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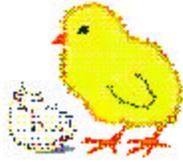
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Early week prices were higher on jumbos only in California, elsewhere all prices were unchanged. During the week, prices were unchanged to higher on all sizes in the Eastern Region and Chicago. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and food service movement was in a full range, mostly moderate to fairly good approaching the holiday weekend. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate to barely adequate, smaller sizes generally adequate. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with most breakers satisfied with regular commitments and not actively seeking heavy nest run product. Floor stocks were adequate to in close balance. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Light type hens were 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	56-58	53-56	47-50
Philadelphia	52-56	50-54	44-47
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	41-46	40-45	37-42
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	54-56	49-50
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 19-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	54.51	52.14	46.01
SOUTHERN	51.32	48.98	42.72
MIDWEST	41.24	40.01	36.64
WESTERN	82.10	75.67	60.58
TWELVE METRO AREAS	61.17	57.57	48.80

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

	05-23-00	05-16-00	05-25-99
Large	20-22	20-22	38-40
Medium	18-20	18-20	15-17

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM May 22, 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	6.4	11.8	6.4	8.2	6.6	39.4
	Change	-1.0	0.7	-0.8	-2.7	-0.9	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.8	32.1	10.0	22.7	19.1	108.7
	Change	4.7	-5.3	-2.8	-2.9	1.0	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	35.3	69.0	51.7	68.8	73.9	298.7
	Change	0.0	-20.5	-6.8	-2.3	-9.0	-11%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.6	31.7	13.6	19.2	26.3	105.4
	Change	-1.0	6.8	1.6	-1.7	5.2	12%
Small	Curr Wk	3.4	6.4	2.7	5.1	4.8	22.4
	Change	1.1	-0.5	0.9	2.6	1.1	30%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	17.9	6.1	11.7	5.5	47.5
	Change	2.2	1.1	-1.4	0.4	-0.7	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.3	48.4	19.1	24.4	38.9	149.1
	Change	-2.0	-5.1	-3.3	-3.4	2.3	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	109.1	217.3	109.6	160.1	175.1	771.2
	Change	4%	-9%	-10%	-6%	-1%	-5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	771.2	-5%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	415.0	2%	39

Total Shell Egg 1186.2 -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 20-May-00

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,263,540	28,333	13,000	6,859	3,295	4,089
PW	1,247,507	27,920	12,786	6,700	3,192	4,068
LY	1,111,743	27,115	9,956	5,552	2,368	3,492
% PW	1	1	2	2	3	1
% LY	14	4	31	24	39	17
2000	23,045,262	522,801	230,140	125,068	58,632	76,357
1999	21,261,563	485,845	208,881	115,399	52,605	66,732

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
41.38	41.26	41.48

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 20-May-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
N. ATLANTIC	220.5	-3	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	504.2	4	10
W.N. CENTRAL	256.6	0	13
S. ATLANTIC	179.5	-1	-3
S. CENTRAL	68.6	-5	-5
WEST	181.1	3	-17
TOTAL	1410.5	1	2

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 92 92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	May 13	May 20 Thousand	May 13	May 20
AL	*28,655	28,980	*21,630	21,702
AR	31,064	31,033	24,716	25,011
DE	*4,400	4,495	*5,703	4,971
FL	2,827	2,722	*2,489	2,370
GA	31,737	32,287	24,625	25,599
MD	*8,521	8,464	*5,686	5,995
MS	18,335	18,802	14,990	15,047
NC	17,605	18,379	*14,447	14,830
PA	*3,714	3,669	*2,850	2,746
SC	*4,731	4,736	*4,350	4,162
TX	14,890	14,441	11,761	11,843
VA	6,613	6,578	5,446	5,017
CA, TN, & WV	11,281	11,427	10,610	10,449
15 State Total*	184,373	186,013	*149,303	149,742
Previous Year	184,285	183,489	147,285	146,675
Pct. of Prev.	100	101	101	102

*Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 1-Jul-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.94 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/18/00-05/24/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	28.25	33.44	29.00	30.68	29.30	31.10	36.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	28.67	28.50	29.50	10.00
GNR W 3	—	29.00	—	—	25.00	28.00	5.00
GNR BR 1	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W XL	32.25	33.75	—	37.20	32.73	—	19.25
GL W LG	—	36.60	29.00	32.05	30.31	—	26.75
GL W MD	26.50	29.25	27.75	28.88	27.59	—	17.50
GL W SM	—	—	23.38	25.00	25.44	—	6.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	26.00	27.00	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 20-May-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PCT CHG	LY
	THOUSANDS			
ATLANTA	20.7	17.0	22	-34
BOSTON	3.9	3.7	5	-20
CHICAGO	42.5	44.0	-3	-4
DETROIT	29.3	25.1	17	4
KANSAS CITY	4.9	2.5	96	29
LOS ANGELES	91.1	89.7	2	10
NEW ORLEANS	11.6	11.4	2	6
NEW YORK	42.3	38.7	9	3
ST. LOUIS	14.8	16.9	-12	2
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0	20.7	1	12
TOTAL	282.1	269.7	5	0
4 WK MVG AVG	293.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 13-May-2000

	YOUNG (A)	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	BREEDERS			
	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	4,919	39	40	4,998
AVG WT	27.52	33.13	25.65	27.76
LAST WEEK	4,982	46	27	5,055
YR AGO	5,487	4	24	5,515
AVG WT	26.57	27.75	25.17	26.57
TO-DATE/2000	87,760	317	713	88,790
TO-DATE/1999	89,753	299	595	90,647

(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 13-May-2000
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER RSTR	OLD BANDED	TOTAL HEAD	TKY AVG WT
	THOUSAND	% CHG	AVG				
	HEAD	PW	WT				
N EAST	796	-20	23.49	NONE	NONE	796	23.49
S ATL	667	0	31.42	(A)	(A)	681	31.29
N CENT	2,539	12	30.45	(A)	(A)	2,558	30.41
S CENT	749	-11	20.42	NONE	NONE	749	20.42
WEST	207	-17	26.51	(A)	(A)	214	26.51
U.S.TOTAL	4,958(B)	-1	27.78	0	40	4,998	27.76
TO DATE							
2000	87,958(B)			119	713	88,790	
TO DATE							
1999	90,052(B)			0	595	90,647	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 39,000 for the year 317,000; last year to date 299,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 20-May-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,827(A)	1,873	1,584	3,457	436
AVG WT	5.08	3.50	8.24	5.67	6.28
LAST WEEK	157,176	2,024	1,238	3,262	431
YR AGO	155,354	2,329	1,356	3,685	416
AVG WT	5.10	3.52	8.06	5.19	6.76
TO-DATE/2000	3,077,742	40,647	27,531	68,178	8,984
TO-DATE/1999	3,013,524	44,152	26,853	71,005	9,011

(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 160.8 million head or 3.6 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-May-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/27/00(1)	05/20/00
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	163,446(2)	159,386
LT HENS	2,048	2,058
HVY HENS	1,613	1,671
TOTAL	167,107	163,115

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-May-00 is 156.0 million head compared to 158.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.8 million head or 7.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 03-Jun-00 the estimated available is 156.4 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
APRIL	15	156.7	149.4	105
	22	148.3	149.9	99
	29	154.0	153.5	100
MAY	6	158.1	156.1	101
	13	159.1	157.2	101
	20	160.8	157.2	102
YEAR TO DATE	3115.2	3045.3	102	
MAY	27	156.0		
JUNE	3	156.4		

