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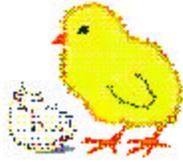
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Early in the week prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on the balance compared to pricing a week ago. Throughout the week prices continued unchanged to lower on the large sizes and unchanged for the remainder of sizes. Trade sentiment ranged steady to weak, mostly barely steady to weak. Demand slowed, ranging mostly light to moderate, and best where limited features were in progress. Supplies were readily available on larger sizes and remained more than adequate for the remainder of sizes. Nest run breaking stock all prices were lower. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the mostly light demand. Graded shell eggs were offered at receding values during the period. Finished product demand was quiet with most business centering on regular orders. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Light type hens were fully adequate to instances short for current processing 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)	98-103	94-99	62-64
New York	71-73	68-71	52-55
Philadelphia	69-77.5	67-75.5	51-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	66-67	64.5-66	43-44
Jackson (1)	75-76	73-74	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-86	70-84	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	60-65	59-64	44-49
Detroit (2)	60-63	59-62	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-67.5	60-66	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-71	62-69	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-85	78-80	57-59
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	101	92	76

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Aug-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	78.03	75.66	53.01
SOUTHERN	78.14	76.22	48.69
MIDWEST	68.62	67.44	44.79
WESTERN	98.45	91.85	70.10
TWELVE METRO AREAS	83.23	79.61	56.98

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

	08-29-00	08-22-00	08-31-99
Large	42-44	47-49	34-36
Medium	24-26	24-26	18-20

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Aug 28,2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.1	15.1	6.7	11.5	7.7	52.1
	Change	3.9	0.0	1.9	1.3	-0.4	15%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.5	51.9	12.0	27.8	20.1	132.3
	Change	2.8	11.3	4.0	1.7	-1.1	16%
Large	Curr Wk	36.8	91.5	53.1	85.2	84.7	351.3
	Change	7.5	11.2	6.0	9.3	-0.3	11%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.6	34.1	13.2	24.1	23.1	104.1
	Change	-1.1	0.7	2.8	-4.3	0.5	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	5.9	3.9	8.4	4.5	27.4
	Change	2.0	-1.3	0.6	1.4	0.1	11%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.4	18.1	7.3	13.6	4.9	49.3
	Change	-0.7	1.7	-2.3	2.8	-1.4	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.0	46.1	16.6	30.4	34.8	150.9
	Change	-0.9	1.2	-5.3	0.2	-1.1	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	111.1	262.7	112.8	201.0	179.8	867.4
	Change	14%	10%	7%	7%	-2%	7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	867.4	7%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	380.3	-8%	39

Total Shell Egg 1247.7 2% 211
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 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 W/E 26-Aug-00

	CASES		LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK			
CW	1,209,167	26,332	12,756	6,844	2,379	4,003	
PW	1,161,730	25,439	11,918	6,568	2,788	3,971	
LY	1,192,988	28,362	10,990	5,578	2,693	3,868	
% PW	4	4	7	4	-15	1	
% LY	1	-7	16	23	-12	3	
2000	39,645,360	893,465	400,745	215,758	98,725	131,564	
1999	37,316,444	859,389	358,552	195,307	88,420	117,739	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -							
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST				
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR				
	41.30	41.23	40.90				

