsin Cities	71-78	69-76	50-57
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	88-89	83-85	64-65
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	110	103	92

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 30-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	81.26	78.88	58.70
SOUTHERN	75.35	73.30	56.07
MIDWEST	71.24	70.00	50.64
WESTERN	100.87	97.25	84.95
TWELVE METRO AREAS	85.60	83.07	66.24

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

	01-04-00	12-28-99	01-05-99
Large	50-52	50-52	43-45
Medium	32-34	32-34	24-26

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Jan 3, 2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	4.8	10.0	6.0	8.2	8.4	37.4
	Change	0.2	0.1	0.2	-0.3	-0.1	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.7	24.8	10.0	21.8	16.9	92.2
	Change	3.0	1.6	2.8	6.9	-1.1	17%
Large	Curr Wk	31.6	67.8	51.1	48.7	72.1	271.3
	Change	7.7	-4.3	12.1	-3.1	4.0	6%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.3	32.8	14.4	15.1	18.5	94.1
	Change	0.6	1.6	1.6	-3.4	-1.5	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	2.7	5.0	3.3	7.3	5.6	23.9
	Change	0.1	-0.4	-0.5	0.9	0.1	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	19.9	7.1	10.0	6.2	49.5
	Change	0.5	1.0	-0.6	-1.6	-1.2	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.9	70.2	16.4	24.9	51.8	201.2
	Change	7.3	29.8	-1.0	3.8	3.9	28%
Total	Curr Wk	115.3	230.5	108.3	136.0	179.5	769.6
	Change	20%	15%	16%	2%	2%	10%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	769.6	10%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	424.6	5%	40
Total Shell Egg	1194.2	8%	208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168.0 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 01-JAN-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,034,477	23,017	10,421	5,618	2,587	3,507
PW	*943423	*21082	*9319	*5268	*2205	*3226
LY	891,010	20,773	8,797	4,781	2,433	2,940
% PW	10	9	12	7	17	9
% LY	16	11	18	18	6	19
1999	*57,386,855	*1,292,590	*550,467	*302,280	*131,505	*183,095
1998	53,980,315	1,238,421	534,927	281,873	125,666	173,198
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.14	41.23	41.85			

*Revisions for previous week and year to date.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 01-Jan-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	245.4	-6	4
E.N. CENTRAL	491.3	3	14
W.N. CENTRAL	250.9	-1	11
S. ATLANTIC	213.3	-3	5
S. CENTRAL	79.1	0	0
*WEST	202.3	-1	-9
TOTAL	1482.3	-1	6
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		93	93

*Correction for 30-Dec-99, Western Region should be 205.0

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	DEC 25, 99	JAN 01, 00	DEC 25, 99	JAN 01, 00
AL	*28,230	28,442	*20,974	20,993
AR	30,429	30,368	23,503	23,889
DE	4,328	4,324	*5,064	5,526
FL	2,682	2,637	2,470	2,379
GA	31,283	31,674	*25,226	24,125
MD	8,552	8,776	*6,174	5,513
MS	*17,281	18,051	*14,404	14,939
NC	17,682	17,650	13,613	13,465
PA	*3,485	3,676	*2,633	2,900
SC	4,962	4,778	4,070	4,402
TX	*14,057	13,893	*10,767	10,831
VA	*6,343	6,385	*5,192	5,169
CA, TN, & WV	*10,658	11,394	*9,187	10,537
15 State Total	*179,972	182,048	*143,277	144,668
Previous Year	179,725	178,719	139,166	141,868
Pct. of Prev.	100	102	103	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 12-Feb-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 153.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.45 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/30/99-01/05/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	53.00	49.50	44.58	49.33	48.50	—	22.00
GNR W 2	—	41.00	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR W 3	—	34.00	—	—	25.83	28.50	6.25
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.00	24.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	—	53.20	48.15	—	12.00
GL W LG	—	44.00	—	54.50	47.69	56.00	20.00
GL W MD	—	44.00	34.80	37.20	33.00	—	22.50
GL W SM	—	23.00	21.67	24.75	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	28.00	7.00
NRBS - 48	—	30.00	29.00	30.00	27.00	29.00	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 01-Jan-00**SELECTED**

CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW LY
ATLANTA	26.8	33.3	-20 -22
BOSTON	3.5	4.2	-17 -61
CHICAGO	62.8	58.6	7 26
DETROIT	39.1	38.2	2 24
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0 0
LOS ANGELES	99.3	96.8	3 13
NEW ORLEANS	12.4	13.2	-6 -1
NEW YORK	36.2	43.5	-17 0
ST. LOUIS	15.8	15.9	-1 10
SAN FRANCISCO	23.0	25.9	-11 -5
TOTAL	319.0	329.7	-3 6
4 WK MVG AVG	310.1		

