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Early week prices were unchanged in New York and in most other areas they were higher for all sizes. Throughout the week, prices in the Midwest and California remained unchanged and sharply higher for all sizes in most other areas. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm, mostly firm. Demand was in a full range of light to very good. Major winter storms disrupted transportation and deliveries throughout the country this week. Supplies were adequate to tight for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged with Eastern nest run prices were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was light for the adequate to barely adequate offers. Most additional nest run product was being diverted into more attractively priced grading channels. Schedules were part-time to full-time and most breakers were planning on running limited shifts over the next few weeks. Floor stocks were mostly adequate to at times close. Trade sentiment was steady. 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)	114-123	112-120	74-80
New York	100-102	97-100	81-84
Philadelphia	85-100	83-98	72-81
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	83-84	81.5-83	68-69
Jackson (1)	92-93	91-92	78-79
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	85-100	84-98	71-85
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	84-89	83-88	68-73
Detroit (2)	76-79	75-78	60-63
Major Ohio Cities (2)	75-83	74-81	60-67
Major Wisconsin Cities	80-87	78-85	64-71
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	93-96	89-92	77-80
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	118	110	99

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 08-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	87.19	84.82	73.64
SOUTHERN	81.64	79.92	65.92
MIDWEST	75.17	73.93	60.50
WESTERN	104.09	98.68	87.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	90.02	86.84	75.03

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

	12-12-00	12-05-00	12-14-99
Large	59-61	52-54	27-28
Medium	44-46	39-41	17-19

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Dec 11,2000
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	10.7	19.3	7.2	13.3	9.2	59.7
	Change	-0.9	-3.9	-1.4	-1.4	-1.8	-14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.6	31.4	12.1	27.4	21.2	116.7
	Change	-2.5	-3.6	-0.8	1.6	-1.4	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	42.0	79.7	52.4	75.4	96.6	346.1
	Change	-5.2	-4.8	-15.9	2.7	-0.4	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	31.6	12.3	17.9	19.6	93.4
	Change	-2.4	-3.8	-2.4	-0.5	-2.3	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	5.8	1.3	5.1	6.2	22.7
	Change	-1.0	-0.9	0.2	0.5	1.1	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.2	17.2	8.9	14.7	5.0	52.0
	Change	0.7	-2.0	1.4	-0.4	0.0	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	34.3	41.9	17.0	21.4	41.2	155.8
	Change	-2.3	-5.0	0.6	-7.4	-8.9	-13%
Total	Curr Wk	134.1	226.9	111.2	175.2	199.0	846.4
	Change	-9%	-10%	-14%	-3%	-6%	-8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	846.4	-8%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	363.8	-6%	39
Total Shell Egg	1210.2	-8%	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 09-DEC-00

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,082,992	25,934	9,904	5,517	2,322	3,849
PW	1,163,273	28,238	10,435	5,566	2,570	4,212
LY	1,252,677	28,840	12,003	6,585	2,738	4,170
%PW	-7	-8	-5	-1	-10	-9
%LY	-14	-10	-17	-16	-15	-8
2000	57,156,950	1,303,055	569,066	306,376	135,071	191,439
1999	55,155,154	1,268,882	527,436	289,906	126,172	175,646

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -		
CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
41.74	41.65	41.19

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT FOR W/E 09-DEC-00
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	231.0	6	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	534.3	-5	10
W.N. CENTRAL	262.0	-3	6
S. ATLANTIC	213.9	0	-2
S. CENTRAL	79.5	-2	16
WEST	234.2	8	7
TOTAL	1,554.9	0	5

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	DEC 02	DEC 09	DEC 02	DEC 09
	Thousand			
AL	29,214	27,452	21,284	20,803
AR	29,753	29,250	24,253	23,095
DE	4,214	3,963	*5,639	4,528
FL	2,516	2,464	2,133	2,076
GA	*31,209	30,577	*24,593	23,356
MD	*8,225	8,166	*4,538	5,751
MS	17,769	18,070	13,833	14,912
NC	18,297	17,009	14,628	13,815
PA	*3,886	3,344	*2,666	2,672
SC	*4,752	4,627	3,800	4,853
TX	*14,511	14,442	11,149	11,385
VA	6,049	5,694	*5,003	5,106
CA, TN, & WV	*11,066	10,826	*10,660	10,756
15 State Total	*181,461	175,884	*144,179	143,108
Previous Year	180,467	180,792	142,610	142,905
	101	97	101	100

