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At the beginning of the week prices were lower to unchanged throughout the country. Prices continued unchanged to lower throughout the period. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was generally light to no better than moderate, mostly fair. Supplies of the larger sizes were fully adequate to ample, and the medium and lighter weights were generally adequate. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Checks and undergrades were lower. Offerings continued adequate to mostly fully adequate for current production needs. Demand was fair to good with graded product making its way into breaking channels and buyers bidding lower values. Trade sentiment barely steady. Light type fowl were ample for current processing requirements.

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)	88-95	80-87	57-61
New York	58-60	55-58	45-48
Philadelphia	56-72	54-70	44-51.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	60-61	58.5-60	41-42
Jackson (1)	70-71	67-68	50-51
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-80	64-78	47-61
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	48-53	47-52	36-41
Detroit (2)	55-58	54-57	37-40
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-65.5	55-64	38-46
Major Wisconsin Cities	59-66	57-64	41-48
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	74-76	70-73	53-56
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	89	75
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 21-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	72.45	70.08	52.61
SOUTHERN	71.37	69.24	50.96
MIDWEST	63.65	62.62	45.33
WESTERN	91.92	86.67	66.21
TWELVE METRO AREAS	77.37	74.28	55.69

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

	04-25-00	04-18-00	04-27-99
Large	38-40	43-45	26-28
Medium	23-25	27-29	17-19

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AM Apr 24, 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	5.6	15.2	10.0	13.9	7.8	52.5
	Change	-2.6	-4.4	-0.4	-4.5	-2.8	-22%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.4	23.6	9.0	24.5	13.3	86.8
	Change	-9.8	-6.3	-3.1	-17.6	-6.1	-33%
Large	Curr Wk	24.6	59.1	42.3	49.9	64.1	240.0
	Change	-16.3	-35.9	-31.8	-60.9	-79.2	-48%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.6	19.6	11.4	12.9	19.7	73.2
	Change	-3.3	-3.3	-3.0	-4.7	-6.3	-22%
Small	Curr Wk	3.3	5.4	3.0	3.2	4.2	19.1
	Change	-1.4	0.4	-0.8	0.4	0.9	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.1	20.2	10.0	12.9	6.7	53.9
	Change	-0.2	0.5	1.2	-3.2	0.5	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.4	41.3	12.3	24.0	39.4	141.4
	Change	-4.0	4.8	0.3	-7.1	0.4	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	88.0	184.4	98.0	141.3	155.2	666.9
	Change	-30%	-19%	-28%	-41%	-37%	-32%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	666.9	-32%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	406.8	2%	39
Total Shell Egg	1073.7	-22%	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 22-APR-00

	CASES		LIQUID		DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
C W	1,109,687	25,898	10,782	5,597	2,663	3,596
P W	1,143,818	27,459	10,409	5,561	2,322	3,854
L Y	1,103,374	24,808	11,164	6,199	3,126	3,370
% PW	-3	-6	4	1	15	-7
% LY	1	4	-3	-10	-15	7
2000	18,051,214	410,498	179,274	97,807	45,726	60,070
1999	16,702,186	380,968	164,348	90,882	42,104	52,640
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.34	41.34	41.27			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 22-APR-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	223.4	-1	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	472.0	-4	-3
W.N. CENTRAL	252.9	4	3
S. ATLANTIC	203.0	-2	11
S. CENTRAL	78.5	-5	3
WEST	231.2	8	5
TOTAL	1,461.0	0	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	APR 15	APR 22	APR 15	APR 22
	Thousand			
AL	29,445	29,417	*21,295	21,748
AR	30,893	30,357	23,680	23,109
DE	*4,247	4,422	*4,715	4,834
FL	2,908	2,909	2,438	2,310
GA	32,509	32,295	*25,518	25,493
MD	9,016	9,171	*5,979	6,582
MS	18,484	17,950	15,663	15,715
NC	*18,065	18,244	13,895	14,144
PA	*3,641	3,771	*2,803	2,833
SC	4,842	4,849	4,210	3,806
TX	14,956	15,010	11,277	11,445
VA	6,637	6,597	5,698	5,420
CA, TN, & WV	*11,704	11,418	10,559	10,332
15 State Total	*187,347	186,410	*147,730	147,771
Previous Year	183,420	183,419	145,781	144,702
Pct. of Prev.	102	102	101	102

