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Early week prices on the East Coast and Midwest were lower on mediums and unchanged on balance. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. Throughout the week, prices in the Southern area were unchanged to slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. In other areas, prices continued unchanged. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was light to good. Supplies in all areas were adequate to short with the Western area in the tightest position. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were mostly adequate to occasionally tight. Trading and demand continued fairly good to good. Bids for additional heavy nest runs were within current quoted range with a few sellers asking for one cent premiums. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Schedules mixed from full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment at least steady. Light type fowl was sufficient for current processing schedules.

**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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	107-109	105-107	70-72
New York	83-85	80-83	70-73
Philadelphia	81-83	79-81	69-70.5
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	62-63
Jackson (1)	84-85	83-84	71-72
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	82-97	81-95	67-80
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	73-78	72-77	58-63
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	54-57
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-77	70-75	55-61
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-81	72-79	58-65
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	90-93	87-90	73-75
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	104	94

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

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Nov-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	83.51	81.13	71.35
SOUTHERN	82.90	81.19	67.19
MIDWEST	74.38	73.14	61.19
WESTERN	104.46	98.80	89.41
TWELVE METRO AREAS	88.93	85.66	75.18

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

	11-28-00	11-21-00	11-30-99
Large	52-54	52-54	29-31
Medium	38-40	40-42	16-18

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM** Nov 27,2000  
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	8.4	20.8	7.3	14.3	8.3	59.1
	Change	-0.7	3.9	1.3	-0.7	-1.2	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.6	38.3	10.7	22.1	19.2	108.9
	Change	-6.2	4.8	0.9	-6.6	0.5	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	33.0	79.0	54.1	55.6	79.8	301.5
	Change	-7.4	1.6	-9.8	-6.3	-0.1	-7%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.8	36.7	13.6	17.5	23.5	105.1
	Change	2.9	3.6	0.2	-2.8	-3.8	0%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	5.9	2.5	5.7	5.8	23.5
	Change	0.8	-0.2	1.6	-1.6	-4.2	-13%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	23.8	11.7	14.1	6.1	61.0
	Change	-1.1	2.0	5.0	-2.1	-0.3	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	40.5	53.6	14.2	22.8	54.3	185.4
	Change	7.6	15.4	-3.6	0.1	3.7	14%
Total	Curr Wk	123.2	258.1	114.1	152.1	197.0	844.5
Percent	Change	-3%	14%	-4%	-12%	-3%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	844.5	0%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	406.4	0%	39
Total Shell Egg	1250.9	0%	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.

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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.

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**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 25-NOV-00

\*\*\*Previous week adjusted for cases broken, liquid whole and inedible.\*\*\*

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,034,494	24,970	9,072	5,465	2,345	3,482
PW	*1,163,814	*28,036	10,921	5,876	2,336	*4,048
LY	1,050,728	23,755	10,265	5,741	2,387	3,561
% PW	-11	-11	-17	-7	0	-14
% LY	-2	5	-12	-5	-2	-2
2000*	54,910,685	1,248,883	548,727	295,293	130,179	*183,378
1999	52,646,418	1,212,307	503,311	276,013	120,840	167,385

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
41.56	42.00	41.23

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** FOR W/E 25-NOV-00

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENTCHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	229.0	-1	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	508.9	-3	4
W.N. CENTRAL	246.2	-5	-1
S. ATLANTIC	207.7	-4	-5
S. CENTRAL	77.2	-6	6
WEST	225.5	0	1
TOTAL	1,494.5	-3	1

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 87

**Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States**      **Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States**

STATE	NOV 18		NOV 25	
	NOV 18	NOV 25	NOV 18	NOV 25
	Thousand			
AL	*26,734	27,960	*18,524	19,191
AR	29,150	30,047	20,280	21,133
DE	*4,066	4,007	*4,867	4,767
FL	2,381	2,509	2,098	1,795
GA	*29,937	30,652	*22,153	22,439
MD	8,137	8,263	*4,975	5,899
MS	17,249	17,759	13,121	14,004
NC	18,368	18,377	13,256	13,987
PA	3,518	3,350	2,478	2,343
SC	4,749	4,980	*3,614	4,129
TX	14,455	14,519	9,423	11,015
VA	6,244	6,205	4,704	4,466
CA, TN, & WV	10,951	11,206	9,150	9,157
15 State Total	*175,939	179,834	*128,643	134,325
Previous Year	178,740	180,524	135,022	137,966
	98	100	95	97

