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At the beginning of the week prices were generally higher to occasionally unchanged throughout the country. During the week prices were higher in Chicago, New York, and the Eastern region. Prices in other areas were unchanged through the duration of the week. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm, mostly firm. Demand was fair to good, with the best movement coming from scattered retail feature activity. Supplies were adequate to at times close with extra large and large in the tightest position. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher during the week. Demand was light to mostly moderate for the tight to adequate offerings. Breakers in need of extra product were bidding higher while some shell eggs were being diverted into active grading channels. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. The market tone was fully steady. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current processing 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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	90-92	83-85	59-61
New York	70-72	67-70	51-54
Philadelphia	56-70	54-68	43.5-51
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	51-52	49.5-51	37-38
Jackson (1)	61-62	58-59	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	58-71	55-69	43-57
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	57-62	56-61	41-46
Detroit (2)	47-50	46-49	33-36
Major Ohio Cities (2)	48-53	47-51	34-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	51-58	49-56	37-44
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	66-69	63-65	50-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	88	83	69
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-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	58.44	56.06	45.36
SOUTHERN	55.23	53.10	38.98
MIDWEST	47.80	46.56	35.80
WESTERN	84.68	79.07	59.99
TWELVE METRO AREAS	65.27	62.00	47.92

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**

	03-21-00	03-14-00	03-23-99
Large	31-33	26-28	50-52
Medium	20-22	17-19	30-32

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Mar 20, 2000**  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.2	12.0	4.0	12.4	8.8	44.4
	Change	-0.8	-0.3	-0.7	0.7	0.4	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.0	30.2	8.1	31.4	25.8	120.5
	Change	1.8	-2.0	0.0	0.7	3.8	4%
Large	Curr Wk	65.9	72.8	36.4	64.8	82.5	322.4
	Change	16.1	-17.0	-9.3	-3.8	-14.0	-8%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.2	29.1	11.6	26.6	18.9	101.4
	Change	-1.3	0.7	-4.8	1.5	-2.1	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	3.6	2.1	9.7	4.3	23.6
	Change	0.7	-3.3	0.8	-3.4	0.9	-15%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	14.1	10.0	10.5	6.7	45.9
	Change	0.1	-1.6	0.3	-1.0	0.8	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	33.4	74.3	14.9	34.7	49.1	206.4
	Change	-4.1	7.2	0.9	2.1	1.5	4%
Total	Curr Wk	155.2	236.1	87.1	190.1	196.1	864.6
	Change	9%	-6%	-13%	-2%	-4%	-3%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	864.6	-3%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	454.9	4%	40

Total Shell Egg	1319.5	-1%	206
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 166 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 18-MAR-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,103,288	24,839	10,950	5,958	2,746	3,725
P W	1,185,234	27,015	11,882	6,593	2,975	3,890
L Y	1,025,677	24,515	9,617	5,168	2,368	3,461
% P W	-7	-8	-8	-10	-8	-4
% L Y	8	1	14	15	16	8
2000	12,427,040	276,744	127,302	69,700	33,884	41,142
1999	11,376,149	259,180	111,525	62,017	28,229	35,903

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
41.21	41.66	41.69

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 18-MAR-00  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	215.0	-7	-13
E.N. CENTRAL	478.4	-4	4
W.N. CENTRAL	252.7	-4	13
S. ATLANTIC	195.7	-2	-1
S. CENTRAL	80.0	4	-6
WEST	266.0	41	19
TOTAL	1,487.8	2	3

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 92 92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	MAR 11	MAR 18	MAR 11	MAR 18
	Thousand			
AL	29147	28641	21,085	21,116
AR	30,257	30,563	23,484	25,284
DE	4,493	4,317	5,370	4,886
FL	2,765	2,893	2,425	2,540
GA	32,132	31,162	*23,375	24,469
MD	8,583	9,101	5,134	6,327
MS	18,299	18,269	14,639	15,361
NC	18,132	18,032	13,393	13,878
PA	*3,671	3,625	*2,674	2,581
SC	5,033	4,837	4,777	4,125
TX	14,412	14,437	11,227	11,406
VA	6,591	6,546	5,236	5,251
CA, TN, & WV	*11,282	11,641	*9,724	10,725
15 State Total	*184,797	184,064	*142,543	147,949
Previous Year	183,423	181,719	146,463	146,092
Pct. of Prev.	101	101	97	101

