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Early in the week prices were unchanged to lower on the larger sizes in Philadelphia and in the Southern region. In California, larger sizes were one cent higher. Otherwise, prices were unchanged. Throughout the week in the Southern region, prices were higher on all sizes except medium which remained unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged to higher on the larger eggs and unchanged on the smaller sizes. Market tone ranged fully steady to firm. Retail demand ranged light to good, mostly moderate and was best where features were in process. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to instances short. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were mixed from tight to adequate. Demand was light to good, mostly moderate with some breakers attempting to cover future nest run needs at current price levels with little success as sellers hold with confidence. Most breakers were showing an unwillingness to chase higher prices and adjusting schedules accordingly. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Light type hens were sufficient 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)	93-97	88-91	62-64
New York	70-72	67-70	52-55
Philadelphia	64-70	62-68	51-52
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	55-66	53-55	43-44
Jackson (1)	66-67	62-63	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-77	61-75	49-63
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	58-63	57-62	44-49
Detroit (2)	50-53	49-52	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	51-57	50-55	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	54-61	52-59	44-51
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	70-73	67-70	55-57
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	83	76

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 15-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	66.63	64.25	53.01
SOUTHERN	65.57	60.79	48.69
MIDWEST	54.45	53.29	44.79
WESTERN	84.09	76.79	69.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	69.93	65.86	56.88

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

	09-19-00	09-12-00	09-21-99
Large	33-35	32-34	32-34
Medium	24-26	24-26	17-19

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Sep 18,2000
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.7	11.2	5.5	13.0	6.9	46.3
	Change	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3	0.1	-1.6	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.1	39.7	10.6	28.6	21.1	120.1
	Change	2.6	-5.1	-1.1	-0.7	0.6	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	31.3	69.9	52.2	72.5	90.3	316.2
	Change	1.8	-15.3	6.9	-2.9	4.7	-1%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	32.3	17.6	16.9	26.8	106.2
	Change	2.1	-2.2	2.7	-6.4	3.1	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	5.6	6.9	3.0	6.2	4.5	26.2
	Change	-0.8	-0.3	-1.1	-0.9	0.3	-10%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	18.3	5.7	11.0	5.9	45.4
	Change	0.6	-1.3	-0.1	0.9	1.2	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.9	45.4	19.9	26.0	34.4	146.6
	Change	-0.7	-8.0	-2.1	-1.4	-1.5	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	104.7	223.7	114.5	174.2	189.9	807.0
	Change	5%	-13%	4%	-6%	4%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	807.0	-3%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	433.7	-1%	39
Total Shell Egg	1240.7	-2%	210

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 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 16-Sep-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)			(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)		
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,234,193	27,975	12,569	6,282	2,831	4,067
PW	*1,125,596	*25,421	11,536	6,112	2,411	3,596
LY	1,185,374	27,262	10,847	5,911	2,376	3,717
% PW	10	10	9	3	17	13
% LY	4	3	16	6	19	9
2000	*43,227,458	*973,840	437,314	234,800	106,666	143,335
1999	40,764,617	940,098	389,822	212,494	95,680	128,767
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.24	*41.46	40.27			

**Adjustments to Cases broken, Liquid whole, for previous week and year to date 2000. Avg yield for previous week also adjusted.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 16-SEP-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENTCHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	211.4	-2	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	516.4	13	20
W.N. CENTRAL	254.8	4	9
S. ATLANTIC	195.3	1	0
S. CENTRAL	76.7	5	-3
WEST	183.9	-3	-18
TOTAL	1,438.5	4	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		92	92

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> 15 Selected States		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> in 15 Selected States	
	SEP 9	SEP 16	SEP 9	SEP 16
	Thousand			
AL	27,567	27,529	21,688	21,224
AR	*28,807	29,472	*24,751	23,246
DE	3,445	3,748	*4,011	3,791
FL	2,527	2,649	2,294	2,347
GA	*29,174	30,952	*24,491	24,299
MD	*7,554	7,213	*6,311	6,440
MS	17,170	16,340	14,789	15,149
NC	16,885	16,530	14,650	14,036
PA	*3,639	3,581	*2,388	2,447
SC	4,543	4,842	3,527	4,128
TX	14,035	13,287	11,196	11,304
VA	5,873	5,410	4,857	4,969
CA, TN, & WV	*10,183	9,731	9,543	9,342
15 State Total	*171,402	171,284	*144,496	142,722
Previous Year	165,874	168,805	140,439	140,982
	103	101	103	101