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 20-Jan-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 148.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 144.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.73 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/07/00-12/13/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	64.25	71.13	68.10	70.00	61.67	64.15	105.00
GNR W 2	—	59.00	—	—	62.92	—	8.00
GNR W 3	—	60.50	51.00	54.00	49.50	—	8.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	46.00	47.50	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	61.50	61.00	71.00	—	—	5.00
GL W XL	—	90.00	75.00	78.06	72.08	—	9.75
GL W LG	—	90.00	—	85.75	72.44	—	21.25
GL W MD	—	61.32	52.00	52.86	53.00	61.33	16.75
GL W SM	—	—	32.90	34.40	—	—	2.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	41.00	43.60	5.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	4.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 09-DEC-00

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PERCENT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	24.6	24.8	-1	-15
BOSTON	4.5	4.4	2	36
CHICAGO	50.2	46.3	8	0
DETROIT	38.0	29.5	29	13
KANSAS CITY	3.6	5.7	-37	-22
LOS ANGELES	123.4	137.3	-10	21
NEW ORLEANS	8.5	8.2	4	-39
NEW YORK	30.3	27.9	9	-23
ST. LOUIS	16.9	12.2	39	8
SAN FRANCISCO	22.8	20.9	9	2
TOTAL	322.8	317.2	2	3
4 WK MVG AVG	337.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 09-DEC-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG		OLD TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,556	2,881	49	17	5,503
AVG WT	15.32	24.23	24.02	27.51	20.10
LAST WEEK	2,415	3,014	68	13	5,510
SAME WEEK YR AGO	4,551 (B)		0	47	4,598
AVG WT	24.62 (B)		0.00	26.81	24.65
TO-DATE/2000	240,542 (B)		1,691	1,219	243,452
TO-DATE/1999	239,074 (B)		731	1,813	241,618

(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 09-DEC-2000						
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		FRYER	OLD	TOTAL		
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG	RSTR	BAND		
	HEAD	% CHG	WT	—THOUSAND	HEAD—		
					WT		
N EAST	930	8	21.24	(A)	(A)	933	21.24
S ATL	908	-3	26.92	(A)	(A)	911	26.92
N CENT	2,543	1	27.57	(A)	(A)	2,548	27.57
S CENT	465	-5	22.18	(A)	(A)	469	22.18
WEST	640	-9	22.37	(A)	(A)	643	22.37
U.S. TOTAL	5,486(B)	0	25.33	0	17	5,503	25.33
TO DATE							
2000	242,067(B)			166	1,219	243,452	
TO DATE							
1999	239,750(B)			55	1,813	241,618	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 49,000; for the year 1,691,000; last year to date 731,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 09-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	151,794 (A)	1,927	1,353	3,280	530
AVG WT	5.17	3.40	7.69	5.17	6.88
LAST WEEK	146,306	1,876	1,346	3,222	474
YR AGO	151,438	2,167	1,425	3,592	545
AVG WT	5.01	3.41	7.93	5.20	6.69
TO-DATE/2000	7,523,509	92,378	68,922	161,300	22,085
TO-DATE/1999	7,392,751	100,886	69,171	170,057	21,725

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.6 million head or 5.4 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Dec-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/16/00(1)	12/09/00
	----- THOUSAND HEAD -----	
BRO-FRY	152,726(2)	147,293
LT HENS	1,894	1,952
HVY HENS	1,214	1,371
TOTAL	155,834	150,616

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Dec-00 is 146.1 million head compared to 150.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.0 million head or 6.9 million more than estimated available. For week of 23-Dec-00 the estimated available is 141.3 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
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
9	153.6	148.2	104	5.17
YEAR TO DATE	7617.3	7483.3	102	
DECEMBER 16		146.1		
23		141.3		

