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At the beginning of the week prices were significantly lower throughout the country. During the week prices were lower in Chicago and Eastern Region and unchanged elsewhere. The trade sentiment ranged weak to instances steady, mostly weak. Retail and food service demand was reported as light. Supplies remained at least adequate to mostly ample. Nest run breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was somewhat improved as a few breakers bring schedules back to near full-time status. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate and the floor stocks were in close balance to adequate for current needs. The trade sentiment steady to mostly barely steady. Light type fowl were fully adequate for current schedules.

### 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)	92-101	85-96	62-68
New York	56-58	53-56	44-47
Philadelphia	54-74	52-72	43-62
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	59-60	57.5-59	49-50
Jackson (1)	69-70	66-67	58-59
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	66-79	63-77	53-67
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	49-54	48-53	38-43
Detroit (2)	55-58	54-57	43-46
Major Ohio Cities (2)	56-65.5	55-64	44-53
Major Wisconsin Cities	59-66	57-64	47-54
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	74-81	71-77	61-67
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	96	89	79
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

### SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Feb-00 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	75.50	73.13	64.04
SOUTHERN	82.90	80.77	71.89
MIDWEST	71.88	70.64	60.27
WESTERN	97.82	91.51	72.64
TWELVE METRO AREAS	83.39	79.86	66.79

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

	02-22-00	02-15-00	02-23-99
Large	36-38	53-55	39-41
Medium	27-29	44-46	29-31

### WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Feb 21, 2000 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.5	13.0	5.4	12.6	11.7	53.2
	Change	3.4	3.4	0.3	1.4	-0.3	18%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.2	30.3	9.1	23.0	20.1	106.7
	Change	6.7	7.4	1.2	5.6	1.5	27%
Large	Curr Wk	44.1	81.7	56.6	73.8	77.2	333.4
	Change	16.2	25.0	10.1	10.2	11.4	28%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.8	32.7	15.3	25.3	21.3	111.4
	Change	4.1	2.6	3.3	7.2	1.0	20%
Small	Curr Wk	5.8	9.1	2.6	7.0	4.6	29.1
	Change	0.9	1.2	0.2	2.8	-0.6	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	14.4	6.3	9.6	6.1	41.3
	Change	-0.3	-8.2	0.7	0.5	0.9	-13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	25.7	54.6	7.1	27.2	46.1	160.7
	Change	-6.4	3.0	-2.5	-2.3	1.1	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	132.0	235.8	102.4	178.5	187.1	835.8
Percent	Change	23%	17%	15%	17%	9%	16%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	835.8	16%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	415.7	-1%	40

Total Shell Egg 1251.5 9% 208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 168 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 19-FEB-00

	<b>(LBS IN THOUSANDS)</b>		<b>(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)</b>			
	<b>CASES BROKEN</b>	<b>LIQUID WHOLE</b>	<b>LIQUID WHITE</b>	<b>LIQUID YOLK</b>	<b>DRIED</b>	<b>INED.</b>
CW	1,068,696	23,696	11,260	5,961	2,805	3,449
PW	1,050,275	23,585	10,553	5,812	3,385	3,536
LY	1,046,740	23,481	10,873	5,768	2,846	3,337
% PW	2	0	7	3	-17	-2
% LY	2	1	4	3	-1	3
2000	7,798,356	175,183	78,804	43,473	22,116	26,022
1999	7,217,323	161,939	71,567	40,274	18,689	22,841
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -</b>						
	<b>CURRENT WEEK</b>	<b>PREVIOUS WEEK</b>	<b>LAST YEAR</b>			
	41.51	41.40	41.52			

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 19-FEB-99  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

<b>REGIONS</b>	<b>CASES (IN THOUS)</b>	<b>PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK</b>		<b>LAST YEAR</b>
N. ATLANTIC	236.1	-3	-1	
E.N. CENTRAL	459.4	-5	10	
W.N. CENTRAL	241.1	-1	9	
S. ATLANTIC	189.9	-1	-2	
S. CENTRAL	72.8	3	8	
WEST	194.7	0	-10	
TOTAL	1,394.0	-2	3	
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		93	93	