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 28-Oct-00 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.35 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 09/14/00-09/20/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
	GNR W 1	37.00	45.33	43.00	44.25	51.25	
GNR W 2	38.00	—	37.75	40.50	—	—	5.50
GNR W 3	—	35.00	—	—	34.77	38.64	12.00
GL W XL	—	53.00	—	50.25	48.09	—	13.50
GL W LG	—	53.00	44.61	48.08	46.76	50.00	21.00
GL W MD	—	35.00	32.07	37.00	32.93	—	10.75
GL W SM	23.00	25.00	22.00	23.70	—	—	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	35.33	—	3.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	23.50	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 16-SEP-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	24.0	22.0	9	-20
BOSTON	4.0	4.1	-2	-20
CHICAGO	53.4	48.2	11	12
DETROIT	25.0	25.2	-1	-34
KANSAS CITY	2.9	3.4	-15	-43
LOS ANGELES	101.3	102.9	-2	15
NEW ORLEANS	7.4	8.5	-13	-36
NEW YORK	33.9	34.2	-1	-11
ST. LOUIS	14.9	14.4	3	0
SAN FRANCISCO	21.1	21.8	-3	2
TOTAL	287.9	284.7	1	-4
4 WK MVG AVG	282.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-SEP-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,286	2,909	52	47	5,294
AVG WT	15.34	31.77	23.07	26.89	24.55
LAST WEEK	2,043	2,414	37	30	4,524
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,805(B)		13	29	4,847
AVG WT	24.95(B)		24.46	28.48	24.97
TO-DATE/2000	173,311(B)		1,000	1,036	175,347
TO-DATE/1999	176,703(B)		559	1,320	178,582

(A) Includes 166,000 fryer/roasters in 2000 and 55,000 in 1999.
(B) 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 16-SEP-2000						
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL	TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	TKY	AVG
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---		WT	
N EAST	827	3	22.43	(A)	(A)	837	22.43
S ATL	878	11	25.32	(A)	(A)	888	25.32
N CENT	2,429	26	26.69	(A)	(A)	2,438	26.69
S CENT	556	20	19.13	(A)	(A)	565	19.13
WEST	557	9	22.33	(A)	(A)	566	22.33
U.S.TOTAL	5,247(B)	17	24.52	0	47	5,294	24.55
TO DATE							
2000	174,145(B)			166	1,036	175,347	
TO DATE							
1999	177,207(B)			55	1,320	178,582	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 52,000 for the year 1,000,000; last year to date 559,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 16-Sep-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	160,820(A)	1,813	1,570	3,383	405
AVG WT	4.94	3.42	8.03	5.56	6.69
LAST WEEK	134,859	1,489	1,296	2,785	495
YR AGO	152,393	2,014	1,484	3,498	454
AVG WT	4.87	3.40	8.04	5.37	4.96
TO-DATE/2000	5,725,401	71,352	53,194	124,546	16,410
TO-DATE/1999	5,606,642	78,122	51,119	129,241	16,321

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.8 million head or 13.4 million head more than or 109 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/23/00(1)	09/16/00
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	159,439(2)	158,105
LT HENS	1,659	1,738
HVY HENS	1,670	1,577
TOTAL	162,768	161,420

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Sep-00 is 150.2 million head compared to 157.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.8 million head or 9.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 30-Sep-00 the estimated available is 150.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST 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
9	136.5	148.8	92	4.87
16	162.8	149.4	109	4.94
YEAR TO DATE	5797.5	5699.1	102	
SEPTEMBER 23		150.2		
30		150.2		