\*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 6-Jan-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 136.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 134.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 140.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 129.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.06 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 11/23/00-11/29/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	52.63	55.21	53.50	55.25	51.81	55.00	68.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	45.00	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	35.75	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	—	63.43	65.22	60.08	59.00	31.00
GL W LG	—	—	61.50	68.20	60.75	—	24.00
GL W MD	—	—	45.91	47.91	45.33	48.50	17.75
GL W SM	—	32.00	26.33	29.33	27.50	—	6.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	35.00	37.09	24.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	23.00	—	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 25-NOV-00

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING THOUSANDS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA		27.5	25.4	8	-19
BOSTON		4.1	2.8	46	41
CHICAGO		51.1	57.7	-11	7
DETROIT		29.7	30.1	-1	-4
KANSAS CITY		6.9	8.8	-22	-9
LOS ANGELES		143.0	145.9	-2	42
NEW ORLEANS		9.4	10.0	-6	-24
NEW YORK		34.0	38.3	-11	-3
ST. LOUIS		15.3	19.3	-21	-12
SAN FRANCISCO		25.8	23.4	10	-5
TOTAL		346.8	361.7	-4	10
4 WK MVG AVG		331.9			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 25-NOV-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG		OLD TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	1,133	1,778	41	11	2,963	
AVG WT	15.25	34.53	23.80	27.88	26.98	
LAST WEEK	2,678	3,100	33	0	5,811	
SAME WEEK YR AGO	3,289(B)		21	46	3,356	
AVG WT	26.89(B)		27.62	26.15	27.03	
TO-DATE/2000	229,676(B)		1,574	1,189	232,439	
TO-DATE/1999	229,250(B)		717	1,691	231,658	

(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 25-NOV-2000					
	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER	OLD	TOTAL
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	TKY
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---		WT
N EAST	467	-56	21.41	(A)	(A)	469 21.41
SATL	414	-59	28.63	(A)	(A)	416 28.63
N CENT	1,437	-46	30.08	(A)	(A)	1,440 30.08
S CENT	268	-64	22.50	(A)	(A)	270 22.50
WEST	366	-51	23.32	(A)	(A)	268 23.32
U.S.TOTAL	2,952(B)-53		26.98	0	11	2,963 26.98
TO DATE						
2000	231,084(B)			166	1,189	232,439
TO DATE						
1999	229,912(B)			55	1,691	231,658

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 41,000; for the year 1,574,000; last year to date 717,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 25-Nov-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	111,581 (A)	1,134	944	2,078	376
AVG WT	5.20	3.45	8.09	5.56	6.67
LAST WEEK	148,934	1,858	1,411	3,269	500
YR AGO	109,769	1,364	846	2,210	387
AVG WT	4.97	3.53	7.92	5.21	6.73
TO-DATE/2000	7,225,409	88,575	67,886	156,461	21,081
TO-DATE/1999	7,087,305	96,629	66,307	162,936	20,691

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 143.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 112.9 million head or 30.3 million head less than or 79 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/02/00(1)	11/25/00
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	156,959(2)	117,382
LT HENS	1,874	1,040
HVY HENS	1,426	960
TOTAL	160,259	119,382

1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Dec-00 is 145.6 million head compared to 155.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.3 million head or 11.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 09-Dec-00 the estimated available is 148.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
OCTOBER 21	158.2	151.5	104	4.97
28	155.9	151.9	103	5.14
NOVEMBER 4	158.5	150.2	106	5.01
11	159.5	147.1	108	5.12
18	150.7	144.4	104	5.06
25	112.9	143.2	79	5.20
YEAR TO DATE	7315.6	7189.5	102	
DECEMBER 2		145.6		
9		148.2		

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

	Change from			
	27-Nov-00	20-Nov-00	20-Nov-00	29-Nov-99
	58.12	0.00	58.12	59.82
NUMBER OF LOADS	581			