<b>STATE</b>	<b>Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States</b>		<b>Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States</b>	
	<b>FEB 12</b>	<b>FEB 19</b>	<b>FEB 12</b>	<b>FEB 19</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>			
AL	*28,469	26,735	*21,063	20,470
AR	30,057	30,293	24,678	23,845
DE	4,048	4,498	*5,986	5,128
FL	2,709	2,696	*2,354	2,691
GA	30,745	30,649	*24,738	25,070
MD	8,523	8,114	*4,940	5,583
MS	17,806	17,348	15,057	15,039
NC	16,946	17,358	13,856	12,376
PA	*3,421	3,532	*2,729	2,791
SC	4,761	4,943	3,642	3,631
TX	13,624	14,265	11,178	11,178
VA	6,331	6,544	*5,027	5,353
CA, TN, & WV	10,850	11,346	10,630	10,114
15 State Total	*178,290	178,321	*145,878	143,269
Previous Year	180,542	181,671	139,631	141,723
Pct. of Prev.	99	98	104	101

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 1-Apr-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 147.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 149.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.52 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/17/00-02/23/00

	<b>SE</b>		<b>NE</b>		<b>MW</b>		<b>LOADS</b>
	<b>ORG</b>	<b>DST</b>	<b>ORG</b>	<b>DST</b>	<b>ORG</b>	<b>DST</b>	
GNR W 1	35.67	—	39.63	40.00	—	—	12.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	32.50	35.00	7.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W XL	38.00	39.50	46.75	47.40	39.81	—	17.50
GL W LG	—	—	32.75	42.00	39.79	—	21.00
GL W MD	—	34.00	29.45	29.43	27.13	—	10.25
GL W SM	19.50	21.25	19.33	20.83	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	27.05	29.04	29.50
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	23.25	25.00	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	17.83	19.50	3.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 19-FEB-99

<b>CENTERS</b>	<b>SELECTED CONSUMING</b>	<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>PERCENT CHG</b>	
	<b>THOUSANDS</b>	<b>THOUSANDS</b>	<b>THOUSANDS</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
ATLANTA		25.4	26.1	-3	-17
BOSTON		3.6	3.5	3	-43
CHICAGO		44.6	40.1	11	9
DETROIT		26.5	25.1	6	11
KANSAS CITY		0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES		90.7	92.8	-2	6
NEW ORLEANS		9.0	11.4	-21	-35
NEW YORK		33.1	41.7	-21	-21
ST. LOUIS		12.7	12.8	-1	5
SAN FRANCISCO		21.4	21.1	1	13
TOTAL		267.1	274.7	-3	-2
4 WK MVG AVG		290.3			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** Week Ending 12-FEB-00

	<b>YOUNG(A)</b>	<b>YOUNG BREEDERS</b>	<b>OLD BREEDERS</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
	<b>THOUSANDS</b>			
HEAD	3,866	0	13	3,879
AVG WT	27.43	0.00	28.77	27.43
LAST WEEK	4,163	12	39	4,214
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,692	31	33	4,756
AVG WT	25.63	27.03	28.58	25.66
TO-DATE/2000	26,383	32	244	26,744
TO-DATE/1999	27,393	107	170	27,670
CHECK TOTAL	2,661,944	39,024	29,537	131,413

(A) Includes 85,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 12-FEB-00  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	<b>—YOUNG TURKEYS—</b>			<b>FRYER</b>	<b>OLD</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>TKY AVG</b>
	<b>THOUSAND</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>RSTR</b>	<b>BAND</b>		
N EAST	422	-45	22.80	NONE	NONE	422	22.80
S ATL	658	0	30.21	(A)	(A)	667	30.14
N CENT	1,870	7	29.19	NONE	NONE	1,870	29.20
S CENT	598	-9	22.96	NONE	NONE	598	22.96
WEST	318	-9	25.82	(A)	(A)	322	25.92
U.S.TOTAL	3,866(B)	-20	27.43	0	13	3,879	27.43
TO DATE							
2000	26,592(B)			85	244	26,744	
TO DATE							
1999	22,777(B)			0	170	27,670	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 0 for the year 32,000; last year to date 107,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 19-Feb-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	155,193(A)	1,986	1,335	3,321	429
AVG WT	5.10	3.38	7.77	5.14	6.27
LAST WEEK	156,048	1,976	1,362	3,338	393
YR AGO	147,619	2,055	1,299	3,354	406
AVG WT	4.90	3.33	7.87	5.09	6.74
TO-DATE/2000	1,076,285	14,229	9,301	23,530	3,333
TO-DATE/1999	1,054,486	15,555	9,229	24,784	3,336

