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At the beginning of the week prices were unchanged throughout the country except for Philadelphia where prices were unchanged to slightly higher and higher in Florida. During the week prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to mostly moderate with the best movement coming from retail features and Easter holiday activity. Supplies of all sizes continued adequate. Nest run breaking stock prices continued unchanged. Offerings were adequate. Trade sentiment about steady with caution noted. Light type fowl were sufficient for processors' 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	71-73	69-71	52-53
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	64-65	62.5-64	45-46
Jackson (1)	74-75	71-72	54-55
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-85	69-83	52-66
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	63-68	62-67	45-50
Detroit (2)	60-63	59-62	41-44
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-66	60-64	42-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-67	62-69	45-52
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	79-81	75-78	58-61
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	99	95	81

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 7-Apr-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	73.39	71.01	53.94
SOUTHERN	71.37	69.24	50.96
MIDWEST	64.04	63.01	45.65
WESTERN	91.92	86.67	66.21
TWELVE METRO AREAS	77.76	74.66	56.18

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

	04-11-00	04-04-00	04-13-99
Large	43-45	43-45	32-34
Medium	27-29	27-29	21-23

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Apr 10, 2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
		Northeast					
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.5	19.6	7.9	18.5	11.7	68.2
	Change	1.8	1.6	1.9	1.1	3.0	16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.6	42.3	14.3	39.2	28.2	156.6
	Change	-3.8	0.0	1.2	1.7	-2.8	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	75.5	156.5	93.7	129.2	143.0	597.9
	Change	-11.9	9.1	10.1	31.6	31.2	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.2	34.1	26.4	22.8	29.2	126.7
	Change	-1.5	3.1	8.1	1.9	3.3	13%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	6.8	3.3	4.8	6.6	26.5
	Change	0.6	0.0	-0.7	-3.2	1.2	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	15.5	8.4	15.3	6.5	50.8
	Change	0.7	1.0	-0.7	-2.7	0.2	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	37.0	50.9	17.8	37.3	44.9	187.9
	Change	-1.2	-15.0	-5.6	5.5	3.0	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	179.9	325.7	171.8	267.1	270.1	1214.6
Percent	Change	-8%	0%	9%	16%	17%	6%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1214.6	6%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	394.7	-6%	39

Total Shell Egg 1609.3 3% 209

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 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 08-APR-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,112,167	25,962	10,511	5,960	2,300	3,586
P W	1,111,188	26,487	10,284	5,529	*2,255*	*4,144*
L Y	1,075,263	25,000	10,504	5,645	2,852	3,501
% PW	0	-2	2	8	2	-13
% LY	3	4	0	6	-19	2
2000	15,797,709	357,141	158,083	86,649	*40,741*	*52,620*
1999	14,488,974	331,007	141,955	78,560	36,170	45,811
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.38	41.80	41.52			

* - Revised figures, reflected in to-date figure

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 08-APR-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	228.4	0	1
E.N. CENTRAL	513.1	-5	11
W.N. CENTRAL	254.6	-7	14
S. ATLANTIC	183.0	-10	-4
S. CENTRAL	81.7	0	9
WEST	193.8	0	-3
TOTAL	1,454.6	-4	6
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	APR 01	APR 08	APR 01	APR 08
	Thousand			
AL	28,920	29,522	21,785	21,077
AR	29,139	31,071	24,761	23,653
DE	*4,395	4,230	*5,099	5,047
FL	2,892	2,695	2,486	2,363
GA	32,198	32,150	*25,876	25,168
MD	8,718	8,764	*5,472	6,290
MS	18,496	18,434	15,478	15,485
NC	18,192	18,153	*14,007	13,978
PA	*3,734	3,786	*2,763	2,871
SC	4,930	4,859	3,956	3,298
TX	14,464	15,009	11,413	11,394
VA	6,604	6,580	*6,040	5,647
CA, TN, & WV	*11,770	11,616	*10,751	10,987
15 State Total	*184,452	186,869	*149,887	147,258
Previous Year	181,878	183,705	146,244	142,820
Pct. of Prev.	101	102	102	103

