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At the beginning of the week prices were sharply higher throughout the country. During the week prices were slightly higher to unchanged in Chicago, New York, and the Eastern region. Prices in other areas were unchanged throughout the week. The market tone ranged steady to cautiously firm, mostly steady to fully steady. Demand was generally mixed, fair to good at times, mostly moderate, and was best for the occasional retail promotion. Supplies were usually adequate. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher at the beginning of the week and unchanged for the remainder of the week. Demand was fair. Offerings and floor stocks were adequate. The sentiment mostly steady. Light type fowl were sufficient for current 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	93-95	85-87	59-61
New York	73-75	70-73	53-56
Philadelphia	64.5-73	62.5-71	48-53
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	43-44
Jackson (1)	71-72	68-69	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	68-81	65-79	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	62-67	61-66	45-50
Detroit (2)	57-60	56-59	39-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	58-63	57-61	40-45
Major Wisconsin Cities	61-68	59-66	43-50
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	74-76	72-73	55-57
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	97	92	75

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 24-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	65.88	63.49	49.46
SOUTHERN	58.93	56.80	43.15
MIDWEST	52.98	51.74	38.74
WESTERN	86.56	80.96	60.92
TWELVE METRO AREAS	69.80	66.52	50.54

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

	03-28-00	03-21-00	03-30-99
Large	40-42	31-33	50-52
Medium	25-27	20-22	27-29

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Mar 27, 2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.0	14.8	4.2	14.3	8.8	50.1
	Change	0.8	2.8	0.2	1.9	0.0	13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.2	37.7	12.6	29.3	29.6	139.4
	Change	5.2	7.5	4.5	-2.1	3.8	16%
Large	Curr Wk	74.0	103.5	46.3	75.5	91.0	390.3
	Change	8.1	30.7	9.9	10.7	8.5	21%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.6	32.0	13.3	18.0	23.1	100.0
	Change	-1.6	2.9	1.7	-8.6	4.2	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	5.4	2.4	8.6	3.6	24.6
	Change	0.7	1.8	0.3	-1.1	-0.7	4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	14.2	9.4	14.9	8.1	50.9
	Change	-0.3	0.1	-0.6	4.4	1.4	11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	38.6	79.5	16.3	32.2	41.7	208.3
	Change	5.2	5.2	1.4	-2.5	-7.4	1%
Total	Curr Wk	173.3	287.1	104.5	192.8	205.9	963.6
	Percent Change	12%	22%	20%	1%	5%	11%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	963.6	11%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	441.1	-3%	40

Total Shell Egg	1404.7	6%	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.

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.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-MAR-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
C W	1,109,586	26,540	9,986	5,438	2,292	3,631
P W	*1,141,016*	26,247	10,950	*5,980*	2,746	*3,842*
L Y	1,025,454	24,015	9,665	5,122	2,434	3,152
% PW	-3	1	-9	-9	-17	-5
% LY	8	11	3	6	-6	15
2000	*13,574,354*	304,692	137,288	*75,160*	36,176	*44,890*
1999	12,401,603	283,195	121,190	67,139	30,663	39,055
* Revised						
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.09	41.21	40.91			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 25-MAR-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	221.6	3	-10
E.N. CENTRAL	532.8	11	11
W.N. CENTRAL	270.2	7	12
S. ATLANTIC	198.9	2	-6
S. CENTRAL	80.0	0	5
WEST	198.5	3	-11
TOTAL	1,502.0	6	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	MAR 18	MAR 25	MAR 18	MAR 25
	Thousand			
AL	*28,399	28,571	*21,285	20,941
AR	30,563	30,408	25,284	24,188
DE	4,317	4,060	4,886	4,732
FL	2,893	2,717	2,540	2,544
GA	31,162	31,615	*24,572	25,304
MD	9,101	8,620	6,327	6,634
MS	18,269	18,481	15,361	14,622
NC	*18,096	17,901	*13,906	13,895
PA	*3,672	3,704	*2,432	2,939
SC	4,837	4,909	4,125	4,416
TX	14,437	14,444	11,406	11,576
VA	6,546	6,763	5,251	5,394
CA, TN, & WV	*12,038	11,465	*10,595	10,283
15 State Total	*184,330	183,658	*147,970	147,468
Previous Year	181,719	182,901	146,092	146,241
Pct. of Prev.	101	100	101	101
*REVISED				