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.1 million head or 4.6 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Feb-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	02/26/00(1)	02/19/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	159,182(2)	155,286
LT HENS	1,965	2,090
HVY HENS	1,394	1,440
TOTAL	162,541	158,816

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Feb-00 is 152.7 million head compared to 151.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.1 million head or 8.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 04-Mar-00 the estimated available is 153.3 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 15	158.4	148.5	107	5.10
22	149.7	150.6	99	5.20
29	146.1	151.7	96	4.89
FEBRUARY 5	162.7	152.4	107	5.16
12	157.9	152.1	104	4.87
19	157.1	152.5	103	5.10
YEAR TO DATE	1089.4	1052.1	104	
FEBRUARY 26		152.7		
MARCH 4		153.3		

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

	Change from			
21-Feb-00	14-Feb-00	14-Feb-00	22-Feb-99	
52.67	-0.73	53.40	57.89	

NUMBER OF LOADS 640

**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 02/21/00-02/26/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	40.00-43.00	42.76	54	45.85	88
Los Angeles	62.00	61.18	58	58.61	114
New York	40.00-45.00	44.04	46	49.45	82

**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/	62	62	62.00	400
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	59	59	59.00	400
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	59	-	-	-

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 FEDERAL-STATE (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 21-Feb-00	5,051	109,980	79,272
AM 1-Feb-00	4,916	94,257	72,756
CHG	135	15723	6516
PCT CHG	3	17	9

**HEN MARKETS**

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
02/21/00			
Southeast	7-15(1)	8.25-11.75	10.75
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8.5-19.5(1)	10-13	12.34
02/18/00			
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

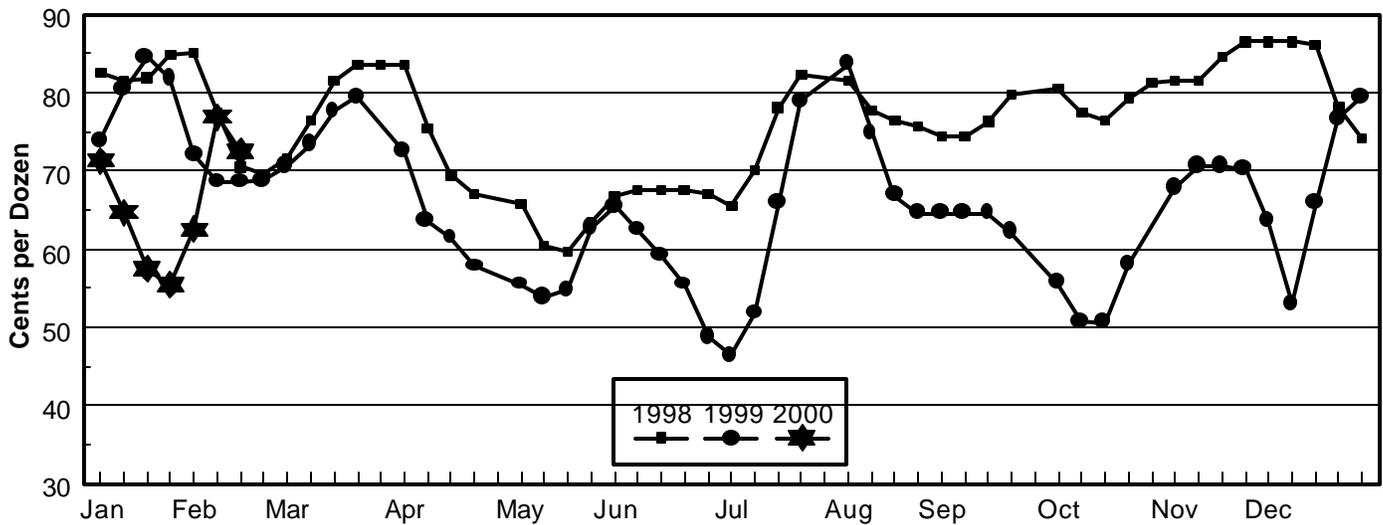
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