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 3-Jun-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.29 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/20/00-04/26/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	40.00	—	39.17	41.20	—	—	34.75
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75
GNR W 3	—	—	28.75	30.25	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	23.00	24.75	4.50
GL W XL	—	—	45.10	47.69	36.23	35.00	25.00
GL W LG	—	—	33.87	40.00	32.10	31.43	16.50
GL W MD	—	38.63	26.63	30.40	27.75	—	26.75
GL W SM	—	—	20.33	21.75	—	—	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	27.75	30.84	32.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	18.50	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-APR-00

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING THOUSANDS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT PW	LY
ATLANTA		30.4	26.1	17	17
BOSTON		5.7	3.8	50	19
CHICAGO		74.5	86.1	-13	106
DETROIT		45.7	35.5	29	70
KANSAS CITY		4.1	3.4	21	58
LOS ANGELES		159.3	111.0	44	102
NEW ORLEANS		14.0	15.5	-18	-1
NEW YORK		43.4	41.6	4	8
ST. LOUIS		17.6	20.1	-12	39
SAN FRANCISCO		32.4	23.9	36	83
TOTAL		427.1	367.0	16	64
4 WK MVG AVG		343.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 15-APR-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	BREEDERS			
THOUSANDS				
HEAD	4,905	2	61	4,968
AVG WT	27.72	47.50	26.79	27.72
LAST WEEK	4,912	0	75	4,987
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,589	12	40	4,576
AVG WT	25.26	24.25	26.93	24.17
TO-DATE/2000	69,416	202	603	70,221
TO-DATE/1999	58,270	267	469	68,022

(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 15-APR-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	PW % CHG				
N EAST	594	-50	25.81	(A)	(A)	595 25.83
S ATL	666	0	29.03	(A)	(A)	677 29.02
N CENT	2,651	28	30.21	(A)	(A)	2,700 30.14
S CENT	687	8	21.07	NONE	NONE	687 21.07
WEST	309	-10	22.19	NONE	NONE	309 22.19
U.S.TOTAL	4,907(B)	2	27.73	0	61	4,968 27.72
TO DATE						
2000	69,499(B)			119	603	70,221
TO DATE						
1999	63,017(B)			0	469	68,022

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 2,000 for the year 202,000; last year to date 267,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-Apr-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	146,562(A)	2,030	1,433	3,463	391
AVG WT	5.05	3.39	7.81	5.22	6.74
LAST WEEK	154,848	2,259	1,335	3,594	438
YR AGO	152,325	2,332	1,431	3,763	382
AVG WT	5.13	3.49	7.99	5.20	6.26
TO-DATE/2000	2,453,333	32,590	21,882	54,472	7,223
TO-DATE/1999	2,397,623	34,945	21,390	56,335	7,248

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 148.3 million head or 1.6 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Apr-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/29/00(1)	04/22/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	156,129(2)	147,390
LT HENS	2,107	2,089
HVY HENS	1,494	1,483
TOTAL	159,730	150,962

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Apr-00 is 153.5 million head compared to 155.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.4 million head or 2.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 06-May-00 the estimated available is 156.1 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	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
	15	156.7	149.4	105
	22	148.3	149.9	99
YEAR TO DATE	2483.2	2421.3	103	
APRIL	29		153.5	
MAY	6		156.1	

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

	Change from		
24-Apr-00	17-Apr-00	17-Apr-00	26-Apr-99
55.89	-0.24	56.13	56.49
NUMBER OF LOADS	666		