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 29-Apr-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 153.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.49 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/16/00-03/22/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	42.50	49.65	38.21	41.00	45.11	47.11	86.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	22.00	24.00	33.00	34.50	8.00
GNR W 4	—	22.00	—	—	29.00	30.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	62.00	—	48.00	46.23	—	26.75
GL W LG	—	—	43.33	44.67	47.10	—	43.00
GL W MD	—	37.00	32.58	34.00	33.38	37.25	19.50
GL W SM	—	22.00	19.50	21.33	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	31.00	32.00	30.50	33.00	16.25
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	28.50	30.00	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 18-MAR-00

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING THOUSANDS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
				PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.0	19.8	26	-25	
BOSTON	3.5	3.5	0	-19	
CHICAGO	63.9	46.3	38	-3	
DETROIT	46.6	28.1	66	14	
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0	
LOS ANGELES	95.8	95.8	0	16	
NEW ORLEANS	13.0	10.0	30	7	
NEW YORK	43.0	43.2	0	-14	
ST. LOUIS	25.4	13.3	91	49	
SAN FRANCISCO	21.3	22.0	-3	0	
TOTAL	337.6	282.1	20	3	
4 WK MVG AVG	297.2				

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** Week Ending 11-MAR-00

	YOUNG(A)		BREEDERS		TOTAL
	YOUNG	OLD	BREEDERS	OLD	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	4,408	20	33	4,461	
AVG WT	27.16	25.85	28.00	27.16	
LAST WEEK	3,971	2	18	3,991	
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,270	24	20	5,314	
AVG WT	22.74	26.42	31.10	22.79	
TO-DATE/2000	44,511	61	355	45,012	
TO-DATE/1999	45,605	167	297	46,069	

(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 11-MAR-00  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	--YOUNG TURKEYS--			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
N EAST	780	-25	21.90	NONE	NONE	780	21.90
S ATL	970	213	31.74	(A)	(A)	982	31.67
N CENT	1,793	0	28.89	(A)	(A)	1,796	28.89
S CENT	582	-7	23.15	(A)	(A)	594	23.29
WEST	303	44	23.45	(A)	(A)	309	23.53
U.S. TOTAL	4,428(B)	-8	27.15	0	33	4,461	27.16
TO DATE							
2000	44,572(B)			85	355	45,012	
TO DATE							
1999	40,478(B)			0	297	46,069	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 20,000 for the year 61,000; last year to date 167,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 18-Mar-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	148,354 (A)	1,971	1,448	3,419	476
AVG WT	5.11	3.42	7.82	5.29	6.59
LAST WEEK	155,100	2,109	1,513	3,622	411
YR AGO	148,775	2,125	1,381	3,506	435
AVG WT	5.06	3.44	7.76	5.14	6.83
TO-DATE/2000	1,686,888	22,335	14,972	37,307	5,047
TO-DATE/1999	1,652,796	23,708	14,555	38,263	5,129

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.2 million head or 3.1 million head less than or 98 percent of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Mar-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/25/00(1)	03/18/00
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	156,127(2)	159,120
LT HENS	2,071	1,973
HVY HENS	1,527	1,538

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Mar-00 is 153.4 million head compared to 149.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.0 million head or 4.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 01-Apr-00 the estimated available is 152.9 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 12	157.9	152.1	104	4.87
19	157.1	152.5	103	5.10
26	154.1	152.7	101	4.97
MARCH 4	156.8	153.3	102	5.20
11	157.0	153.8	102	4.89
18	150.2	153.3	98	5.11
YEAR TO DATE	1707.5	1665.2	103	
MARCH 25		153.4		
APRIL 1		152.9		