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

	Change from		
18-Sep-00	11-Sep-00	11-Sep-00	20-Sep-99
59.16	0.78	58.38	55.77

NUMBER OF LOADS 654

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 09/18-09/22/00.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.49	46	56.40
Los Angeles	67.00	66.24	54	63.46
New York	52.00-55.00	53.04	26	56.55

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/	77-78	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	76	76.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	73-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-73	72	72.00	40
WESTERN REGION	73-74	-	-	-

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 18-Sep-00	4,152	158,717	78,141
AM 1-Aug-00	4,051	167,385	75,915
CHG	101	-8668	2226
PCT CHG	2	-5	3

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
09/18/00			
Southeast	.25-9.5(1)	2.25-6	4.75
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	2-10(1)	5-7	5.96
09/15/00			
	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0-0(2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.25(2)		

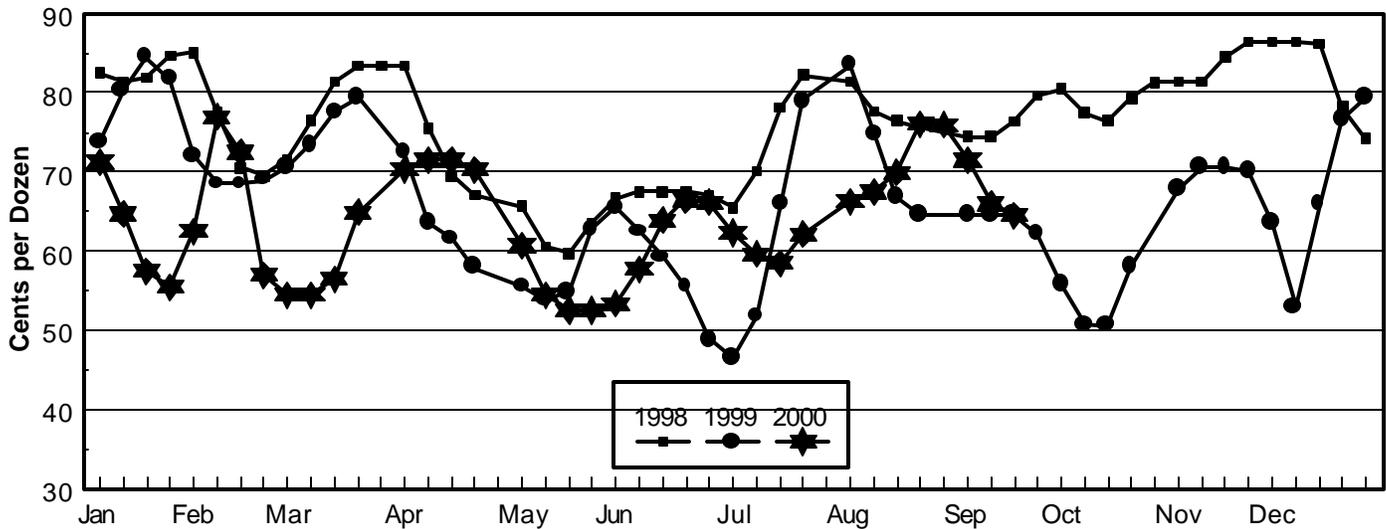
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

