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At the beginning of the week prices in Florida were lower on the medium and smaller sizes, in Philadelphia prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. During the week New England prices were 2 cents higher on the Jumbo sizes and unchanged on the balance. Elsewhere prices continued unchanged. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was mostly moderate to fairly good, best for the scattered feature activity. Supplies ranged balanced at times to fully adequate with ample offerings noted on the West Coast. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available with trading and demand light to moderate. A few breakers were actively seeking additional heavy nest runs outside of regular commitments. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady to barely steady. Light type hens were mostly ample for current slaughter 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)	84-86	76-78	55-57
New York	54-56	51-54	45-48
Philadelphia	52-54	50-52	44-45
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	43-44	41.5-43	37-38
Jackson (1)	53-54	50-51	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	50-62	46-60	42-56
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	40-45	39-44	36-41
Detroit (2)	37-40	36-39	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	38-43	37-41	33-38
Major Wisconsin Cities	41-48	39-46	36-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	58-61	53-57	49-52
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	78	71	68

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 12-May-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	54.75	52.38	46.01
SOUTHERN	51.32	48.98	42.72
MIDWEST	41.60	40.43	36.64
WESTERN	82.10	75.67	60.46
TWELVE METRO AREAS	61.33	57.75	48.76

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

	05-16-00	05-09-00	05-18-99
Large	20-22	20-22	28-30
Medium	18-20	18-20	15-17

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM May 15, 2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.4	11.1	7.2	10.9	7.5 44.1
	Change	0.6	-1.8	-2.2	-3.8	-1.8 -17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.1	37.4	12.8	25.6	18.1 114.0
	Change	3.6	3.4	1.2	-5.5	-1.5 1%
Large	Curr Wk	35.3	89.5	58.5	71.1	82.9 337.3
	Change	6.9	-9.8	-8.9	-13.6	-7.5 -9%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.6	24.9	12.0	20.9	21.1 94.5
	Change	4.3	1.2	-0.5	5.5	-3.0 9%
Small	Curr Wk	2.3	6.9	1.8	2.5	3.7 17.2
	Change	-0.6	0.5	0.6	-0.8	-2.0 -12%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.1	16.8	7.5	11.3	6.2 45.9
	Change	0.2	0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.9 2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.3	53.5	22.4	27.8	36.6 160.6
	Change	-2.0	2.6	6.2	1.0	-10.5 -2%
Total	Curr Wk	105.1	240.1	122.2	170.1	176.1 813.6
	Change	14%	-1%	-3%	-9%	-13% -4%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	813.6	-4%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	406.1	1%	39
Total Shell Egg	1219.7	-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 13-MAY-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,247,507	27,920	12,786	6,700	3,192	4,068
PW	1,255,178	28,159	12,769	7,152	3,146	4,014
LY	1,146,408	26,721	10,799	6,048	2,479	3,603
% PW	-1	-1	0	-6	1	1
% LY	9	4	18	11	29	13
2000	21,781,722	494,468	217,140	118,209	55,337	72,268
1999	20,149,820	458,730	198,925	109,847	50,237	63,240

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.26	41.50	41.15

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 13-MAY-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	226.6	4	2
E.N. CENTRAL	486.0	3	10
W.N. CENTRAL	257.8	4	19
S. ATLANTIC	180.9	-5	-6
S. CENTRAL	71.5	-6	-4
WEST	175.4	-4	-26
TOTAL	1,398.2	1	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	MAY 6	MAY 13	MAY 6	MAY 13
	Thousand			
AL	28,188	28,188	21,744	21,797
AR	29,675	31,064	*24,666	24,716
DE	4,385	4,451	5,681	6,058
FL	2,812	2,827	2,415	2,471
GA	32,027	31,737	*25,336	24,625
MD	8,268	8,597	*5,425	5,630
MS	18,291	18,335	15,518	14,990
NC	17,332	17,605	14,358	14,387
PA	*3,614	3,688	*2,824	2,828
SC	4,664	4,687	4,309	4,319
TX	14,836	14,890	11,792	11,761
VA	6,619	6,613	5,146	5,446
CA, TN, & WV	11,851	11,281	*10,980	10,610
15 State Total	*182,562	183,963	*150,194	149,638
Previous Year	182,775	184,285	146,083	147,285
Pct. of Prev.	100	100	103	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 24-Jun-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 60.61 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/11/00-05/17/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.17	—	29.70	31.44	28.50	30.50	19.00
GNR W 3	—	—	27.50	29.00	21.10	22.63	8.00
GL W XL	—	33.50	36.00	35.29	31.05	32.11	23.25
GL W LG	34.00	36.00	32.82	34.00	27.25	—	31.25
GL W MD	—	—	27.88	29.36	26.50	—	18.25
GL W SM	—	24.50	22.83	24.50	26.00	—	6.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	24.14	26.20	15.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 13-MAY-00