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 26-AUG-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES	PERCENTCHANGE FROM	
	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.4	4	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	460.1	-10	5
W.N. CENTRAL	235.0	-8	3
S. ATLANTIC	183.6	0	-1
S. CENTRAL	73.3	-3	-7
WEST	186.9	-1	-18
TOTAL	1,356.3	-5	-2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	AUG 19	AUG 26	AUG 19	AUG 26
AL	28,924	28,641	21,243	21,856
AR	*29,982	29,844	*23,036	23,776
DE	3,827	3,765	*5,050	4,632
FL	2,725	2,810	2,336	2,432
GA	30,746	30,370	*24,053	24,076
MD	8,110	8,397	5,888	6,010
MS	17,998	18,036	14,883	15,125
NC	18,080	17,347	14,538	14,491
PA	*3,190	3,277	*2,779	2,720
SC	4,777	4,914	3,544	3,820
TX	14,413	14,363	10,297	10,406
VA	6,365	6,175	4,744	5,023
CA, TN, & WV	*11,080	10,548	*9,594	9,507
15 State Total	*180,217	178,487	*141,985	143,874
Previous Year	180,405	179,329	142,535	140,641
	100	100	100	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 7-Oct-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 147.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.01 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 08/24/00-08/30/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
	GNR W 1	—	44.33	48.88	50.75	49.00	
GNR W 2	39.75	—	44.00	43.20	41.50	45.00	5.00
GNR W 3	43.00	—	—	46.00	38.00	—	1.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	44.00	45.50	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	48.67	53.36	49.33	53.00	30.00
GL W LG	—	—	46.09	53.25	47.00	—	16.75
GL W MD	28.00	31.00	33.00	34.67	26.00	—	12.75
GL W SM	20.38	22.58	19.25	21.20	—	—	8.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.83	35.33	43.50	45.00	2.50
NRBS - 48	34.00	35.00	35.88	—	42.20	40.92	10.50
NRBS - 42	—	27.00	—	—	30.00	31.14	3.75

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 26-AUG-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.9	22.5	-3	-29
BOSTON	4.1	4.0	3	-11
CHICAGO	43.9	42.2	4	-19
DETROIT	25.9	23.9	8	1
KANSAS CITY	2.6	5.4	-52	-16
LOS ANGELES	98.8	104.6	-6	8
NEW ORLEANS	9.9	10.2	-3	-18
NEW YORK	31.4	33.8	-7	-17
ST. LOUIS	12.9	17.0	-24	-2
SAN FRANCISCO	22.3	20.8	7	20
TOTAL	273.7	284.4	-4	-6
4 WK MVG AVG	285.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 26-AUG-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG		OLD TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS
-----THOUSANDS-----						
HEAD	2,445	3,023	41	24	24	5,533
AVG WT	15.43	31.73	23.29	26.70	26.70	24.44
LAST WEEK	2,279	2,950	74	27	27	5,330
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,425 (C)		17	26	26	5,468
AVG WT	23.99 (C)		24.12	25.46	25.46	24.00
TO-DATE/2000	158,422 (C)		822	936	936	60,180
TO-DATE/1999	162,864 (C)		529	1,208	1,208	164,601

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.
(C) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS	WEEK ENDING 26-AUG-2000					
	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	TKY
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---		WT
N EAST	942	1	21.47	(A)	(A)	947 21.90
S ATL	922	13	25.62	(A)	(A)	927 26.50
N CENT	2,387	1	27.38	(A)	(A)	2,392 27.57
S CENT	660	5	19.26	(A)	(A)	665 19.68
WEST	598	9	21.17	(A)	(A)	602 22.25
U.S.TOTAL	5,509(B)	4	24.44	0	24	5,533 24.44
TO DATE						
2000	159,078(B)			166	936	160,180
TO DATE						
1999	163,338(B)			55	1,208	164,601

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 41,000 for the year 822,000; last year to date 529,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 26-Aug-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	160,646(A)	1,823	1,311	3,134	434
AVG WT	4.91	4.41	8.05	5.93	6.84
LAST WEEK	158,583	1,815	1,526	3,341	445
YR AGO	157,438	1,812	1,546	3,358	428
AVG WT	4.85	3.33	7.94	5.45	6.54
TO-DATE/2000	5,271,757	66,223	48,758	114,981	15,106
TO-DATE/1999	5,163,096	72,642	46,745	119,387	15,006

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.6 million head or 8.3 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Sep-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/02/00(1)	08/26/00
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	164,472(2)	160,470
LT HENS	1,799	1,860
HVY HENS	1,661	1,542
TOTAL	167,932	163,872

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Sep-00 is 151.1 million head compared to 157.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.8 million head or 13.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Sep-00 the estimated available is 148.8 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
JULY	22	160.1	158.1	101	4.92
	29	161.2	157.6	102	5.00
AUGUST	5	157.1	157.9	99	4.90
	12	163.3	158.6	103	5.01
	19	160.5	157.2	102	4.83
	26	162.6	154.3	105	4.91
YEAR TO DATE		5338.3	5249.8	102	
SEPTEMBER	2		151.1		
	9		148.8		