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

Week Ending 25-Dec-99

	FRYER-		YOUNG OLD	
	ROASTERS	TURKEYS	BANDED	TOTAL
HEAD	0	2,988	59	3,047
AVG WT	0.00	26.57	27.47	26.58
LAST WEEK	0	3,962	44	4,006
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	3,776	23	3,799
AVG WT	0.00	24.74(A)	25.13	24.75
TO-DATE/1999	56	247,582(A)	1,920	249,558
TO-DATE/1998	72	258,953(A)	1,896	260,921

(A) Includes 761,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 1,096,000 in 1998.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 25-DEC-99 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
N EAST	709	0	21.23	(A)	(A)	722	21.31
S ATL	397	0	30.18	(A)	(A)	414	29.94
N CENT	1,281	0	31.00	(A)	(A)	1,306	30.98
S CENT	367	0	21.29	NONE	NONE	367	21.29
WEST	234	0	20.57	(A)	(A)	238	20.79
U.S.TOTAL	2,988(B)-38	26.57		0	59	3,047	26.58

TO DATE

1999 247,582(B) 56 1,920 249,558

TO DATE

1998 258,953(B) 72 1,896 260,921

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 21,000 for the year 761,000; last year to date 1,096,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-Jan-00 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	127,584(A)	1,596	980	2,576	333
AVG WT	4.89	3.42	6.98	4.77	6.65
LAST WEEK	117,493	1,694	1,052	2,746	456
YR AGO	125,827	1,836	1,051	2,887	461
AVG WT	4.92	3.42	7.66	4.96	6.72
TO-DATE/1999	7,786,836	106,770	72,855	179,625	22,898
TO-DATE/1998	7,536,658	104,632	65,049	169,681	23,512

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 140.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 129.1 million head or 11.3 million head less than or 92 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Jan-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	01/08/00(1)	01/01/00
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	157,538(2)	124,759
LT HENS	2,089	1,582
HVY HENS	1,691	1,093
TOTAL	161,318	127,434

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Jan-00 is 144.3 million head compared to 150.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.5 million head or 15.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 15-Jan-00 the estimated available is 148.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 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
25	118.9	137.9	86	5.05
JANUARY 1	129.1	140.4	92	4.89
YEAR TO DATE	7883.0	7817.3	101	
JANUARY 7		144.3		
14		148.5		

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

	Change from		
3-Jan-00	27-Dec-99	27-Dec-99	4-Jan-99
58.06	0.15	57.91	59.48
NUMBER OF LOADS	597		

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 01/03/00-01/08/00.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	49.00-52.00	52.20	50	54.85	84
Los Angeles	64.00	63.25	58	62.57	118
New York	50.00-55.00	52.13	40	55.33	70

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/	61-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-64	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	60-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-63	-	-	-

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 3-Jan-00	4,288	65,047	75,162
AM 1-Dec-99	3,309	82,430	74,738
CHG	979	-17383	424
PCT CHG	30	-21	1

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 31, 1999 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on

January 1, 1999 are:

FROZEN EGGS	11	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.01 PCT
TURKS	197	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.98 PCT
POP	798	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.97 PCT

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

01/03/00	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-16.5(1)	8-11	10.01
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-16(1)	9-11	11.11
12/30/99	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)		