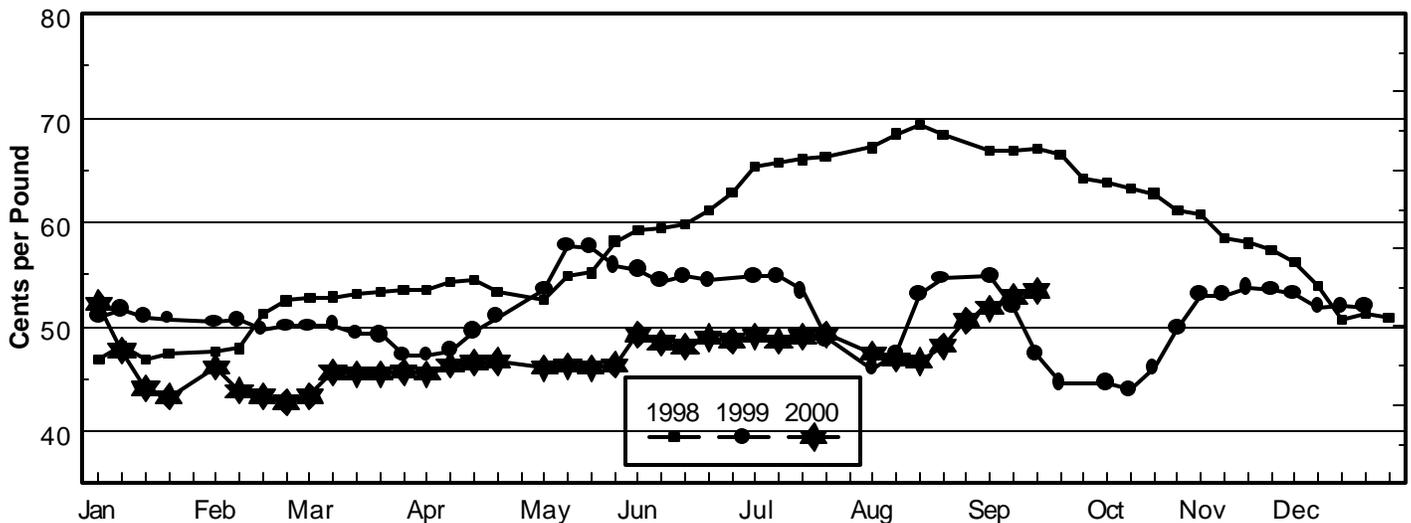
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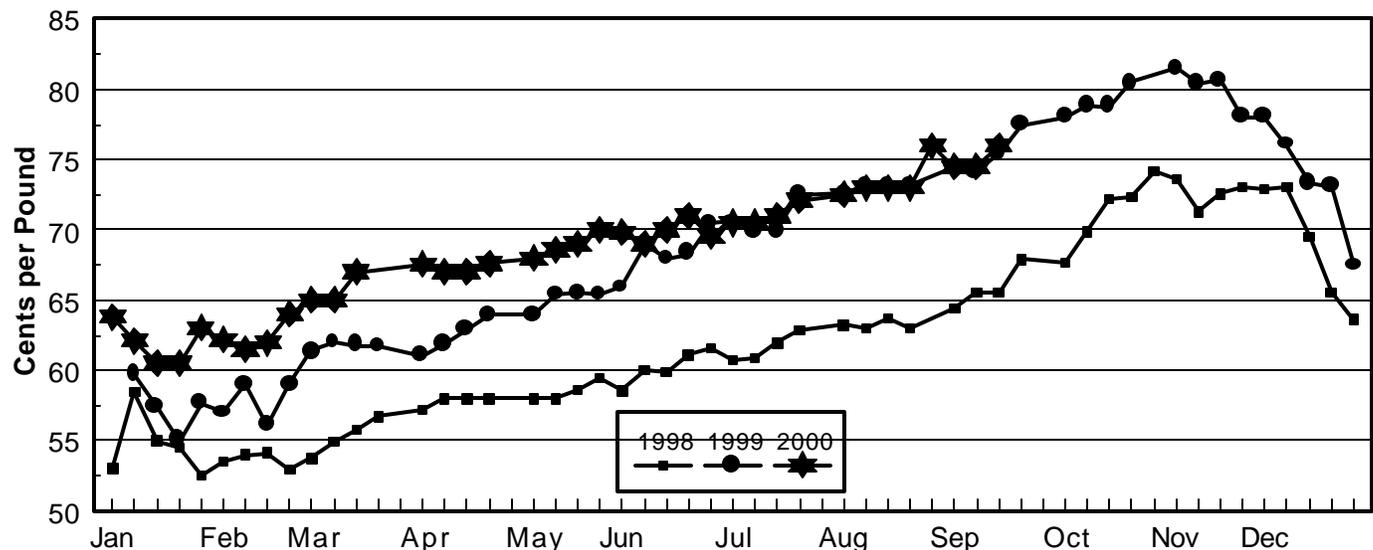
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.