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 6-May-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 156.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.43 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/23/00-03/29/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
	GNR W 1	45.88	53.43	47.13	48.50	—	
GNR W 3	—	38.00	—	—	37.50	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	60.00	—	58.33	53.44	—	20.00
GL W LG	—	60.11	53.47	53.67	54.33	—	26.75
GL W MD	—	37.50	34.33	36.50	31.89	—	9.25
GL W SM	—	22.00	20.38	22.13	—	—	5.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	33.00	34.00	—	—	22.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	27.50	29.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	26.00	27.00	—	—	—	—	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 25-MAR-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT PW	PERCENT CHG LY
ATLANTA	27.2	25.0	9	-12
BOSTON	2.1	3.5	-40	-53
CHICAGO	43.1	63.9	-33	-43
DETROIT	32.2	46.6	-31	-29
KANSAS CITY	0.1	0.1	0	0
LOS ANGELES	92.0	95.8	-4	-26
NEW ORLEANS	10.0	13.0	-23	-39
NEW YORK	39.5	43.0	-8	-12
ST. LOUIS	14.0	25.4	-45	-15
SAN FRANCISCO	22.1	21.3	4	0
TOTAL	282.3	337.6	-16	-26
4 WK MVG AVG	301.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 18-MAR-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	BREEDERS BREEDERS THOUSANDS			
HEAD	4,680	12	44	4,736
AVG WT	26.50	25.00	23.80	26.54
LAST WEEK	4,408	20	33	4,461
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,614	0	30	4,644
AVG WT	25.97	0.00	27.50	25.98
TO-DATE/2000	49,276	73	399	49,748
TO-DATE/1999	50,219	167	327	50,713

(A) Includes 109,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-MAR-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
	HEAD	% CHG	WT				
N EAST	1,344	72	22.81	NONE	NONE	1,344	22.81
SATL	592	-39	31.26	(A)	(A)	604	31.12
N CENT	1,831	2	30.07	(A)	(A)	1,854	29.99
S CENT	603	4	21.08	(A)	(A)	610	21.13
WEST	298	-2	25.43	(A)	(A)	324	23.94
U.S.TOTAL	4,668 (B)	-3	26.67	24	44	4,736	26.54
TO DATE							
2000	49,240 (B)			109	399	49,748	
TO DATE							
1999	45,772 (B)			0	327	50,713	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 12,000 for the year 73,000; last year to date 167,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 25-Mar-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	DUCKS
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	155,206(A)	2,046	1,483	3,529	407
AVG WT	5.08	3.61	8.30	5.58	6.65
LAST WEEK	148,354	1,971	1,448	3,419	476
SAME WEEK YR AGO	148,122	2,026	1,398	3,424	445
AVG WT	5.11	3.25	7.89	5.14	6.85
TO-DATE/2000	1,842,094	24,381	16,455	40,836	5,454
TO-DATE/1999	1,800,918	25,734	15,953	41,687	5,574

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.1 million head or 3.7 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-Apr-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/01/00(1)	03/25/00
	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	155,808(2)	156,127
LT HENS	1,877	2,071
HVY HENS	1,378	1,527
TOTAL	159,063	159,725

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Apr-00 is 152.9 million head compared to 146.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.7 million head or 4.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 08-Apr-00 the estimated available is 150.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
FEBRUARY	19	157.1	103	5.10
	26	154.1	101	4.97
MARCH	4	156.8	102	5.20
	11	157.0	102	4.89
	18	150.2	98	5.11
	25	157.1	102	5.08
YEAR TO DATE	1,864.6	1,818.6	103	
APRIL	1	152.9		
	8	150.5		

