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At the beginning of the week prices were unchanged throughout the country. During the week in the Eastern region, prices were sharply lower to occasionally unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone ranged steady to weak, mostly cautious. Demand was mostly moderate to seasonally good with attractive retail promotions usually stimulating best interest. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate with next run offerings increasing during the period. Nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings adequate to fully adequate with buyers seeking slightly lower prices. Schedules were usually full-time with many breakers not working Good Friday. Trade sentiment barely steady. Spent hen availability was adequate to ample for normal and reduced 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	93-95	85-87	59-61
New York	70-72	67-70	49-52
Philadelphia	68-73	66-71	48-53
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 14-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	73.51	71.13	54.01
SOUTHERN	71.37	69.24	50.96
MIDWEST	64.04	63.01	45.65
WESTERN	91.92	86.67	66.21
TWELVE METRO AREAS	77.79	74.70	56.19

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

	04-18-00	04-11-00	04-20-99
Large	43-45	43-45	32-34
Medium	27-29	27-29	21-23

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Apr 17, 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	8.2	19.6	10.4	18.4	10.6	67.2
	Change	-2.3	0.0	2.5	-0.1	-1.1	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.2	29.9	12.1	42.1	19.4	129.7
	Change	-6.4	-12.4	-2.2	2.9	-8.8	-17%
Large	Curr Wk	40.9	95.0	74.1	110.8	143.3	464.1
	Change	-34.6	-61.5	-19.6	-18.4	0.3	-22%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	22.9	14.4	17.6	26.0	93.8
	Change	-1.3	-11.2	-12.0	-5.2	-3.2	-26%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	5.0	3.8	2.8	3.3	19.6
	Change	-0.3	-1.8	0.5	-2.0	-3.3	-26%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	19.7	7.9	16.1	6.2	54.2
	Change	-0.8	4.2	-0.5	0.8	-0.3	7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.4	36.5	12.0	31.1	39.0	147.0
	Change	-8.6	-14.4	-5.8	-6.2	-5.9	-22%
Total	Curr Wk	125.6	228.6	134.7	238.9	247.8	975.6
	Change	-30%	-30%	-22%	-11%	-8%	-20%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg		975.6		-20%		170	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		397.8		1%		39	
Total Shell Egg		1373.4		-15%		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 15-APR-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,143,818	27,459	10,409	5,561	2,322	3,854
PW	1,112,167	25,962	10,511	5,960	2,300	3,586
LY	1,109,838	25,153	11,229	6,123	2,808	3,459
% PW	3	6	-1	-7	1	7
% LY	3	9	-7	-9	-17	11
2000	16,941,527	384,600	168,492	92,210	43,063	56,474
1999	15,598,812	356,160	153,184	84,683	38,978	49,270
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.34	41.38	41.42			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 15-APR-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	225.7	-1	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	492.8	-4	8
W.N. CENTRAL	254.2	0	25
S. ATLANTIC	208.1	14	12
S. CENTRAL	82.7	1	11
WEST	213.6	10	-2
TOTAL	1477.1	2	8

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 92 92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	APR 08	APR 15	APR 08	APR 15
	Thousand			
AL	29,522	29,445	21,077	21,800
AR	31,071	30,893	23,653	23,680
DE	4,230	4,266	5,047	4,716
FL	2,695	2,908	2,363	2,438
GA	*32,380	32,509	*25,256	25,502
MD	8,764	9,016	*6,292	5,981
MS	18,434	18,484	15,485	15,663
NC	18,153	17,733	13,978	13,895
PA	*3,692	3,737	2,871	2,801
SC	4,859	4,842	3,298	4,210
TX	15,009	14,956	11,394	11,277
VA	6,580	6,637	5,647	5,698
CA, TN, & WV	*11,957	11,495	10,987	10,559
15 State Total	*187,346	186,921	*147,348	148,220
Previous Year	183,705	183,420	142,820	145,524
Pct. of Prev.	102	102	103	102