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

	Change from			
	04-Dec-00	04-Dec-00	03-Dec-99	
11-Dec-00	57.44	-0.77	58.21	58.11

NUMBER OF LOADS 576

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 12/11-12/16/00.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	48.00-52.00	50.69	43	53.76	78
Los Angeles	66.00	65.09	55	61.19	113
New York	47.00-49.00	47.96	25	54.19	58

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)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-73	73	73.00	80
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-74	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	65-67	65	65.00	40
CENTRAL REGION	63-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	64-67	-	-	-

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 11-Dec-00	3,943	70,827	73,666
AM 1-Dec-00	4,435	71,624	75,849
CHG	-492	-797	-2183
PCT CHG	-11	-1	-3

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
12/11/00			
Southeast	4-8.5(1)	4-7.75	5.81
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	3.5-9(1)	5-7	5.90
12/08/00	LIGHT TYPE		
Eastern	0-0(1)		
Eastern	0-0 2)		
So. Central	TFEWR(2)		
No. Central	TFEWR(1)		
No. Central	0-.25(2)		

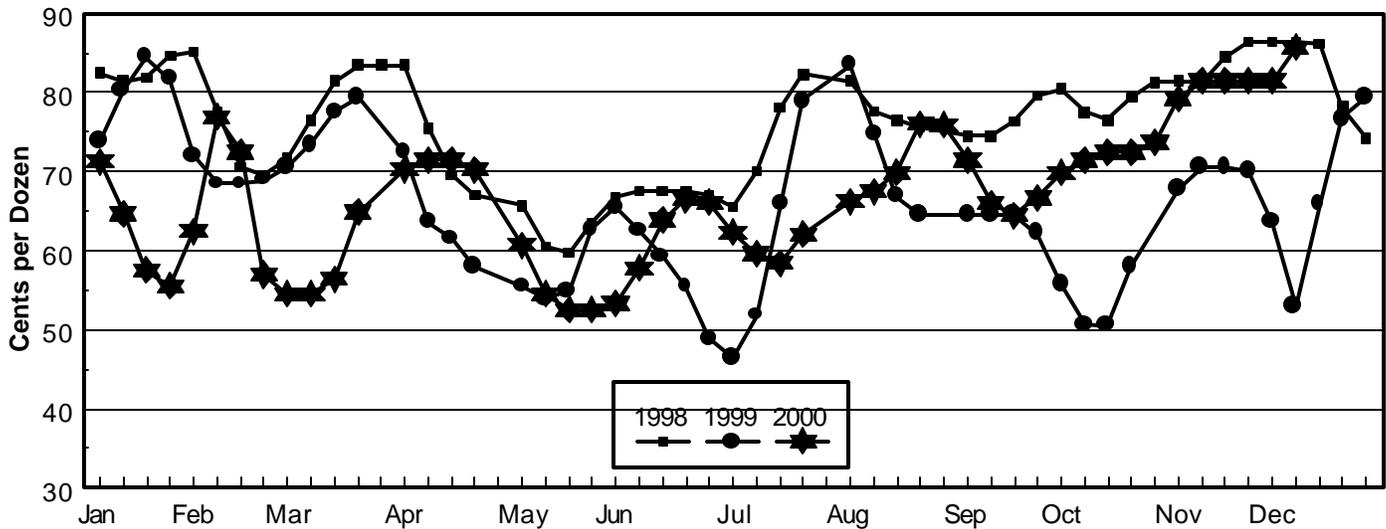
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading