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

	Change from		
22-May-00	15-May-00	15-May-00	24-May-99
55.62	-0.41	56.03	59.81

NUMBER OF LOADS 651

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 05/22/00-05/27/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	42.00-46.00	46.31	50	48.89	85	
Los Angeles	63.00	62.29	56	61.09	112	
New York	53.00-56.00	53.93	27	55.77	64	

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/	69-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	63-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	65	-	-	-

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 22-May-00	3,447	135,753	92,074
AM 1-May-00	3,191	127,404	90,183
CHG	256	8349	1891
PCT CHG	8	7	2

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

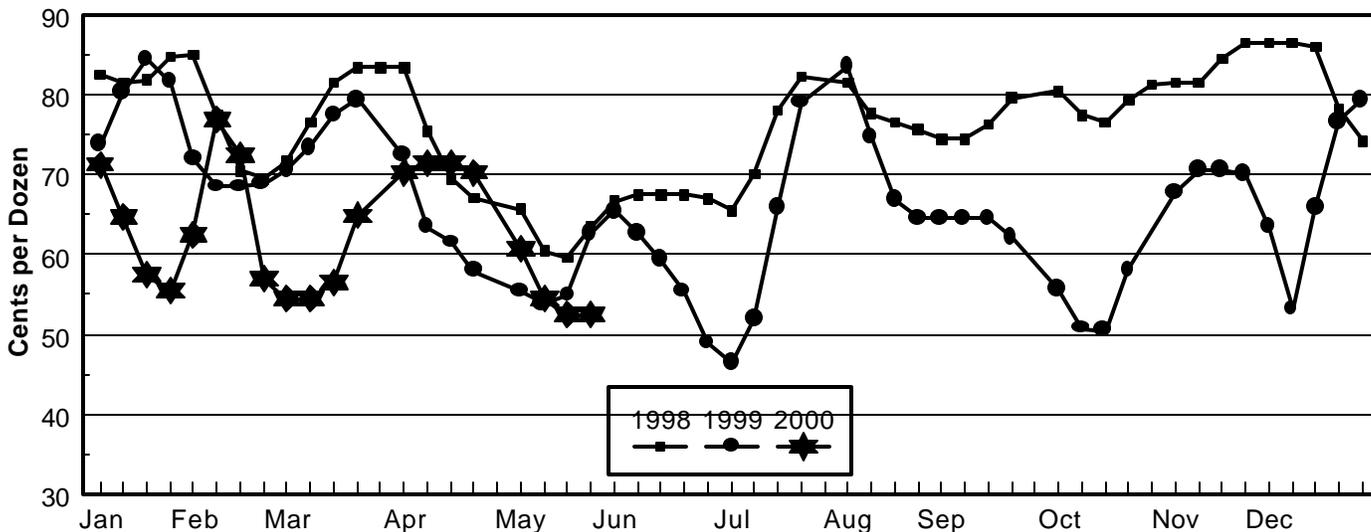
	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
05/22/00			
Southeast	5.5-15(1)	7-9	8.48
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	7-16(1)	9-11	10.20
05/19/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0(1)		
Eastern	0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-5(2)	0	