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 20-May-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 61.02 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/06/00-04/12/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	47.63	51.00	48.50	50.00	46.00	—	20.00
GNR W 2	—	—	43.00	45.00	—	—	6.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	23.13	25.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	57.00	—	58.00	50.26	—	13.00
GL W LG	—	56.43	53.75	56.78	49.27	—	14.75
GL W MD	—	37.50	32.17	36.00	32.00	38.00	8.25
GL W SM	19.00	—	20.09	21.63	—	—	8.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	31.00	32.00	32.50	34.50	5.50
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 08-APR-00

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING THOUSANDS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
				PW	LY
ATLANTA		24.9	26.5	-6	-36
BOSTON		3.4	2.8	21	-29
CHICAGO		41.1	35.8	15	13
DETROIT		37.8	22.4	69	-17
KANSAS CITY		7.1	3.9	82	109
LOS ANGELES		111.5	88.3	26	30
NEW ORLEANS		11.3	10.7	6	-11
NEW YORK		41.6	38.7	7	7
ST. LOUIS		11.7	16.7	-30	-3
SAN FRANCISCO		21.0	22.3	-6	11
TOTAL		311.4	268.1	16	5
4 WK MVG AVG		300.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 01-MAR-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG		TOTAL
		BREEDERS	OLD	
THOUSANDS				
HEAD	5,062	30	51	5,143
AVG WT	24.69	26.97	26.90	24.73
LAST WEEK	5,261	97	17	5,375
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,589	21	26	3,636
AVG WT	25.26	22.48	24.46	25.24
TO-DATE/2000	59,599	200	467	60,266
TO-DATE/1999	58,270	226	386	58,882

(A) Includes 119,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 0,000 in 1999.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 01-APR-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
N EAST	513	-24	24.39	NONE	NONE	513	24.39
S ATL	1,622	155	21.78	(A)	(A)	1,637	21.83
N CENT	2,150	-30	28.21	(A)	(A)	2,186	28.18
S CENT	581	-12	20.82	NONE	NONE	581	20.85
WEST	226	-23	23.15	NONE	NONE	226	23.15
U.S.TOTAL	5,092(B)	6	24.71	0	51	5,143	24.73
TO DATE							
2000	59,680(B)			119	467	60,266	
TO DATE							
1999	54,886(B)			0	386	58,882	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 30,000 for the year 200,000; last year to date 226,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 08-Apr-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,585(A)	2,009	1,345	3,354	507
AVG WT	5.03	3.38	8.03	5.24	6.74
LAST WEEK	156,244	1,911	1,314	3,225	433
YR AGO	147,925	2,098	1,318	3,416	451
AVG WT	4.97	3.39	7.99	5.17	6.10
TO-DATE/2000	2,151,923	28,301	19,114	47,415	6,394
TO-DATE/1999	2,093,418	30,103	18,616	48,719	6,432

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.5 million head or 5.0 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Apr-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/15/00(1)	04/08/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	156,613(2)	156,511
LT HENS	2,332	2,021
HVY HENS	1,390	1,414
TOTAL	160,335	159,946

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Apr-00 is 149.4 million head compared to 153.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.4 million head or 8.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 22-Apr-00 the estimated available is 149.9 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH	4	156.8	153.3	102
	11	157.0	153.8	102
	18	150.2	153.3	98
	25	157.1	153.4	102
APRIL	1	158.1	152.9	103
	8	155.5	150.5	103
YEAR TO DATE	2178.2	2122.0	103	
APRIL	15	149.4		
	22	149.9		

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

	Change from		
10-Apr-00	3-Apr-00	3-Apr-00	12-Apr-99
55.21	0.86	54.35	54.61
NUMBER OF LOADS	674		

