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Early in the week prices were generally unchanged to lower on the larger sizes and the balance was unchanged compared to last week's prices. Throughout the week prices continued unchanged to lower on the large sizes and unchanged for the lighter weight eggs. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak for the larger sizes and ranged fully steady to mostly steady for the balance. Demand was light to at times fairly good and was best into scattered retail features. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for the large eggs and mostly adequate for medium and small. Nest run breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was mostly light to at times moderate and those in need of extra product were bidding lower prices. Offerings were mostly fully adequate to instances ample. Floor stocks were mixed, in balance to adequate. Trade sentiment was weak. Light type hens satisfied 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)	94-98	89-94	62-64
New York	66-68	63-66	52-55
Philadelphia	64-73	62-71	51-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	61-62	59.5-61	43-44
Jackson (1)	70-71	68-69	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-81	65-79	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	55-60	54-59	44-49
Detroit (2)	55-58	54-57	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	56-62.5	55-61	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	59-66	57-64	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	75-79	73-75	55-57
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	96	87	76

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 1-Sep-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	74.07	71.68	53.01
SOUTHERN	72.59	70.67	48.69
MIDWEST	63.67	62.50	44.79
WESTERN	93.46	86.98	70.10
TWELVE METRO AREAS	78.51	74.95	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

	09-05-00	08-29-00	09-07-99
Large	37-39	42-44	34-36
Medium	24-26	24-26	21-23

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Sep 4, 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	9.3	13.6	5.4	13.2	9.1	50.6
	Change	-1.8	-1.5	-1.3	1.8	1.4	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.9	46.9	12.1	33.3	22.8	136.0
	Change	0.4	-5.0	0.1	5.5	2.7	3%
Large	Curr Wk	30.1	99.4	55.1	82.3	88.6	355.5
	Change	-6.7	7.9	2.0	-2.9	3.9	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.4	35.1	11.7	22.8	19.4	97.4
	Change	-1.2	1.0	-1.5	-1.3	-3.7	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	6.6	3.1	9.1	6.8	30.7
	Change	0.4	0.7	-0.8	0.7	2.3	12%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	18.6	5.4	14.1	5.8	48.2
	Change	-1.1	0.5	-1.9	0.5	0.9	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.0	46.1	15.6	29.0	40.0	150.7
	Change	-3.0	0.0	-1.0	-1.4	5.2	0%
Total	Curr Wk	98.1	266.3	108.4	203.8	192.5	869.1
	Change	-12%	1%	-4%	1%	7%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	869.1	0%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	425.7	12%	39

Total Shell Egg 1294.8 4% 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 02-Sep-00

	CASES		LIQUID		DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,222,309	26,982	12,463	6,648	2,699	4,096
PW	1,209,167	26,332	12,756	6,844	2,379	4,003
LY	1,168,383	27,610	10,655	5,776	2,525	3,830
% PW	1	2	-2	-3	13	2
% LY	5	-2	17	15	7	7
2000	40,867,669	920,447	413,208	222,406	101,424	135,660
1999	38,484,827	886,999	369,207	201,083	90,945	121,569

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.06	41.30	40.97

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 02-SEP-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

FROM REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENTCHANGE	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	222.3	2	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	486.0	6	9
W.N. CENTRAL	250.8	7	10
S. ATLANTIC	195.4	6	2
S. CENTRAL	73.1	0	-6
WEST	188.2	1	-13
TOTAL	1,415.8	4	2

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 92 92

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	AUG 26	SEP 2	AUG 26	SEP 2
AL	*28,644	28,564	*21,365	21,311
AR	29,844	30,063	23,776	24,394
DE	3,765	3,884	4,632	4,904
FL	2,810	2,676	*2,440	2,026
GA	30,370	30,394	24,076	23,899
MD	8,397	7,792	*5,967	5,445
MS	18,036	17,874	15,125	15,068
NC	17,347	16,564	14,491	13,573
PA	*3,239	3,470	*2,693	2,629
SC	4,914	4,818	3,820	4,003
TX	*14,365	14,221	*10,408	11,113
VA	6,175	6,045	*5,019	4,880
CA, TN, & WV	10,548	10,264	9,507	9,477
15 State Total	*178,454	176,629	*143,319	142,722
Previous Year	179,329	175,472	140,641	140,234
	100	101	102	102