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

	Change from 13-Mar-00	13-Mar-00	22-Mar-99
20-Mar-00	55.36	0.98	54.38
			56.86

NUMBER OF LOADS 644

**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 03/20/00-03/25/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.49	46	48.54	78
Los Angeles	62.00	61.23	56	60.64	126
New York	47.00-49.00	48.77	35	54.35	79

**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/				
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	61-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-63	-	-	-

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 20-Mar-00	4,550	119,302	78,194
AM 1-Mar-00	4,561	112,828	78,929
CHG	-11	6474	-735
PCT CHG	0	6	-1

**HEN MARKETS**

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

DATE	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
03/20/00			
Southeast	7-16(1)	8.25-11.5	10.50
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-19.5(1)	10-13	12.13
03/17/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0(2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

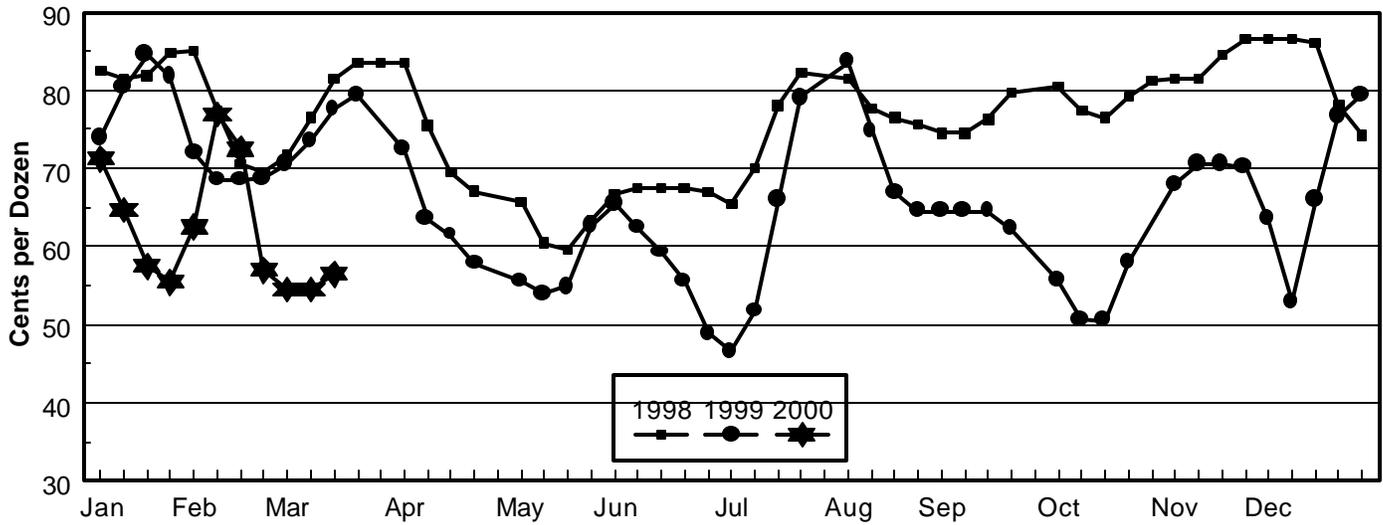
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