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 04/10/00-04/15/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.36	50	48.79	83
Los Angeles	62.00	61.07	66	60.26	135
New York	49.00-54.00	52.92	37	53.79	76

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/	67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	63-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	63-64	-	-	-

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 10-Apr-00	3,846	123,494	83,570
AM 1-Apr-00	3,920	124,850	78,991
CHG	-74	-1,356	4,579
PCT CHG	-2	-1	6

HEN MARKETS

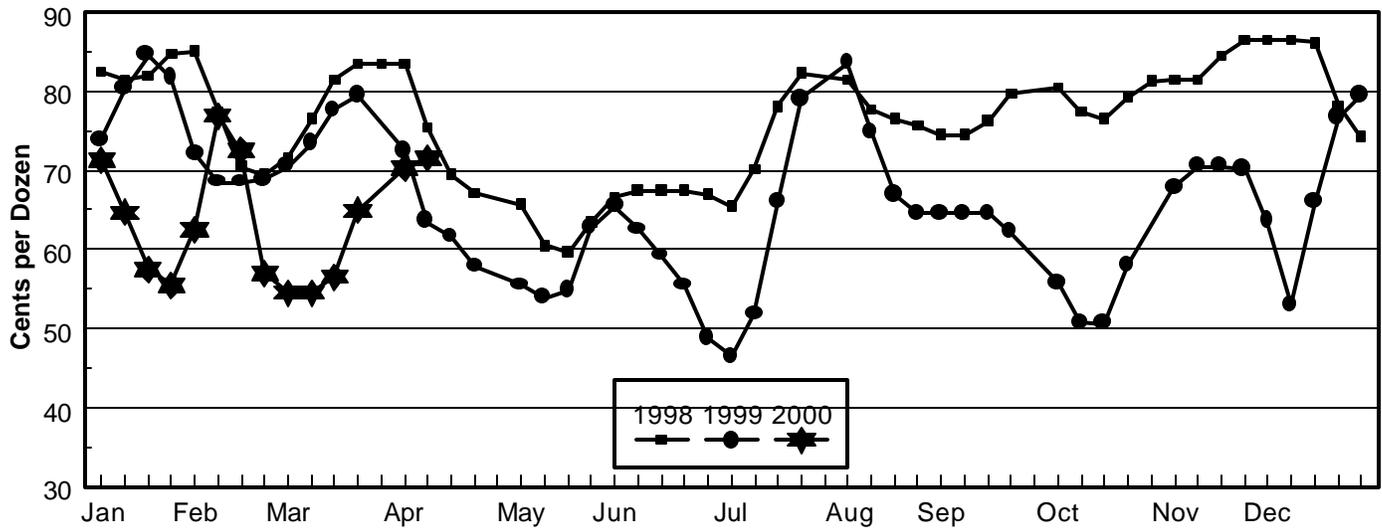
Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	04/10/00 RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-16(1)	8.25-11	10.69
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8.75-17(1)	10-13	12.65
04/07/00 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			

