Influence of Year and Month on Egg and Feed Prices in Salem District of Tamil Nadu

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This study was undertaken to find out the effect of year and month on average monthly whole sale egg price and weighted feed price, weights being the number of weeks a particular mash (Chick, Grower, and Layer) was fed to the birds. Average monthly whole sale egg price and the feed prices of different mashers for the period 1978 - 1989 were collected from various primary sources. The mean differences in average monthly whole sale egg price between various years were found to be significant (P<0.01). Coefficient of variation ranged from 5.1 per cent in 1982 to 13.9 per cent in 1987. The differences in mean weighted feed price between years were observed to be significant (P<0.01). Also a significant increase in weighted feed price was noticed every year during the earlier study period and once in two years in the later period. More consistency in weighted feed price was observed, as compared to whole sale egg price. Identical increase in feed and egg price in later years of study period contributed for the growth of poultry farming in this area by way of increase in egg production from 309.944 million during the year 1984-85 to 1095.28 million in 1985 - 86 and thereafter. The differences in the mean whole sale egg price between various months were found to be significant (P<0.01). Generally, more fluctuation was observed every year and monthly in egg price as compared to feed price. This trend will hamper the growth of poultry farming in egg production. Identical increase in both egg and feed price over the years contributed for the growth of poultry farming by way of increase in egg production.