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 14-Oct-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 147.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.78 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG

PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 08/31/00-09/06/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
	GNR W 1	—	—	44.23	45.75	—	
GNR W 2	37.50	—	36.00	39.67	—	—	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	31.00	—	31.67	—	5.25
GL W XL	38.00	41.50	48.00	49.30	43.61	—	26.25
GL W LG	—	—	47.00	46.67	41.60	48.00	14.50
GL W MD	36.00	—	33.13	35.22	30.50	—	16.00
GL W SM	19.83	22.50	19.75	22.00	18.00	19.00	6.25
NRBS - 50	—	—	30.83	32.33	—	—	2.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	32.00	—	33.00	36.25	8.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	26.50	28.00	31.00	—	1.25
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	27.00	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 02-SEP-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS

CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	29.4	21.9	34	-8
BOSTON	5.0	4.1	22	0
CHICAGO	44.9	43.9	2	-14
DETROIT	26.6	25.9	3	-1
KANSAS CITY	2.6	2.6	0	-61
LOS ANGELES	101.7	98.8	3	10
NEW ORLEANS	8.5	9.9	-14	-32
NEW YORK	34.1	31.4	9	-21
ST. LOUIS	11.6	12.9	-10	-6
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0	22.3	-6	19
TOTAL	285.4	273.7	4	-5
4 WK MVG AVG	286.6			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 02-SEP-2000

ERS	YOUNG (A) HENS		YOUNG TOMS BREEDERS		OLD TOTAL BREED-
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	
HEAD	2,373	2,864	89	23	5,349
AVG WT	15.45	31.96	23.86	31.47	24.50
LAST WEEK	2,445	3,023	41	24	5,533
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,071(C)		11	35	5,117
AVG WT	23.40(C)		28.55	23.74	23.41
TO-DATE/2000	163,659(C)		911	959	65,529
TO-DATE/1999	167,935(C)		540	1,243	169,718

(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 02-SEP-2000

WT	--YOUNG TURKEYS--		FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL TKY		
	THOUSAND	PW AVG					
	HEAD	% CHG WT					
N EAST	884	-6	21.18	(A)	(A)	889	21.90
S ATL	871	-6	27.01	(A)	(A)	876	26.50
NCENT	2,362	-1	27.33	(A)	(A)	2,367	27.57
SCENT	653	-1	18.36	(A)	(A)	658	19.68
WEST	556	-7	20.73	(A)	(A)	559	22.25
U.S.TOTAL	5,326(B)	-3	24.67	0	23	5,349	24.50
TO DATE							
2000	164,404(B)			166	959	165,529	
TO DATE							
1999	168,420(B)			55	1,243	169,718	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 89,000 for the year 911,000; last year to date 540,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 02-Sep-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG		LIGHT HEAVY		TOTAL	DUCKS
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,965(A)	1,827	1,570	3,397	404	
AVG WT	4.80	3.44	7.84	5.47	6.65	
LAST WEEK	160,646	1,823	1,311	3,134	434	
YR AGO	156,031	1,883	1,522	3,405	448	
AVG WT	4.86	3.46	8.25	5.60	6.48	
TO-DATE/2000	5,429,722	68,050	50,328	118,378	15,510	
TO-DATE/1999	5,319,127	74,525	48,267	122,792	15,454	

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.9 million head or 8.8 million head more than or 106 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Sep-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/09/00(1)	09/02/00
	----- THOUSAND HEAD -----	
BRO-FRY	137,735(2)	164,472
LTHENS	1,490	1,799
HVY HENS	1,340	1,661
TOTAL	140,565	167,932

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Sep-00 is 148.8 million head compared to 136.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 138.0 million head or 10.8 million less than estimated available. For week of 16-Sep-00 the estimated available is 149.4 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
JULY 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
SEPTEMBER 2	159.9	151.1	106	4.80
YEAR TO DATE	5498.2	5400.9	102	
SEPTEMBER 9		148.8		
16		149.4		

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

	Change from		
4-Sep-00	28-Aug-00	28-Aug-00	6-Sep-99
58.34	0.94	57.40	58.40

NUMBER OF LOADS 649

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 09/04-09/08/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	48.00-53.00	51.79	44	54.85	84	
Los Angeles	66.00	64.94	57	62.64	134	
New York	48.00-51.00	49.95	42	54.70	79	