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING THOUSANDS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG
ATLANTA	17.0	19.3	19.3	-12 -37
BOSTON	3.7	4.2	4.2	-12 -23
CHICAGO	44.0	35.8	35.8	23 -21
DETROIT	25.1	21.5	21.5	17 -20
KANSAS CITY	2.5	3.2	3.2	-22 -34
LOS ANGELES	89.7	80.1	80.1	12 5
NEW ORLEANS	11.4	9.9	9.9	15 -5
NEW YORK	38.7	42.8	42.8	-10 -13
ST. LOUIS	16.9	13.0	13.0	30 39
SAN FRANCISCO	20.7	22.3	22.3	-7 3
TOTAL	269.7	252.1	252.1	7 -9
4 WK MVG AVG	300.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED Week Ending 06-MAY-00

	YOUNG(A)	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	BREEDERS BREEDERS			
THOUSANDS				
HEAD	4,982	4627	5,055	
AVG WT	25.94	31.0930	5226.25	
LAST WEEK	4,432	1328	4,473	
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,454	1017	5,481	
AVG WT	25.71	26.4028	6525.72	
TO-DATE/2000	82,841	278673	83,792	
TO-DATE/1999	84,266	295571	85,132	

(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 06-MAY-00
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG					
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	WT		
N EAST	1,000	-2	22.85	(A)	(A)	1,001	22.88	
S ATL	666	4	31.15	(A)	(A)	677	31.10	
N CENT	2,269	10	28.34	(A)	(A)	2,278	28.34	
S CENT	843	101	20.32	NONE	NONE	843	20.32	
WEST	250	-16	27.36	(A)	(A)	256	27.51	
U.S.TOTAL	5,028(B)	4	26.23	0	27	5,055	26.25	
TO DATE								
2000	83,000(B)			119	673	83,792		
TO DATE								
1999	84,561(B)			0	571	85,132		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 46,000 for the year 278,000; last year to date 295,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 13-May-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,176(A)	2,024	1,238	3,262	431
AVG WT	5.06	3.37	7.87	5.08	6.47
LAST WEEK	156,250	2,124	1,403	3,527	408
YR AGO	152,430	2,375	1,333	3,708	458
AVG WT	4.82	3.42	7.79	4.99	6.41
TO-DATE/2000	2,918,915	38,774	25,947	64,721	8,548
TO-DATE/1999	2,858,170	41,823	25,497	67,320	8,595

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.1 million head or 1.9 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-May-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/20/00(1)	05/13/00
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	159,386(2)	159,007
LT HENS	2,058	2,053
HVY HENS	1,671	1,594
TOTAL	163,115	162,654

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-May is 157.2 million head compared to 157.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.7 million head or 2.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 27-May the estimated available is 156.0 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
APRIL	8	155.5	150.5	103	5.03
	15	156.7	149.4	105	5.05
	22	148.3	149.9	99	5.05
	29	154.0	153.5	100	5.04
MAY	6	158.1	156.1	101	5.10
	13	159.1	157.2	101	5.06
YEAR TO DATE	2954.4	2888.1	102		
MAY	20		157.2		
	27		156.0		