(2) At Farm Producer Loading

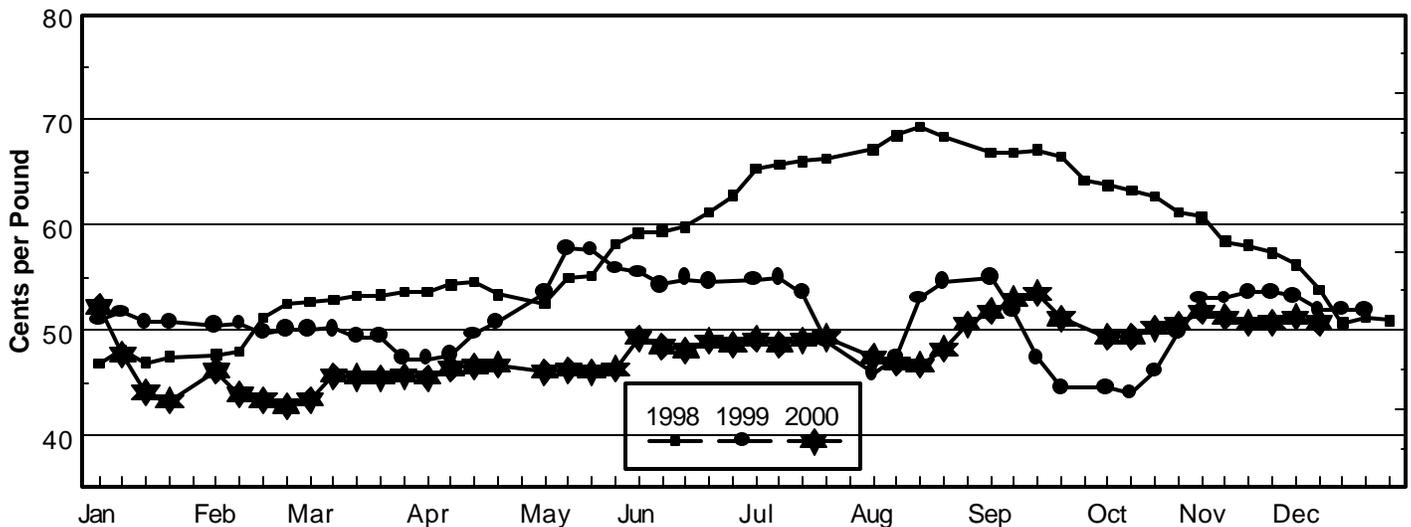
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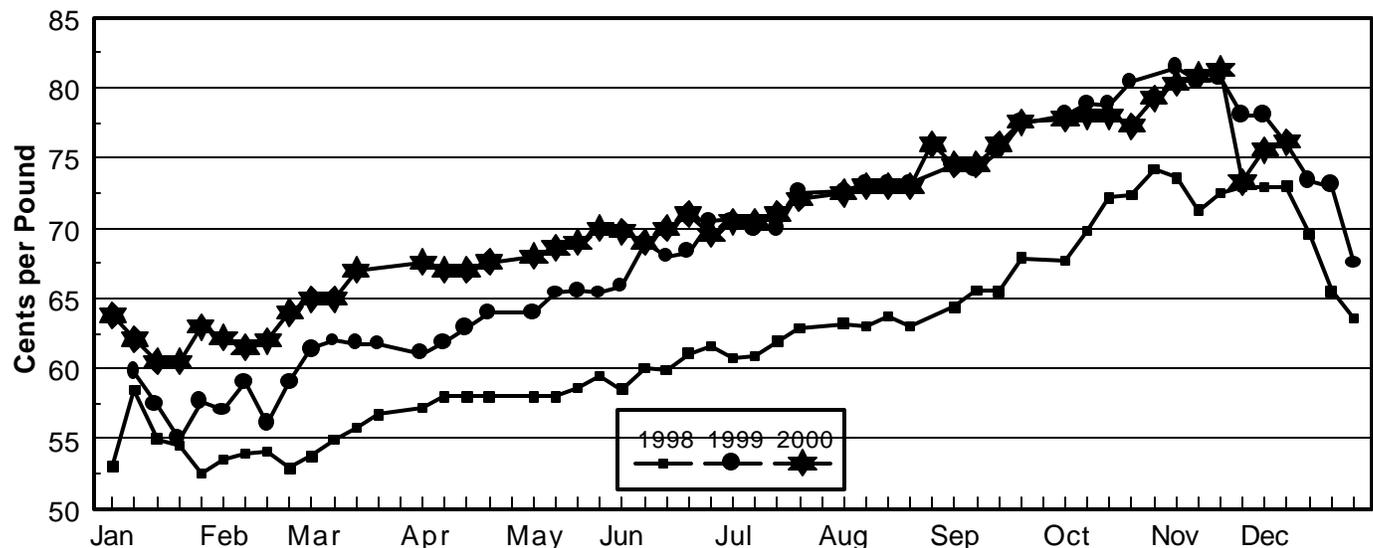
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.