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 27-May-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.81 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/13/00-04/19/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	47.25	49.00	47.25	49.11	—	—	25.00
GNR W 2	—	—	34.00	36.00	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	35.00	37.00	—	—	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	22.20	24.20	5.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	36.83	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	52.33	55.87	45.23	—	16.75
GL W LG	—	—	52.00	55.00	43.50	—	8.25
GL W MD	—	35.14	34.88	36.50	28.00	36.00	12.25
GL W SM	—	—	19.83	21.00	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	31.43	9.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	14.75	16.75	3.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	8.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-Apr-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.1	24.9	5	1
BOSTON	3.8	3.4	12	0
CHICAGO	86.1	41.1	109	143
DETROIT	35.5	37.8	-6	-13
KANSAS CITY	3.4	7.1	-52	0
LOS ANGELES	111.0	111.5	0	32
NEW ORLEANS	15.7	11.3	39	44
NEW YORK	41.6	41.6	0	-5
ST. LOUIS	20.1	11.7	72	76
SAN FRANCISCO	23.9	21.0	14	27
TOTAL	367.2	311.4	18	32
4 WK MVG AVG	308.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 08-APR-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
HEAD	4,912	0	75	4,987
AVG WT	25.81	0.00	26.61	25.82
LAST WEEK	5,261	30	51	5,143
YR AGO	4,492	29	43	4,564
AVG WT	26.74	24.66	26.40	26.73
TO-DATE/2000	64,511	200	542	65,253
TO-DATE/1999	62,762	255	429	63,446

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

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 08-APR-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY WT
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG				
N EAST	1,196	133	20.27	NONE	NONE	1,196	20.27
S ATL	666	-59	30.38	(A)	(A)	677	30.34
N CENT	2,068	-4	29.03	(A)	(A)	2,114	28.96
S CENT	637	10	21.20	NONE	NONE	637	21.20
WEST	345	53	25.33	(A)	(A)	363	25.49
U.S.TOTAL	4,912(B)	2	25.81	0	75	4,987	25.82
TO DATE							
2000	64,592(B)			119	542	65,253	
TO DATE							
1999	58,496(B)			0	429	63,446	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 0 for the year 200,000; last year to date 255,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 15-Apr-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	154,848(A)	2,259	1,335	3,594	438
AVG WT	5.05	3.44	7.87	5.09	6.45
LAST WEEK	153,585	2,009	1,345	3,354	507
YR AGO	151,880	2,510	1,343	3,853	434
AVG WT	5.07	3.43	7.69	4.91	6.67
TO-DATE/2000	2,306,771	30,560	20,449	51,009	6,832
TO-DATE/1999	2,245,298	32,613	19,959	52,572	6,866

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.7 million head or 7.3 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Apr-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/22/00(1)	04/15/00
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	147,390(2)	156,613
LT HENS	2,089	2,332
HVY HENS	1,483	1,390
TOTAL	150,962	160,335

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Apr-00 is 149.9 million head compared to 154.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 147.7 million head or 2.2 million less than estimated available. For week of 29-Apr-00 the estimated available is 153.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
MARCH	11	157.0	153.8	4.89
	18	150.2	153.3	5.11
	25	157.1	153.4	5.08
APRIL	1	158.1	152.9	4.97
	8	155.5	150.5	5.03
	15	156.7	149.4	5.05
YEAR TO DATE	2334.9	2271.4	103	
APRIL	22		149.9	
	29		153.5	

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

	Change from		
	10-Apr-00	10-Apr-00	19-Apr-99
17-Apr-00	56.13	0.92	55.21
			55.53

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 04/17/00-04/22/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	42.00-46.00		46.57	47	49.59	81
Los Angeles	62.00		61.06	66	60.69	121
New York	53.00-56.00		53.82	34	57.51	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	LBS
			AVG	(000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	66	66.00	20
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-