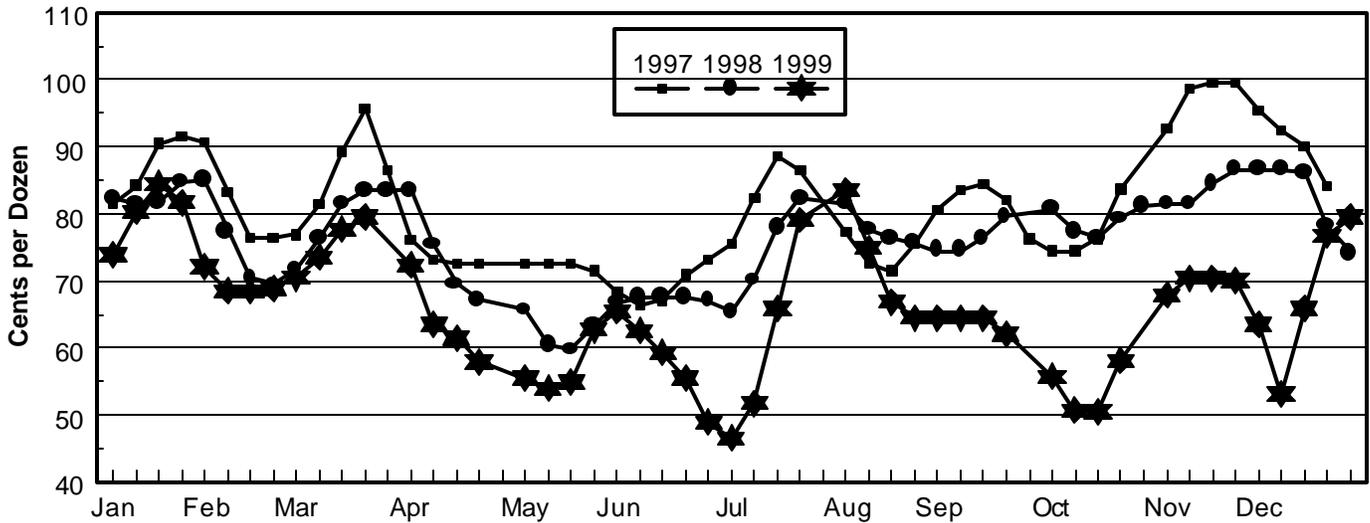
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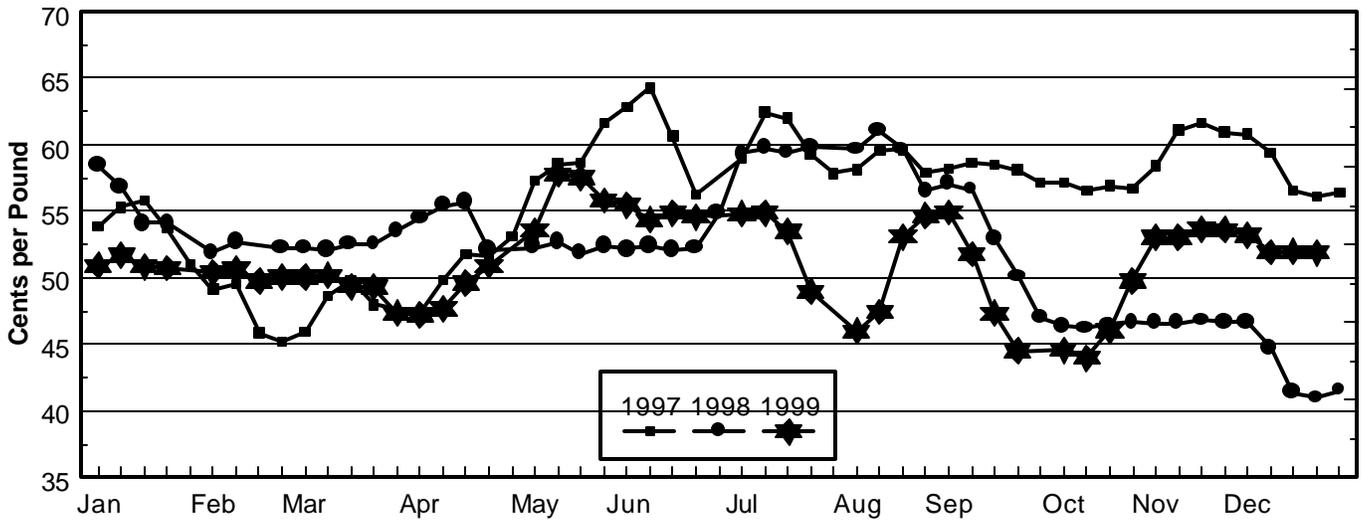
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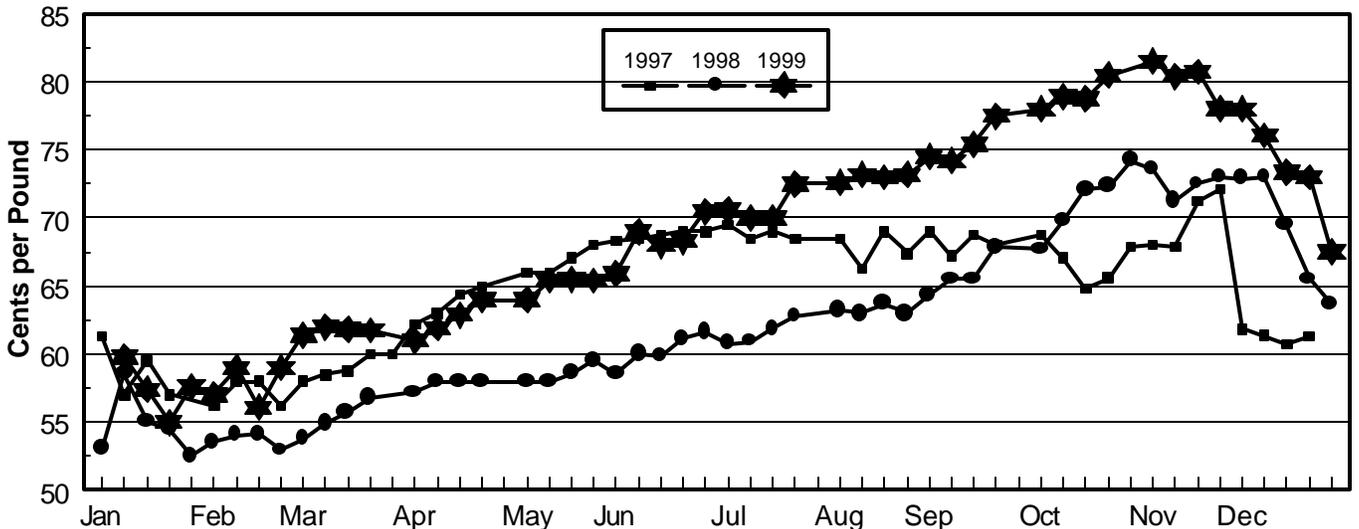
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1997, 1998, 1999



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.