**MONTHLY 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS**

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
NOVEMBER	58.22	2543.60

**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 11/27-12/02/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-51.00	50.68	44	54.24	84
Los Angeles	66.00	64.44	65	62.93	127
New York	52.00-55.00	53.72	25	55.95	55

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-78	78	78.00	320
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-75	73-75	74.41	340
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-76	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	65-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65-69	65-69	67.79	215
WESTERN REGION	66-68	-	-	-

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 27-Nov-00	4,505	72,019	77,023
AM 1-Nov-00	5,117	128,816	72,410
CHG	-612	-56797	4613
PCT CHG	-12	-44	6

**HEN MARKETS**

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE			
11/27/00	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG	
Southeast	4-8.5(1)	4-6.5	5.52	
Southeast	TFEWR(2)			
South Central	4-9(1)	5-7.25	6.94	
11/24/00	LIGHT TYPE			
Eastern	0-0(1)			
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So. Central	TFEWR(2)			
No. Central	TFEWR(1)			
No. Central	0-.25(2)			

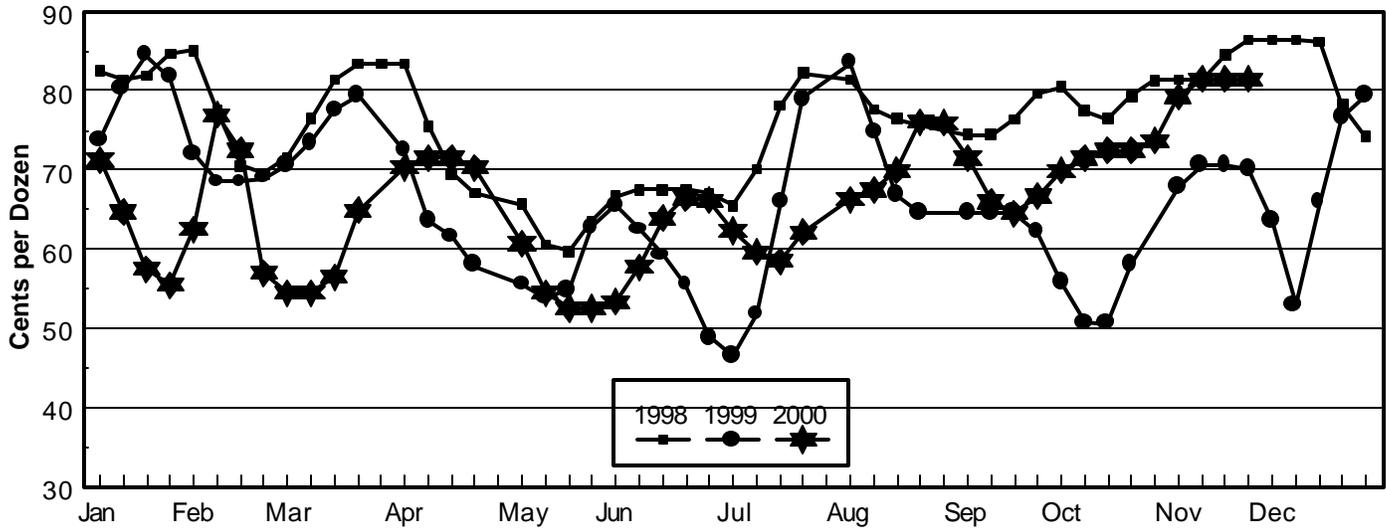
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