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

	Change from		
	20-Mar-00	20-Mar-00	29-Mar-99
27-Mar-00	54.75	-0.61	54.52
		55.36	

NUMBER OF LOADS 694

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 03/27/00-04/01/00.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.67	44	48.82
Los Angeles	62.00	61.07	63	60.25
New York	49.00-52.00	49.23	47	52.96

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	LBS
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	64	64.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	62-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	61-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-62	-	-	-

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	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 27-Mar-00	3,855	121,063	79,483
AM 1-Mar-00	4,561	112,828	78,929
CHG	-706	8235	554
PCT CHG	-15	7	1

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

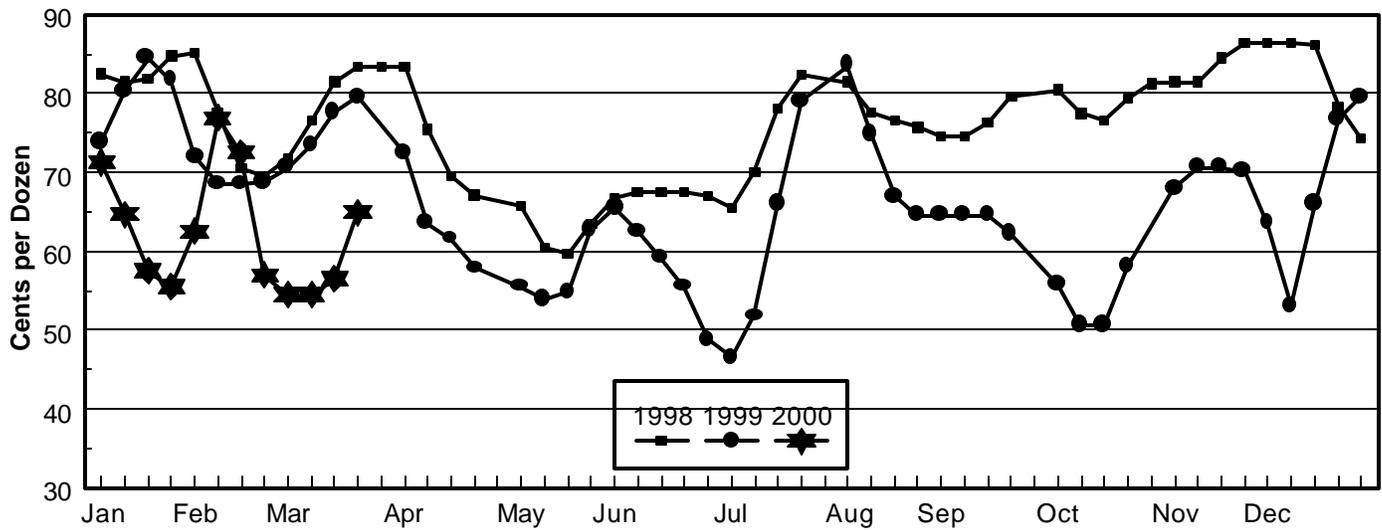
	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
03/27/00			
Southeast	7-16.5(1)	8.25-11.25	10.63
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8.75-19.5(1)	11-13	11.75
03/24/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading
(2) At Farm Producer Loading