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

	FREGS	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 17-Apr-00	3,888	123,915	85,954
AM 1-Apr-00	3,920	124,850	78,991
CHG	-32	-935	6963
PCT CHG	-1	-1	9

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

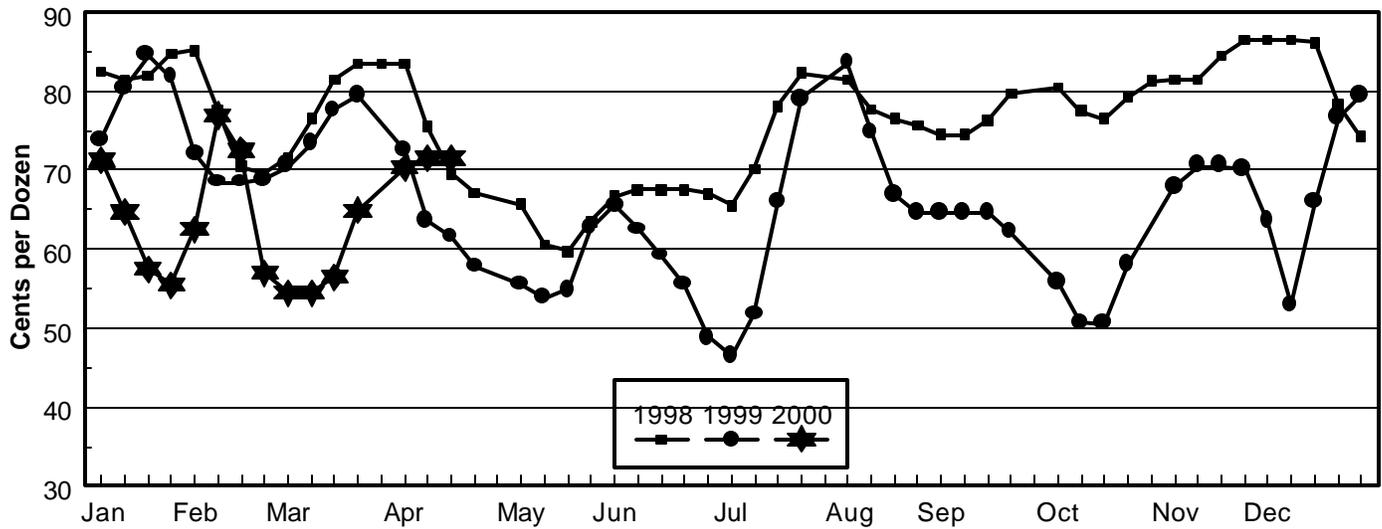
	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
04/17/00			
Southeast	7-16(1)	8.25-10.75	10.68
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8.75-17(1)	10-12	11.10
04/14/00			
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

