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Early week prices unchanged to higher. Throughout the week, prices in the Midwest and California remained unchanged and in most other areas prices continued higher on all sizes. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was in a full range of light to very good. Supplies were adequate to tight, instances short in the West. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Breaker demand was mostly light to moderate. Demand into graded channels continues to drive nest run prices higher. Most breakers worked from regular commitments and were not actively seeking additional product. Floor stocks mixed from balanced to ample. Liquid whole egg movement was reported as sluggish. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Light type hens were adequate 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)	107-113	105-111	70-75
New York	90-92	87-90	75-78
Philadelphia	81-90	79-88	69-75
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	63-64
Jackson (1)	84-85	83-84	72-73
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	81-96	80-94	66-80
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	76-81	75-80	62-67
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	55-58
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-77	70-75	56-62
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-81	72-79	59-66
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	89-92	88-89	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 1-Dec-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	71.07
SOUTHERN	82.06	80.34	65.89
MIDWEST	74.38	73.14	58.86
WESTERN	104.21	98.68	87.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	88.78	85.56	73.83

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

	12-05-00	11-28-00	12-07-99
Large	52-54	52-54	22-24
Medium	39-41	38-40	14-16

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Dec 04,2000

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.6	23.2	8.6	14.7	11.0	69.1
	Change	3.2	2.4	1.3	0.4	2.7	17%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.1	35.0	12.9	25.8	22.6	123.4
	Change	8.5	-3.3	2.2	3.7	3.4	13%
Large	Curr Wk	47.2	84.5	68.3	72.7	97.0	369.7
	Change	14.2	5.5	14.2	17.1	17.2	23%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.4	35.4	14.7	18.4	21.9	104.8
	Change	0.6	-1.3	1.1	0.9	-1.6	0%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	6.7	1.1	4.6	5.1	22.8
	Change	1.7	0.8	-1.4	-1.1	-0.7	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.5	19.2	7.5	15.1	5.0	52.3
	Change	0.2	-4.6	-4.2	1.0	-1.1	-14%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	36.6	46.9	16.4	28.8	50.1	178.8
	Change	-3.9	-6.7	2.2	6.0	-4.2	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	147.7	250.9	129.5	180.1	212.7	920.9
Percent	Change	20%	-3%	13%	18%	8%	9%
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Number of			
		Cases	Change	Cooperators			
Shell Egg		920.9	9%	171			
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		388.2	-4%	39			

Total Shell Egg 1309.1 5% 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.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 02-DEC-00 **TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
CW	1,163,273	28,238	10,435	5,566	2,570	4,212
PW	1,034,494	24,970	9,072	5,465	2,345	3,482
LY	1,256,059	27,735	12,122	7,308	2,594	4,091
% PW	12	13	15	2	10	21
% LY	-7	2	-14	-24	-1	3
2000	56,073,958	1,277,121	559,162	300,859	132,749	187,590
1999	53,902,477	1,240,042	515,433	283,321	123,434	171,476
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -						
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
	41.65	41.56	40.81			

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 11/30/00-12/06/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	57.44	62.65	59.50	60.00	58.00	57.20	103.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	45.50	—	6.00
GNR W 3	—	56.00	—	—	49.00	51.00	14.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	42.50	44.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	66.00	69.12	66.93	—	17.25
GL W LG	79.00	72.06	63.25	70.50	65.15	—	26.25
GL W MD	—	56.50	53.70	57.25	49.76	—	24.75
GL W SM	—	—	27.90	31.27	27.00	28.65	6.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	37.33	—	—	6.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	39.50	20.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	27.50	4.00

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 02-DEC-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENTCHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	218.4	-5	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	559.6	10	15
W.N. CENTRAL	270.3	10	12
S. ATLANTIC	213.6	3	-4
S. CENTRAL	81.5	6	12
WEST	217.2	-4	-2
TOTAL	1,560.6	4	5
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		90	87