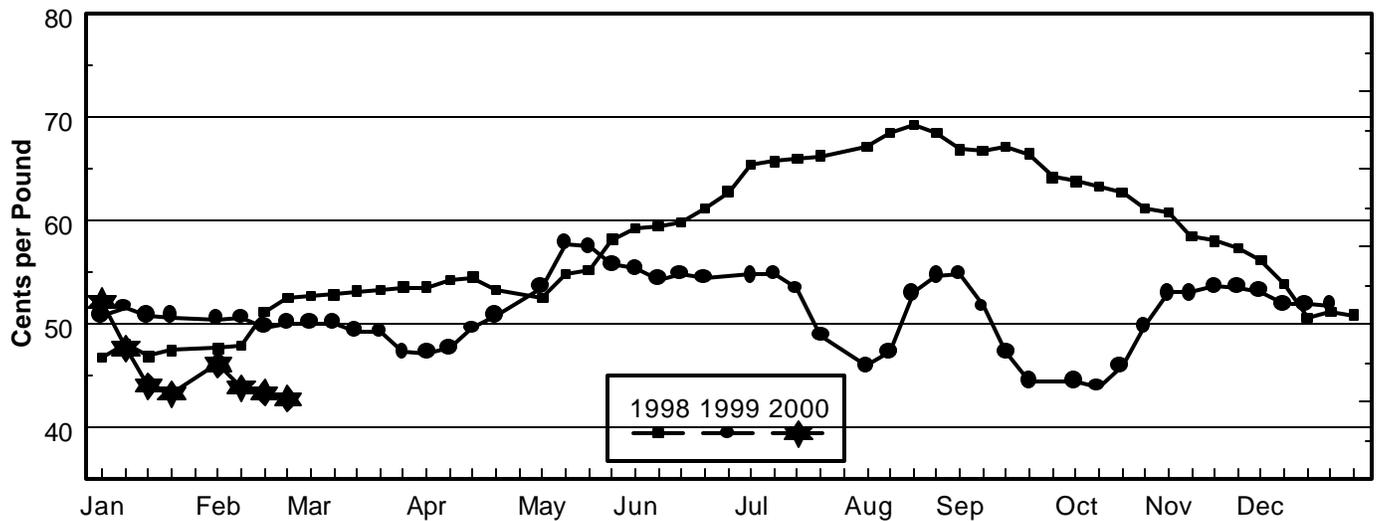
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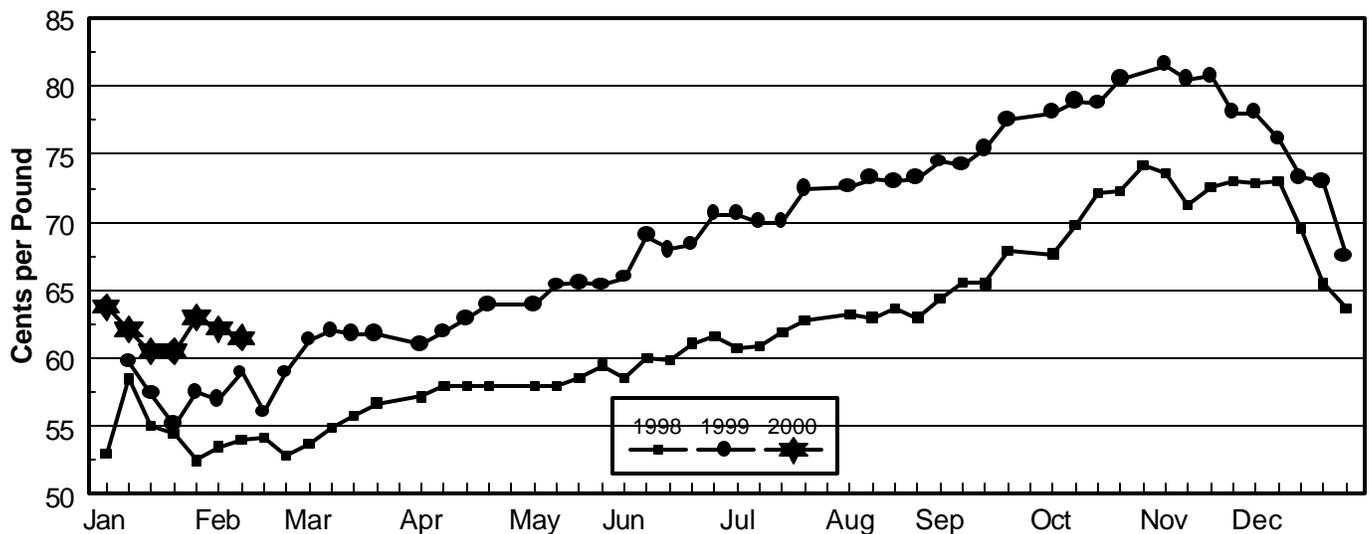
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1998, 1999, 2000



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys, 1998, 1999, 2000



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.