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

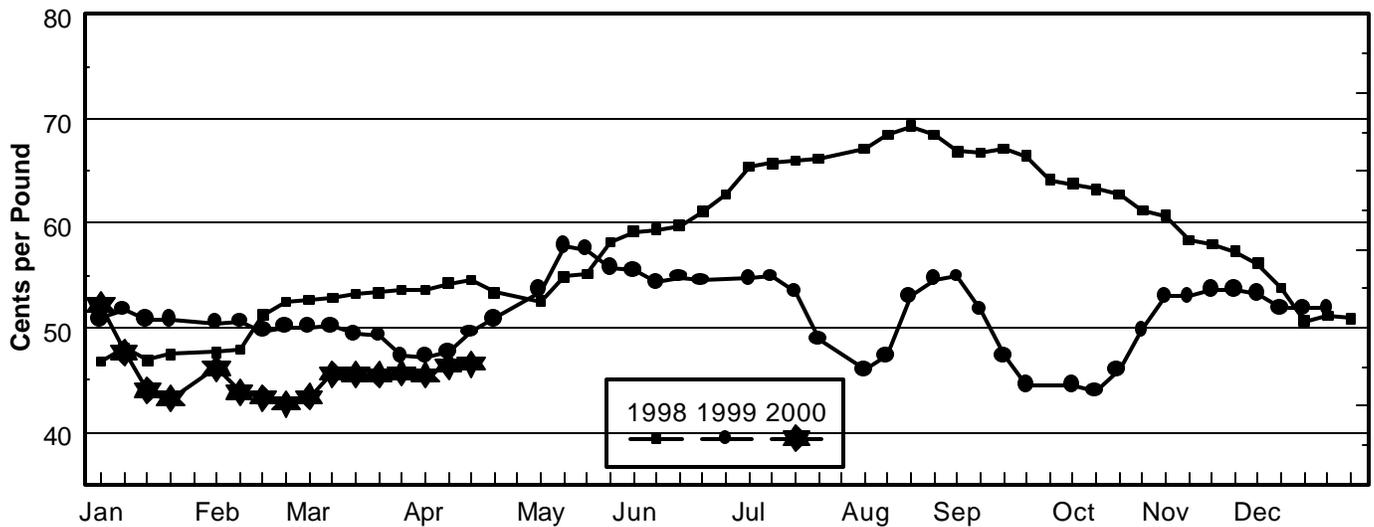
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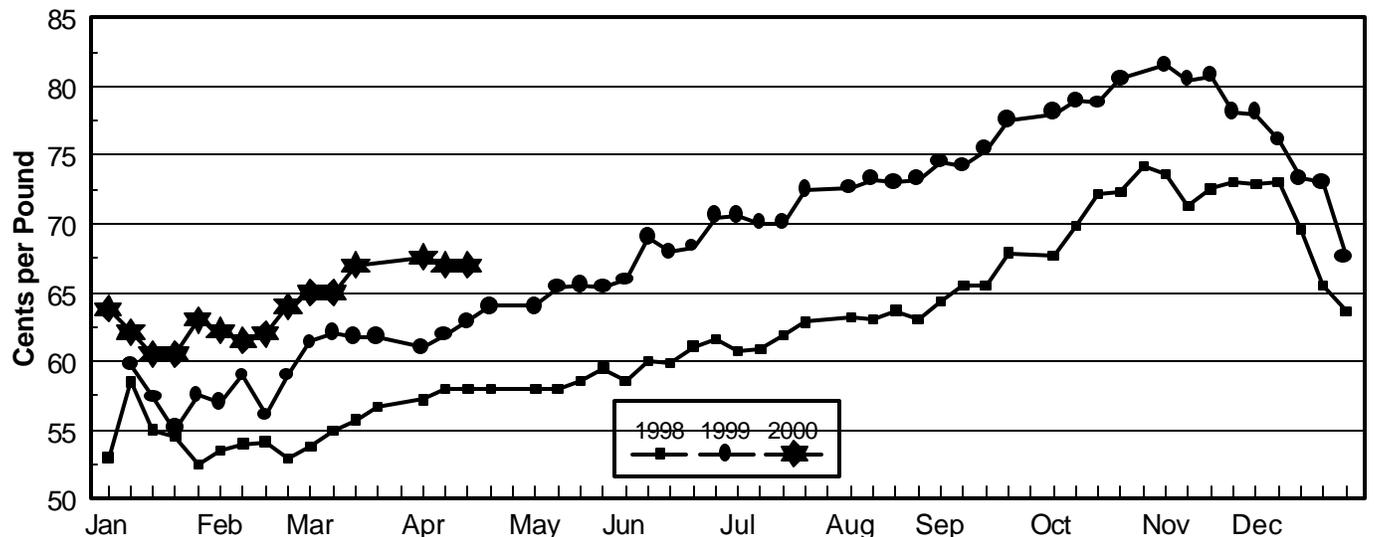
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.