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

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	24.8	27.5	-10	-9
BOSTON	4.4	4.1	7	26
CHICAGO	46.3	51.1	-9	-7
DETROIT	29.5	29.7	-1	-5
KANSAS CITY	5.7	6.9	-17	54
LOS ANGELES	137.3	143.0	-4	77
NEW ORLEANS	8.2	9.4	-13	-30
NEW YORK	27.9	34.0	-18	-32
ST. LOUIS	12.2	15.3	-20	-27
SAN FRANCISCO	20.9	25.8	-19	9
TOTAL	317.2	346.8	-9	13
4 WK MVG AVG	336.7			

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

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	NOV 25	DEC 02	NOV 25	DEC 02
	Thousand			
AL	27,960	29,214	19,191	21,284
AR	*29,980	29,753	*21,146	24,253
DE	4,007	4,214	4,767	5,679
FL	2,509	2,516	1,795	2,133
GA	*30,644	31,116	*22,547	24,592
MD	*8,249	8,240	*6,011	4,537
MS	17,759	17,769	14,004	13,833
NC	18,377	18,297	13,987	14,628
PA	*3,452	3,742	*2,424	2,630
SC	4,980	4,772	4,129	3,800
TX	14,519	14,514	11,015	11,149
VA	6,205	6,049	4,466	4,951
CA, TN, & WV	*11,233	11,054	*9,473	10,662
15 State Total	*179,874	181,250	*134,955	144,131
Previous Year	180,524	180,467	137,966	142,610
	100	100	98	101

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 13-Jan-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 144.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 136.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 144.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.51 CENTS PER POUND.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 02-DEC-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG		OLD TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,415	3,014	68	13	5,510
AVG WT	15.72	34.20	24.84	27.87	25.97
LAST WEEK	1,133	1,778	41	11	2,963
SAME WEEK YR AGO	5,273(B)		14	75	5,362
AVG WT	24.81(B)		27.14	26.29	24.84
TO-DATE/2000	235,105(B)		1,642	1,202	237,949
TO-DATE/1999	234,523(B)		731	1,766	237,020

(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 02-DEC-2000	
	--YOUNG TURKEYS--			FRYER			OLD	TOTAL TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND	AVG		
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	---THOUSAND HEAD---		WT		
N EAST	862	85	21.74	(A)	(A)	865	21.74	
S ATL	932	125	27.34	(A)	(A)	935	27.34	
N CENT	2,509	75	28.52	(A)	(A)	2,512	28.52	
S CENT	488	82	22.86	(A)	(A)	490	22.86	
WEST	705	93	21.33	(A)	(A)	707	21.33	
U.S.TOTAL	5,496(B)	86	25.97	0	13	5,509	25.97	
TO DATE								
2000	236,581(B)			166	1,202	237,949		
TO DATE								
1999	235,199(B)			55	1,766	237,020		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 68,000; for the year 1,642,000; last year to date 731,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 02-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	146,306 (A)	1,876	1,346	3,222	474
AVG WT	4.93	3.37	8.00	5.30	6.56
LAST WEEK	111,581	1,134	944	2,078	376
YR AGO	154,008	2,090	1,439	3,529	489
AVG WT	5.08	3.63	7.70	5.29	6.51
TO-DATE/2000	7,371,715	90,451	69,232	159,683	21,555
TO-DATE/1999	7,241,313	98,719	67,746	166,465	21,180

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 148.1 millionhead or 2.5 million head more than or 102 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/09/00(1)	12/02/00
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	147,293 (2)	156,959
LT HENS	1,952	1,874
HVY HENS	1,371	1,426
TOTAL	150,616	160,259

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 09-Dec-00 is 148.2 million head compared to 153.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 147.6 million head or 0.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 16-Dec-00 the estimated available is 146.1 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 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
DECEMBER 2	148.1	145.6	102	4.93
YEAR TO DATE	7463.7	7335.1	102	
DECEMBER 9		148.2		
16		146.1		

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

	Change from	
	27-Nov-00	27-Nov-00
04-Dec-00	58.21	58.12
	0.09	58.62

NUMBER OF LOADS 597

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 12/04-12/09/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	48.00-52.00	51.21	42	54.14	76	
Los Angeles	66.00	64.20	68	61.98	134	
New York	52.00-54.00	53.41	29	56.10	68	

