samples of chicken fat from a Provo, Utah, slaughterhouse were found to contain elevated PCB levels after a routine test by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The contaminated chickens, which were destroyed, had been purchased from a large egg-producing farm in Franklin, Idaho.

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Chemical level unchanged

ATLANTA — An investigation into contamination of the food chain in several northwestern states by the cancer-causing chemical PCB has not shown any increased levels of the chemical in exposed workers or consumers, the national Center for Disease Control said Saturday.

The center said its investigation involving two exposed study groups found PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) levels to be no higher than expected background levels.

The contamination was discovered in August when

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