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

	Change from			
	15-May-00	8-May-00	8-May-00	17-May-99
	56.03	0.27	55.76	61.02

NUMBER OF LOADS 636

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 05/15/00-05/20/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.06	50	48.57	84	
Los Angeles	62.00	61.34	58	59.99	106	
New York	53.00-56.00	52.61	33	57.00	70	

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/	68-70	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	64-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	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 15-May-00	3,245	134,330	93,638
AM 1-May-00	3,191	127,404	90,183
CHG	54	6926	3455
PCT CHG	2	5	4

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

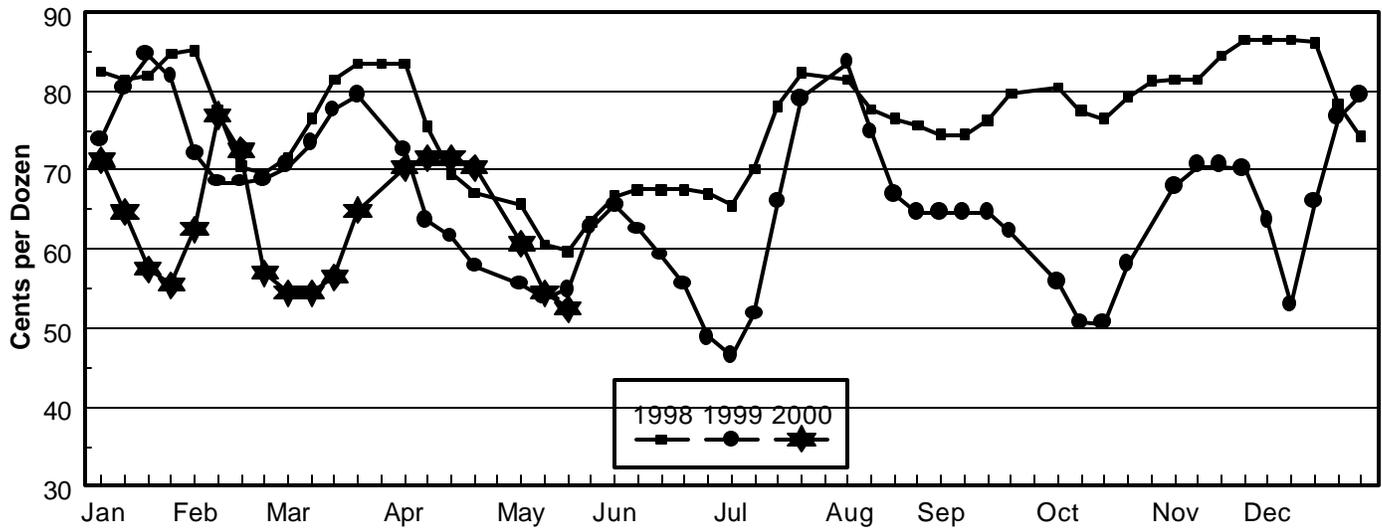
	HEAVY TYPE			WTD. AVG
	RANGE	MAJORITY		
05/15/00				
Southeast	7-15(1)	7-10		9.26
Southeast	TFEWR(2)			
South Central	8.75-17(1)	10-12		11.38
05/12/00				
Eastern	0(1)			
Eastern	0 2)			
So. Central	TFEWR(2)			
No. Central	TFEWR(1)			
No. Central	0-5(2)	0		