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/	74-78	76.25	76.25	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-75	73-74.75	74.50	140
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-76	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	65-68	67.25	67.25	40
CENTRAL REGION	64-67	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	64-68	-	-	-

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 (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 4-Dec-00	4,418	71,525	75,555
AM 1-Nov-00	5,117	128,816	72,410
CHG	-699	-57291	3145
PCT CHG	-14	-44	4

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

FROZEN EGGS	14 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.98 PCT
TURKS	266 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.01 PCT
POP	802 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.97 PCT

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
12/04/00			
Southeast	3.25-8.5(1)	4-6	5.36
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	4-9(1)	5.5-7	6.17
12/01/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0-0(2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.25(2)		

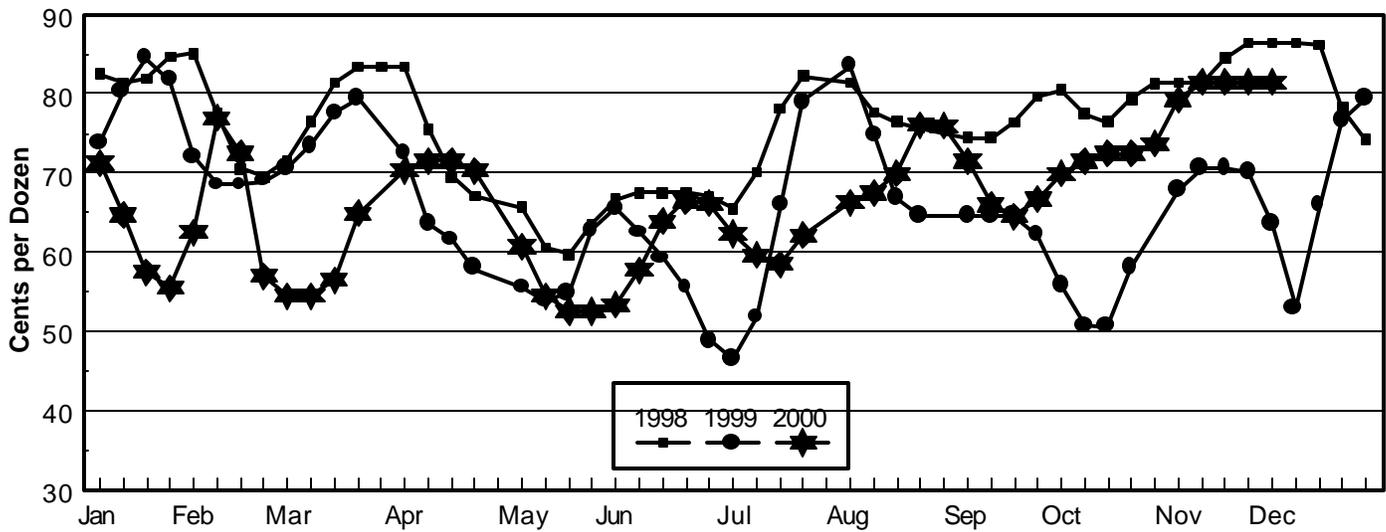
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