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

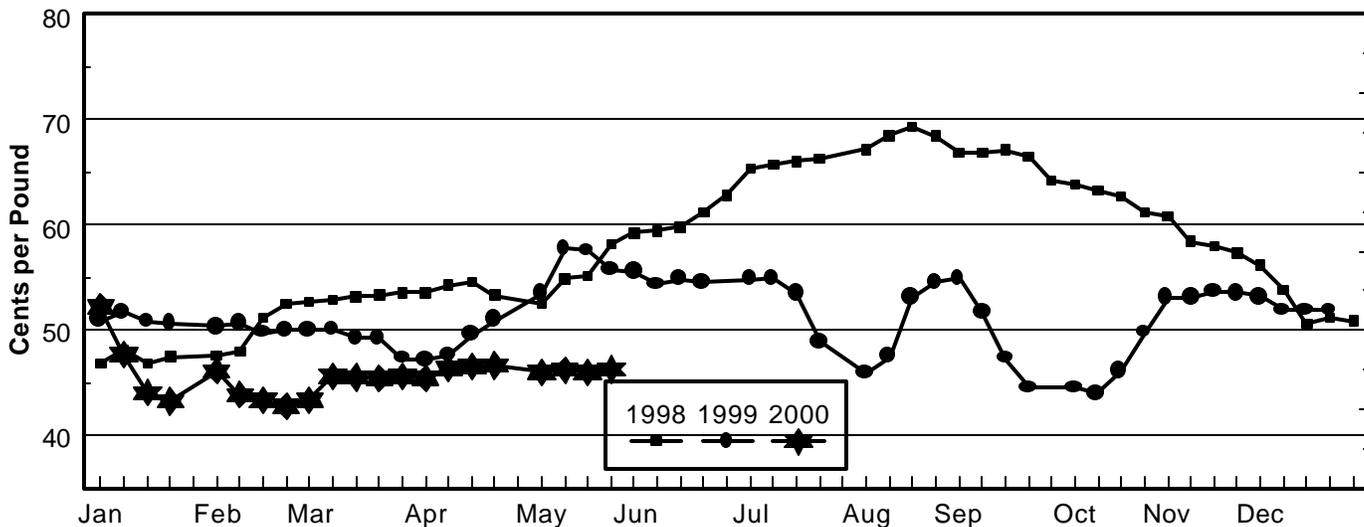
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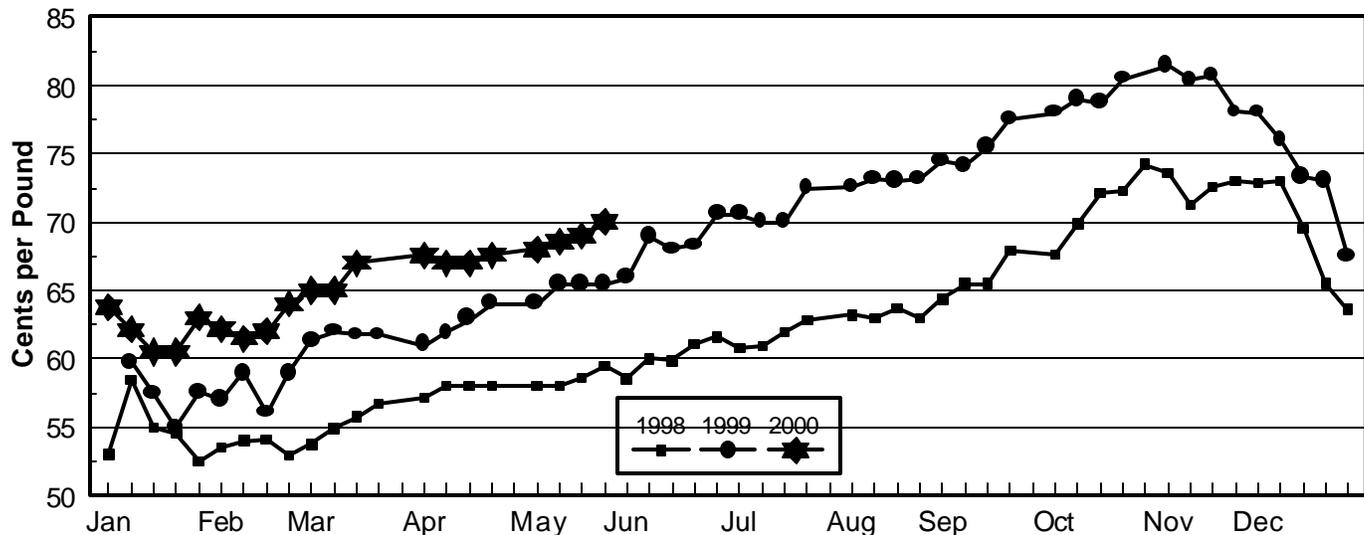
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.