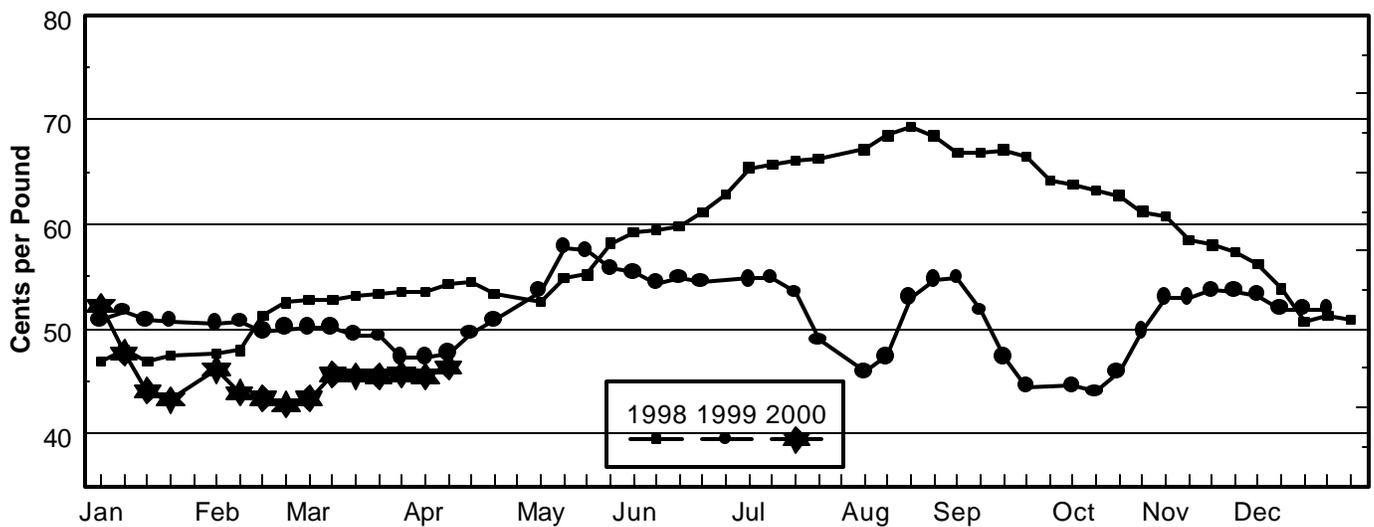
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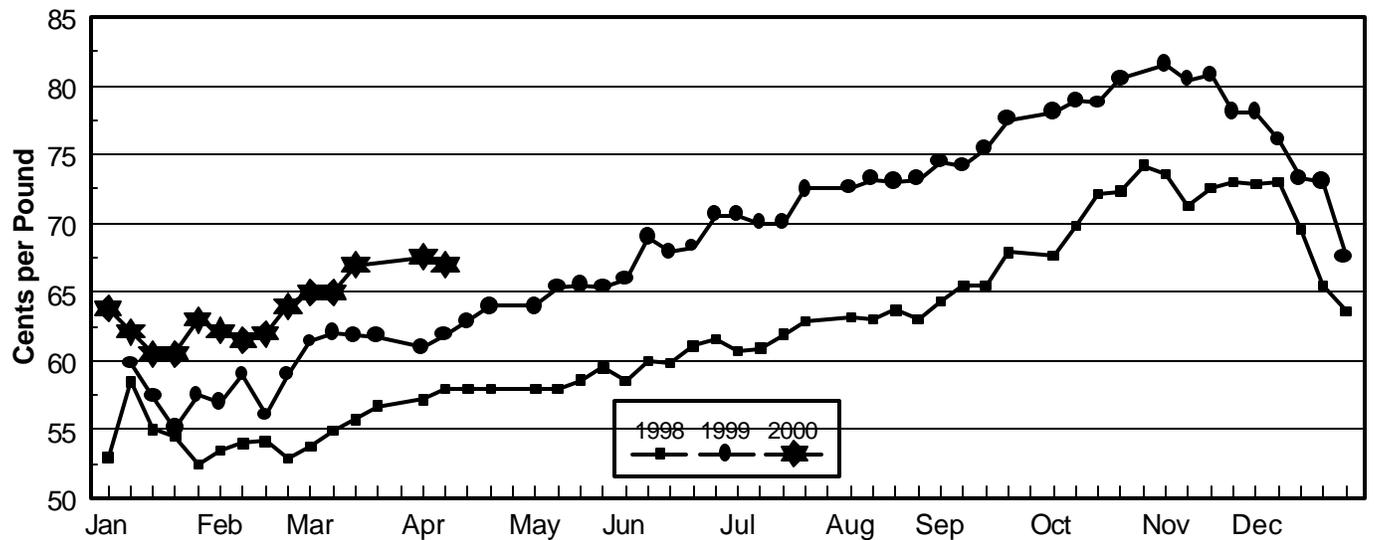
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.