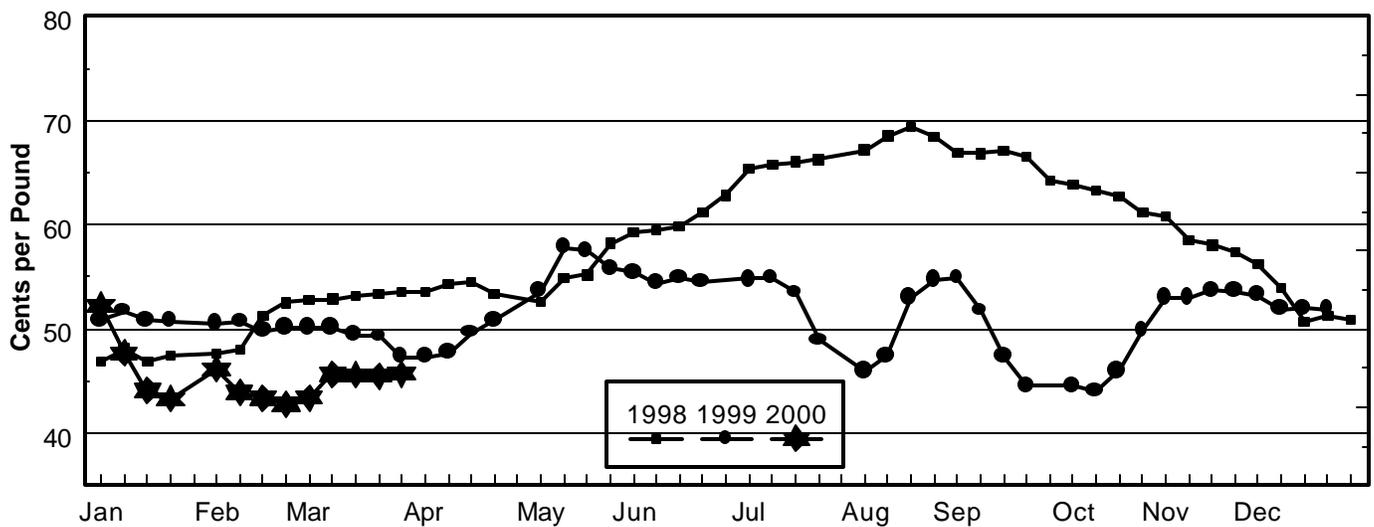
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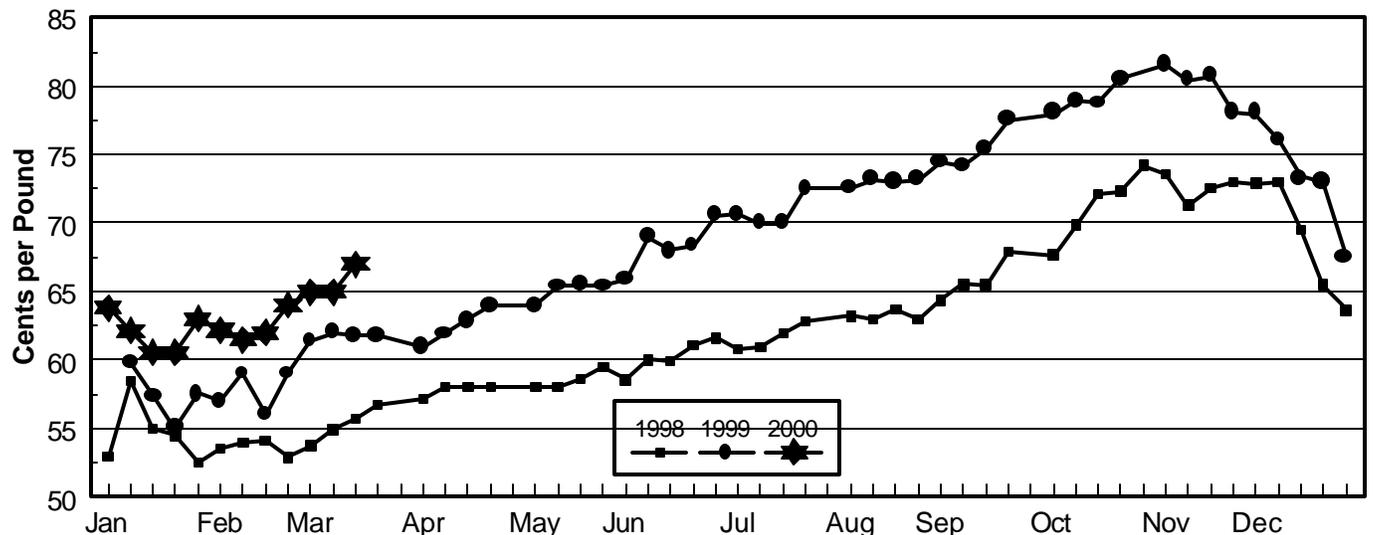
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.