MONTHLY

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
APRIL	55.39	2,683.00

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 04/24/00-04/29/00.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.69	48	49.22
Los Angeles	62.00	61.39	57	60.20
New York	53.00-56.00	53.94	32	56.56

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/	67-69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-
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 LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 24-Apr-00	3,224	125,652	88,363
AM 1-Apr-00	3,920	124,850	78,991
CHG	-696	802	9372
PCT CHG	-18	1	12

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

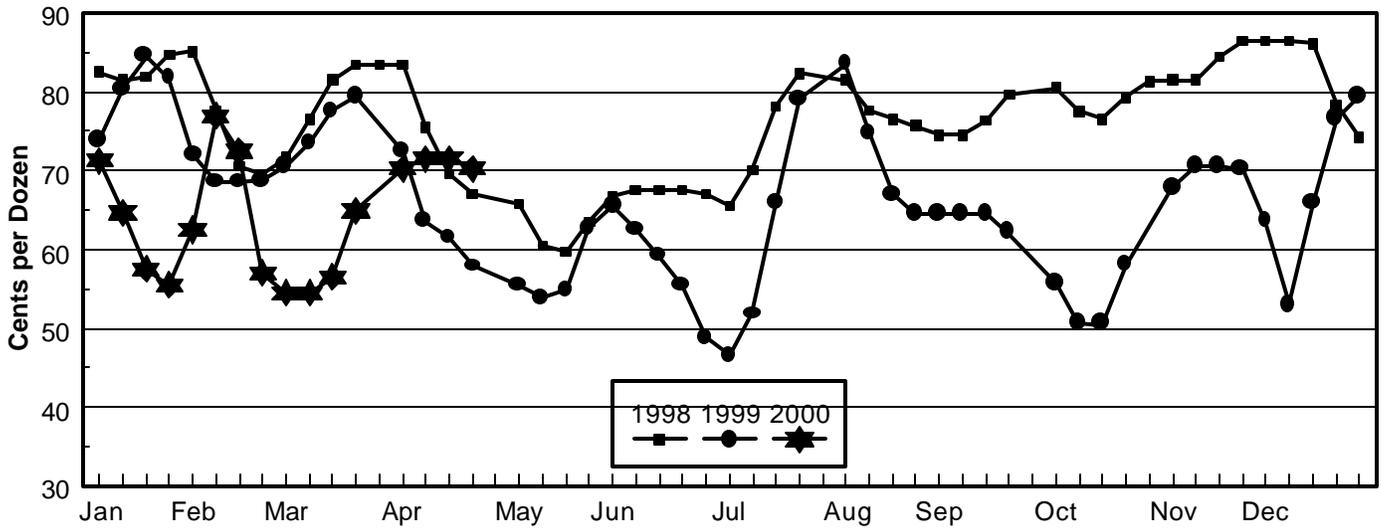
	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
04/24/00			
Southeast	7-16.5(1)	8.25-11	10.54
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8.75-17.5(1)	10-13	11.15
04/14/00			
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