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

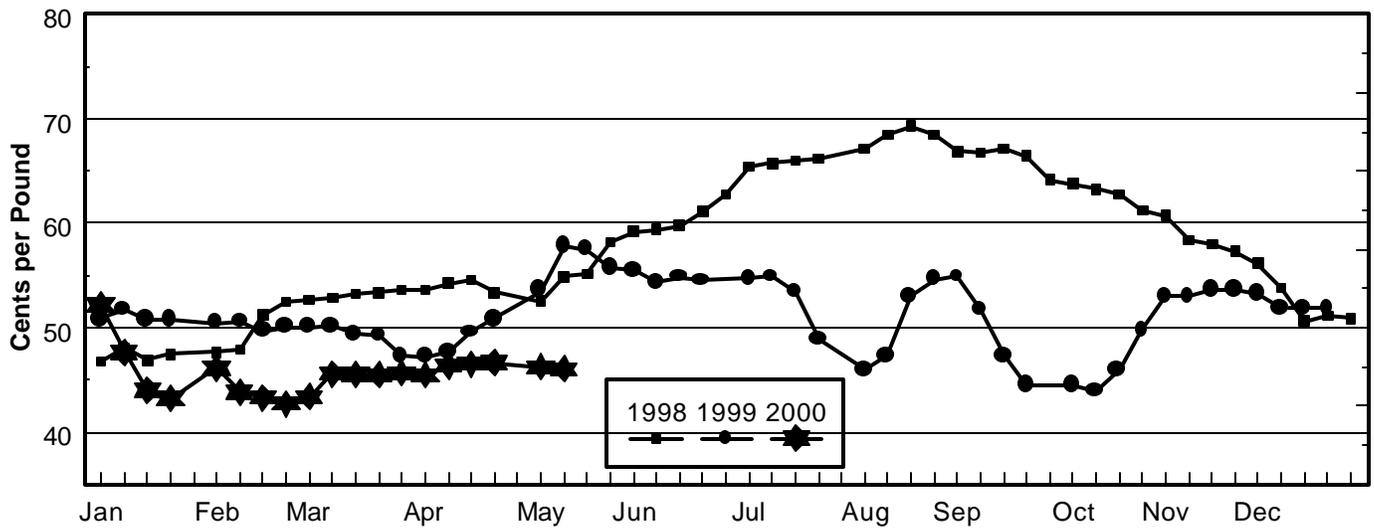
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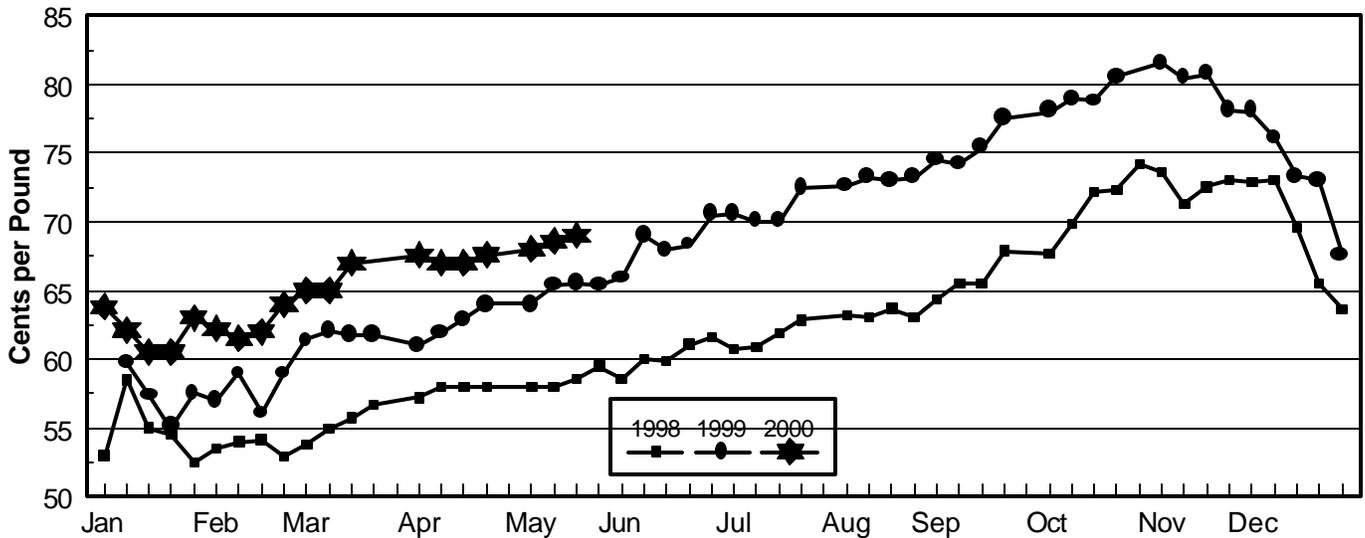
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.