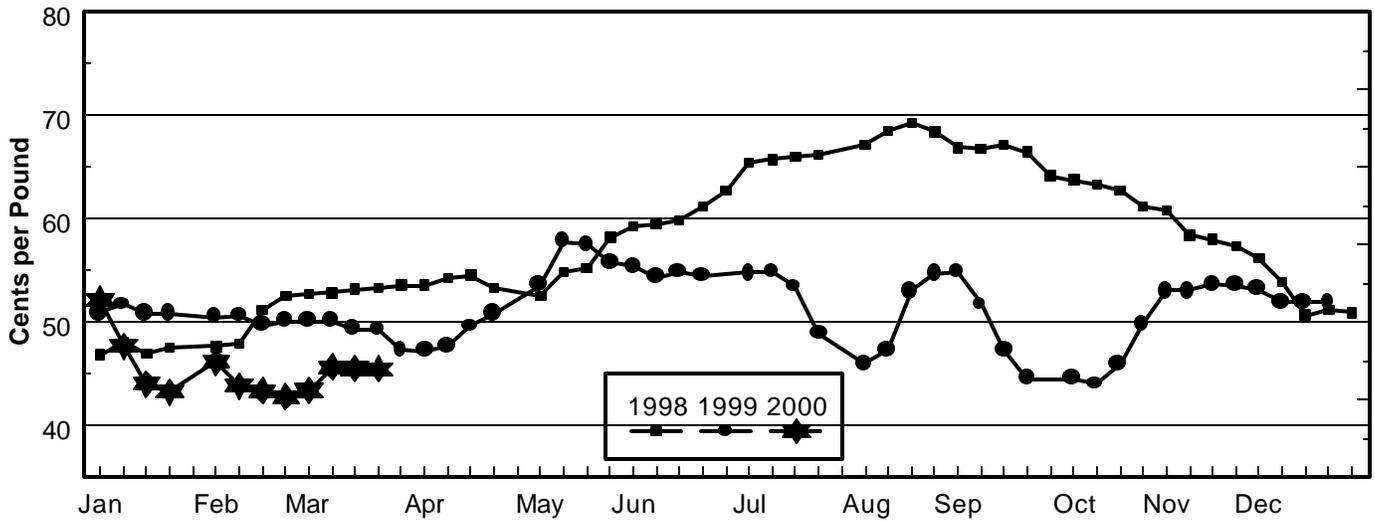
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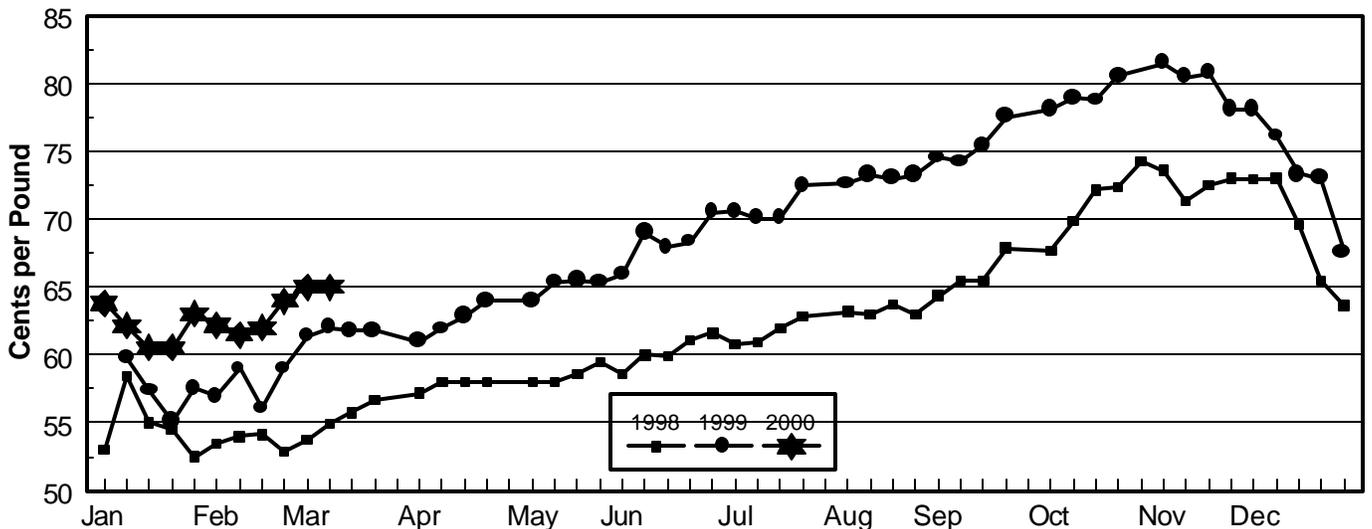
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.