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)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	74.5-77	74.5	74.50	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-75	75	75.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-77	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	72-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	71-72	72	72.00	40
WESTERN REGION	71-73.5	-	-	-

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

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 1-Sep-00	4,053	167,656	75,194
AM 1-Aug-00	3,836	163,317	91,580
CHG	217	4339	-16386
PCT CHG	6	3	-18

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of July 31, 2000 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on September 1, 2000 are:

FROZEN EGGS	14	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.99 PCT
TURKS	534	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 4.98 PCT
POP	679	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5.01 PCT

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
09/05/00			
Southeast	.25-9.5 (1)	2-6	4.96
Southeast	TFEWR (2)		
South Central	4-10(1)	5-8	7.31

	LIGHT TYPE	
09/01/00		
Eastern	0-0(1)	
Eastern	0-0 (2)	
So. Central	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central	0-.25(2)	

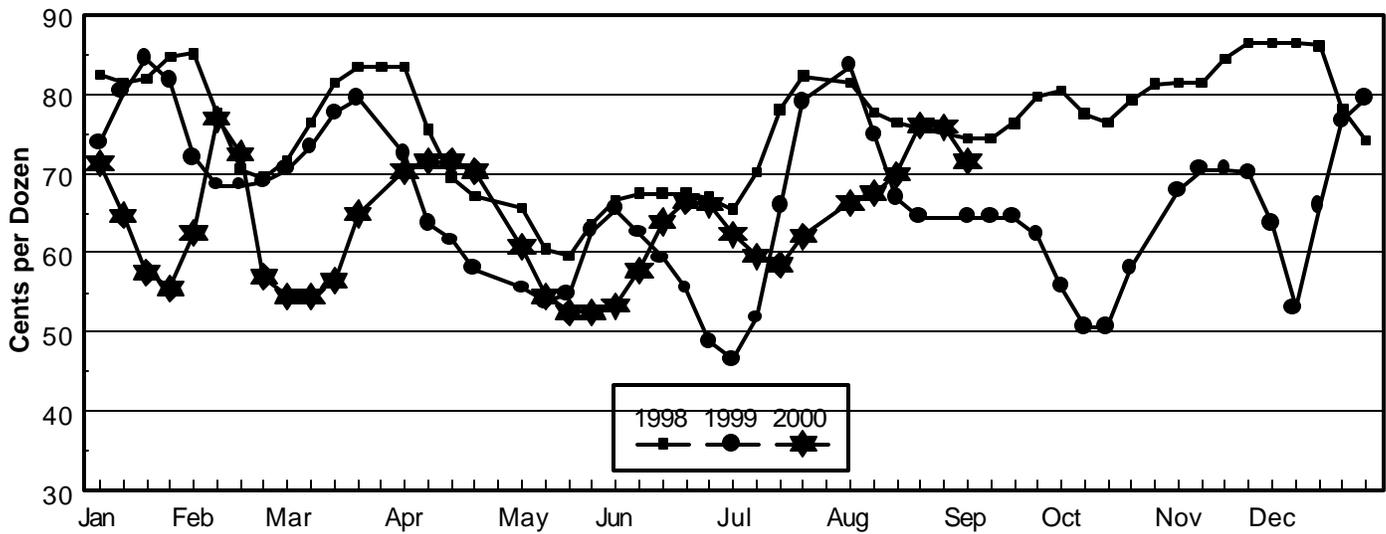
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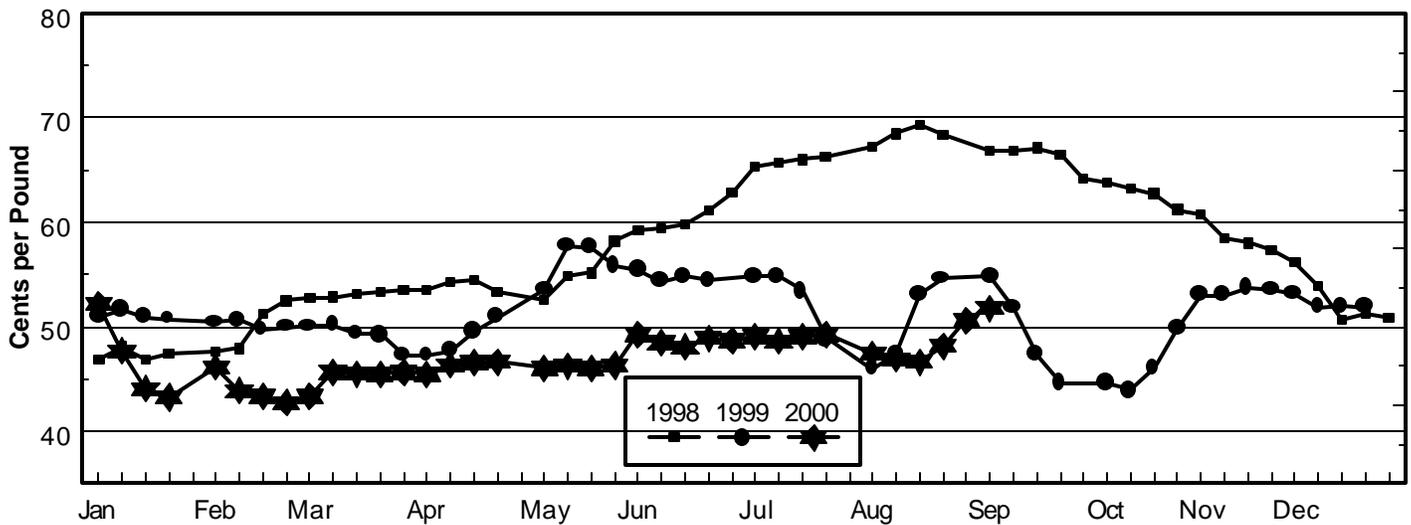
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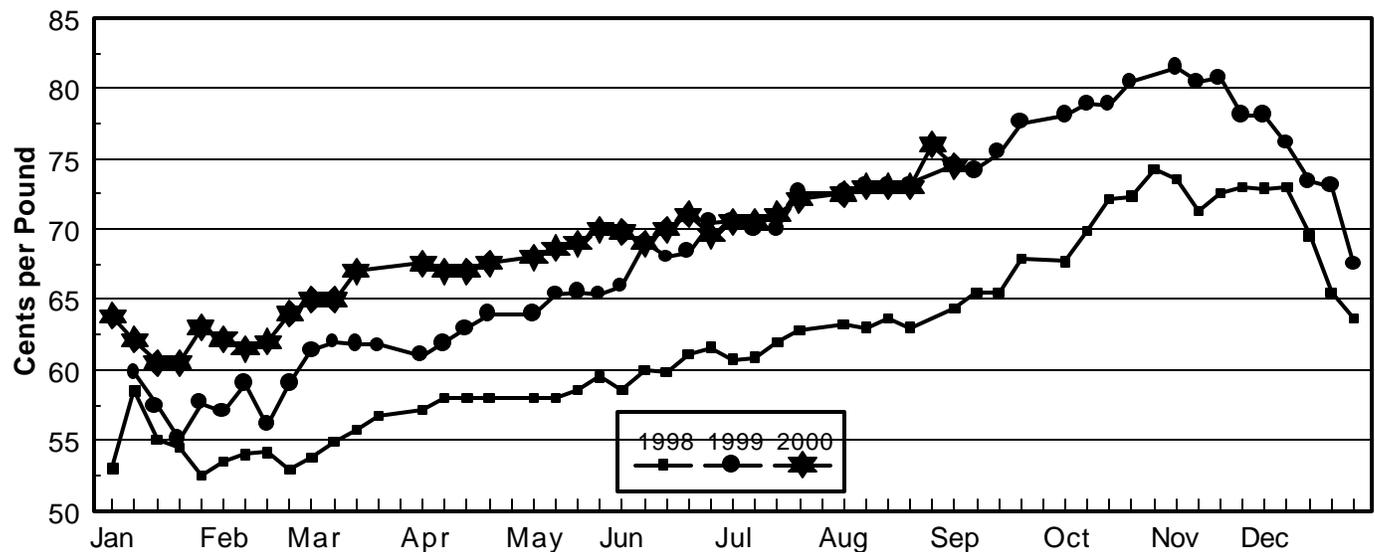
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.