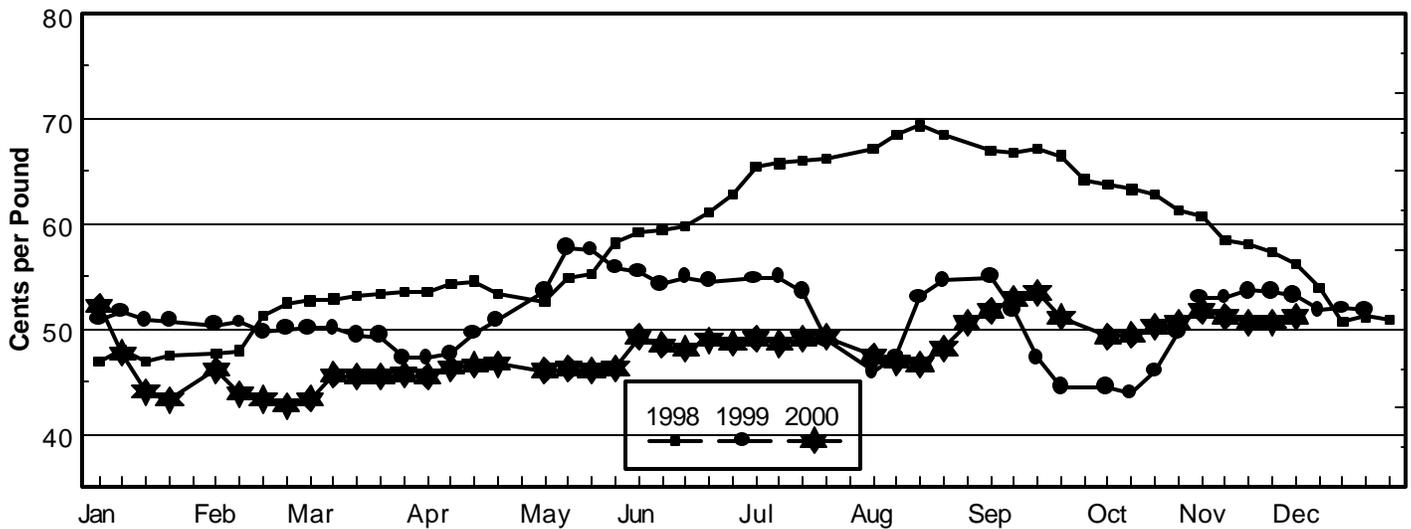
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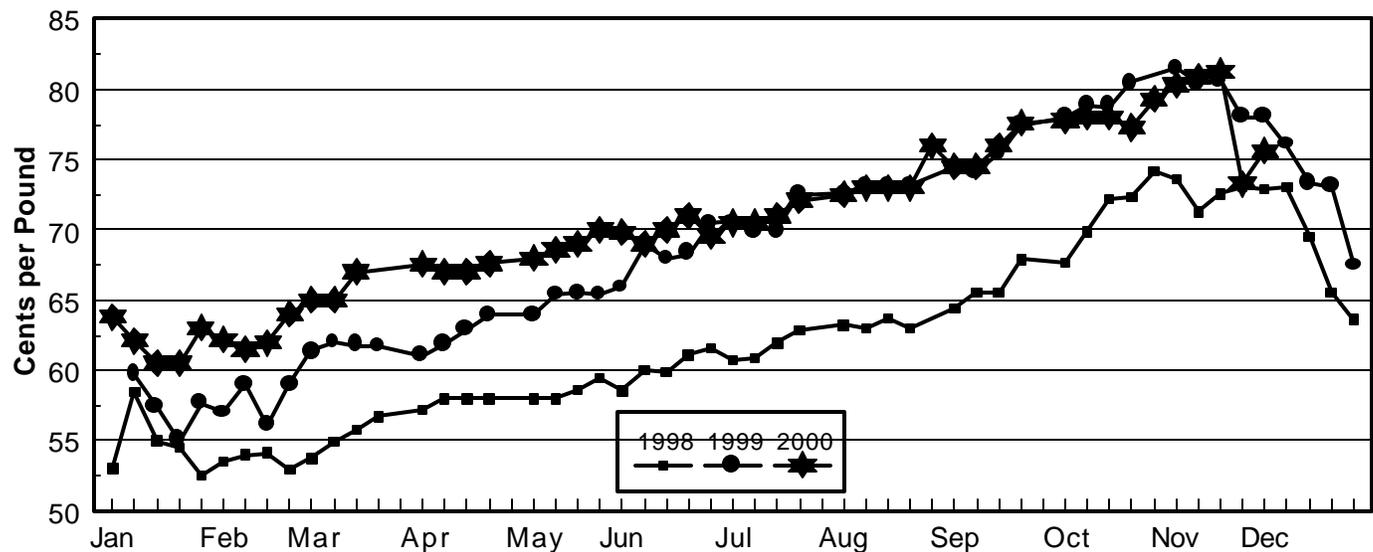
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.