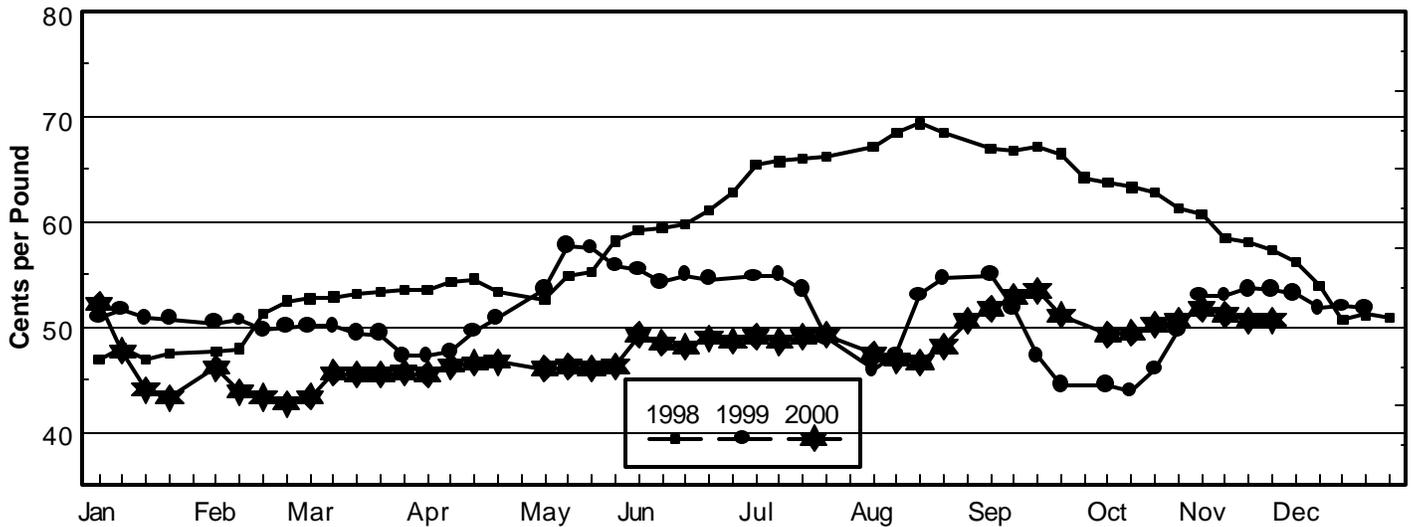
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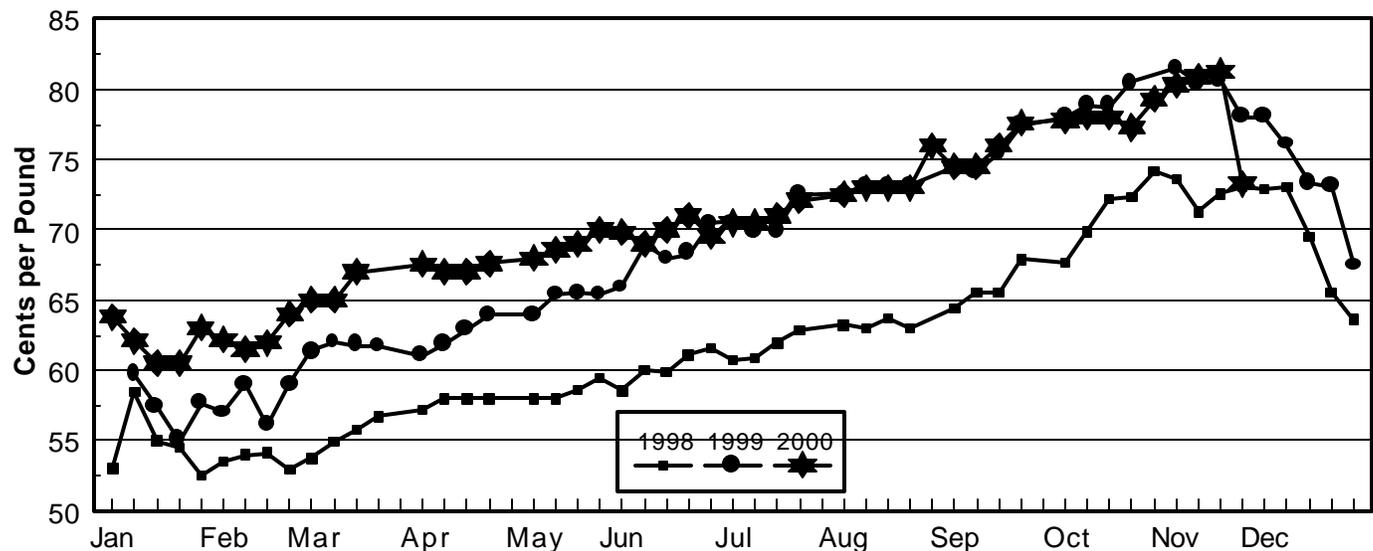
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.