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

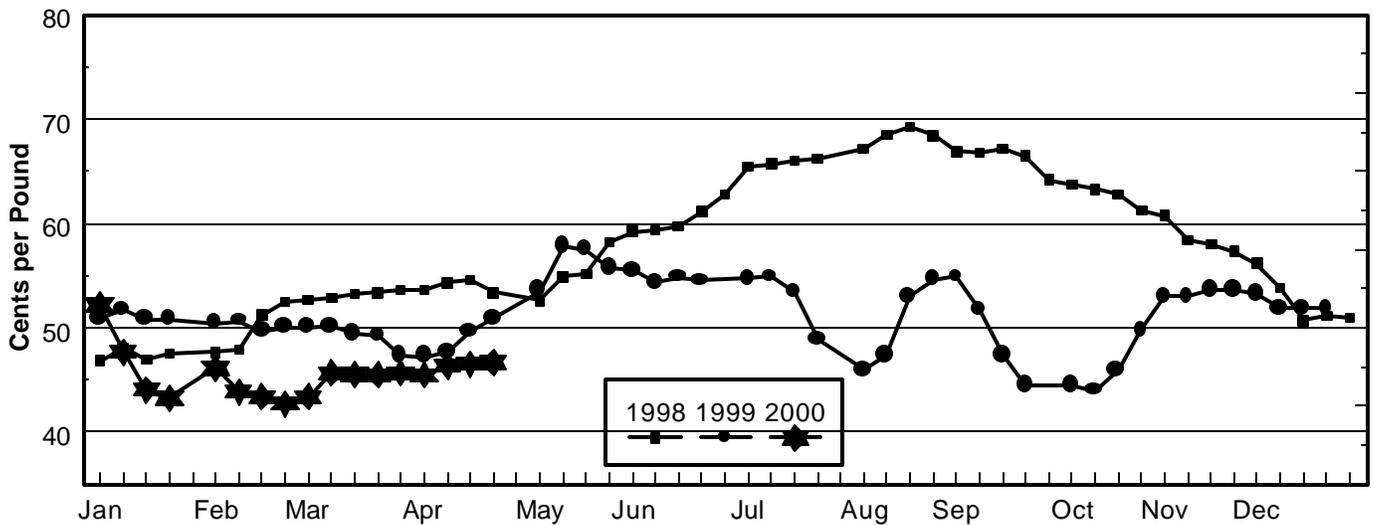
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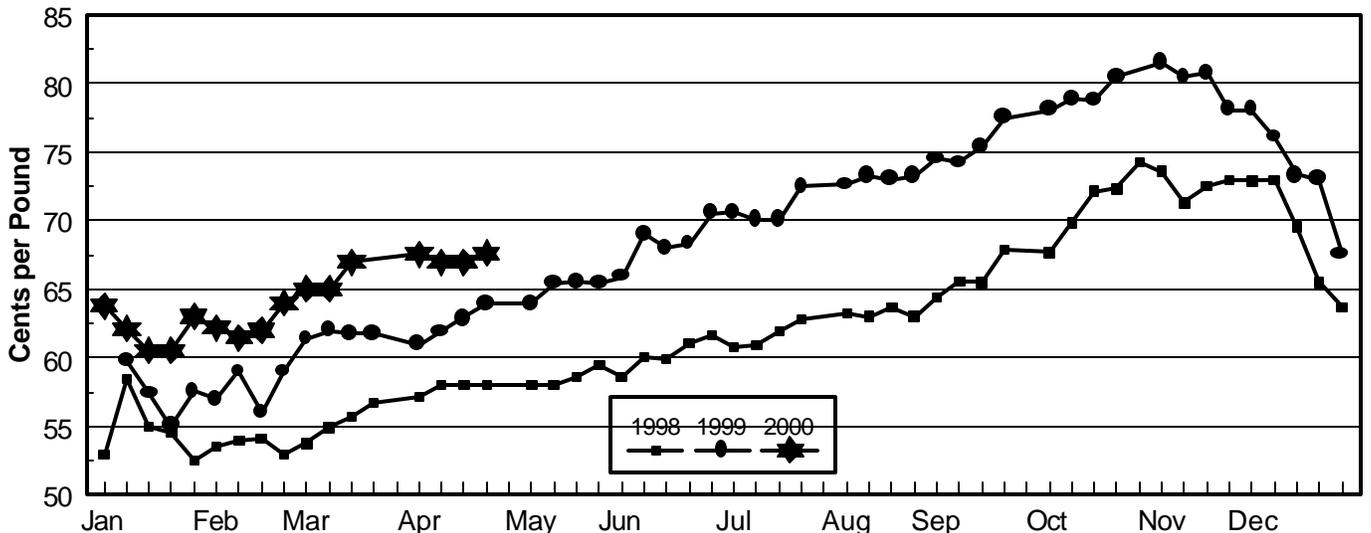
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.