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

	Change from			
28-Aug-00	21-Aug-00	21-Aug-00	30-Aug-99	
57.40	2.01	55.39	59.84	

NUMBER OF LOADS 676

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 08/28-09/01/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-52.00	50.61	47	53.58	81
Los Angeles	66.00	64.69	58	62.41	154
New York	48.00-51.00	49.74	38	52.49	69

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/	74-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-75	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	71-72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-71	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	71-72	-	-	-

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 28-Aug-00	4,044	166,301	78,797
AM 1-Aug-00	3,836	163,317	91,580
CHG	208	2984	-12783
PCT CHG	5	2	-14

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
08/28/00			
Southeast	.25-9.75(1)	2.25-6	4.97
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	4-10.25(1)	5-6	5.84
08/25/00			
	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0-0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.25(2)	0	

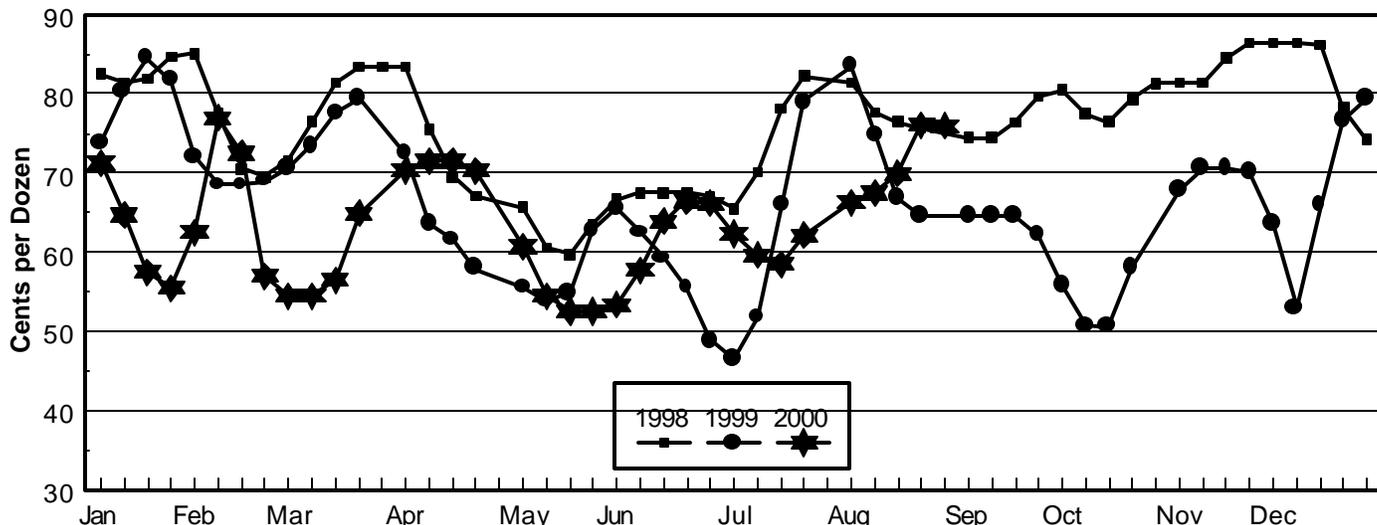
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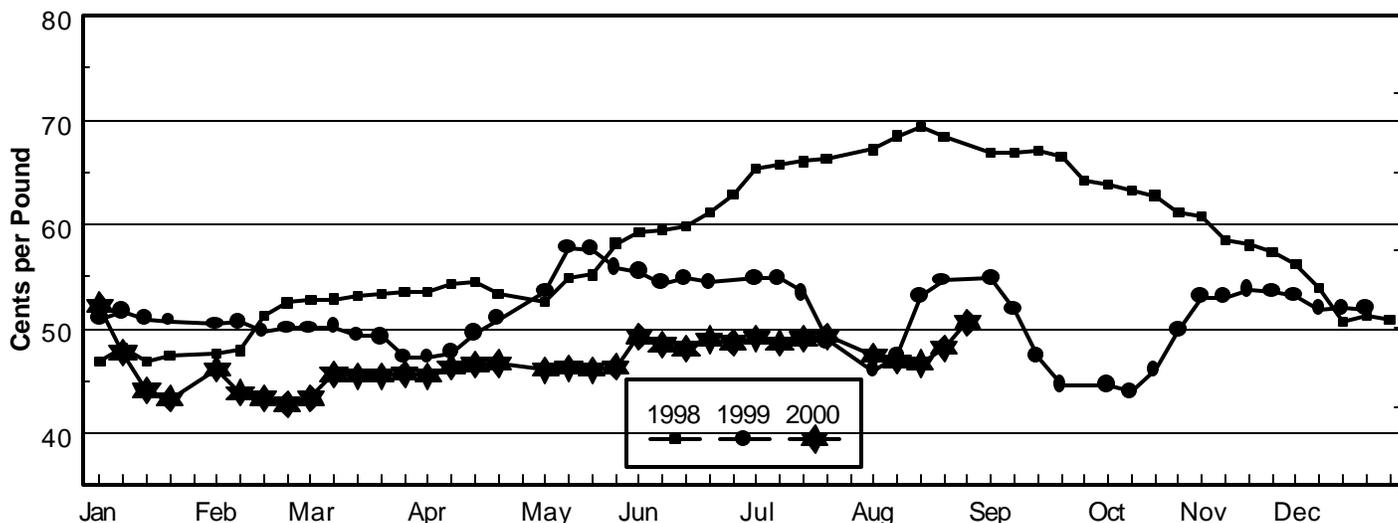
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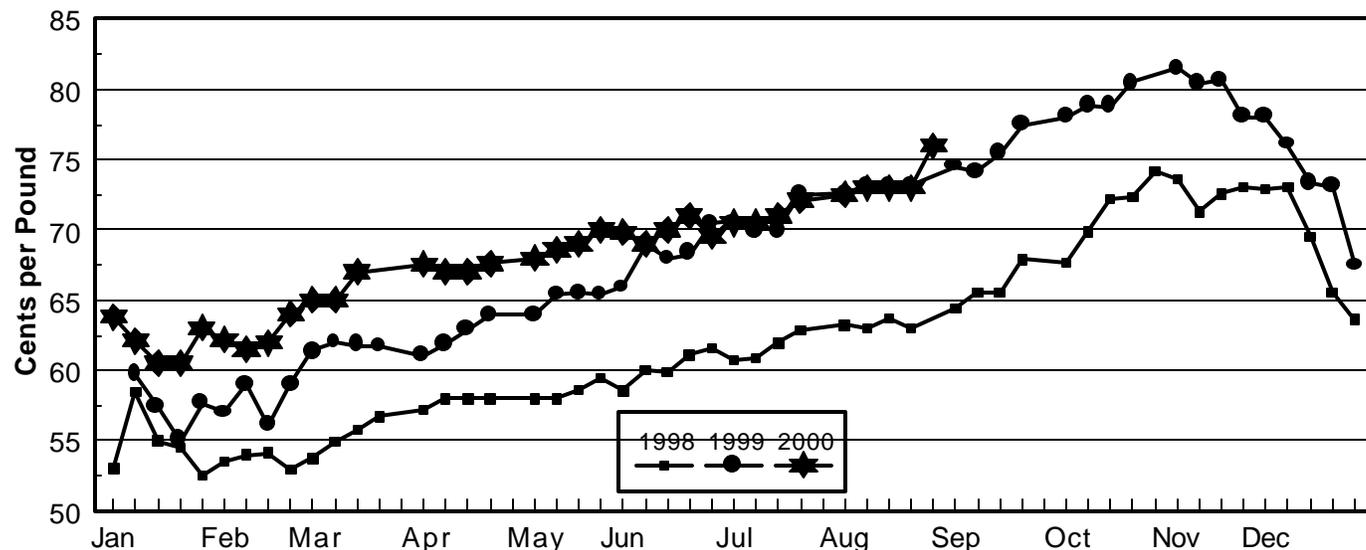
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.