

Agricultural Marketing Service  
Office of the Deputy Administrator for Marketing Programs  
Poultry Division  
Market News Branch  
Field Office  
Poultry Market Reporter, GS-1147-5

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## I. INTRODUCTION

The Market News Branch furnishes poultry and egg producers, buyers, distributors, and other interested members of the industry, as well as the consuming public, with a wide range of timely, accurate, and impartial information on supply, demand, movement, distribution, prices and price trends, and other related economic factors on which marketing decisions can be based. This information facilitates the orderly production, distribution, and consumption of poultry and egg products. The Branch also provides essential data for use in planning and administering other Federal and State programs related to the agricultural economy. This position is located in a field office of the Market News Branch.

As a trainee, the incumbent is assigned developmental tasks relating to market news reporting.

## II. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Receives instructions on the methods and techniques used in the collection, compilation, and summarization of information relative to market conditions, prices, receipts, shipments, etc., on poultry products and eggs for daily, weekly, and monthly dissemination. Interviews representatives of the trade (producers, shippers, buyers, processors, and others concerned with marketing) and develops marketing data. After collecting the data and evaluating market conditions, checks questionable items with the Reporter-In-Charge and reviews findings with the supervisor prior to release. The information is compiled, analyzed, and prepared for dissemination by various media such as printed daily market news releases, telephone, electronic transmission, radio, and television.

The incumbent is given a variety of reporting assignments to broaden his/her experience. As required, assists in the preparation of special reports, summaries of market conditions, and interpretive comments which involve the development of background data from current and historical records on prices and statistics.

## III. JOB CONTROLS

A. Responsibility for the Work of Others: None.

B. Supervision and Guidance Received: The incumbent works under the close technical supervision of the Officer-In-Charge. The supervisor provides guidance on the reporting work and closely reviews and discusses the results of the work with the incumbent. Guidelines include U.S. Department of Agriculture Administrative Regulations and the Handbook of the Market News Branch. Also available for reference are more current instructions applicable to a number of offices which are prepared by the Washington office and released as special memoranda.