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Early week prices were unchanged in New York and Chicago. In most other areas, prices were higher on all sizes. Throughout the week, prices were unchanged in the Midwest and California. During the week in most areas prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the lighter weight eggs. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to very good and best where holiday features were available. Severe winter weather in many areas of the country stimulated retail demand and hampered delivery schedules. Supplies were adequate to tight. Central States nest run breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Checks and undergrades were higher. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate for breaker needs with many breakers reducing current schedules due to the upcoming holiday and inclement weather conditions throughout the Midwest. Demand was mostly light with excess shell eggs being readily absorbed into graded channels. Schedules mostly part-time. Floor stocks mixed from closely balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. Light type hens were sufficient for normal to reduced slaughter 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)	125-129	122-126	80-82
New York	104-106	101-104	83-86
Philadelphia	94.5-104	92.5-102	78-83
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	92-93	90.5-92	74-75
Jackson (1)	100-101	99-100	83-84
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	95-110	94-108	77-91
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	90-95	89-94	72-77
Detroit (2)	85-88	84-87	66-69
Major Ohio Cities (2)	83-92	82-90	66-73
Major Wisconsin Cities	89-96	87-94	70-77
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	103-106	100-102	83-85
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	127	119	105
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 15-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	95.75	93.37	79.27
SOUTHERN	86.84	85.13	70.55
MIDWEST	81.61	80.36	65.82
WESTERN	109.84	104.18	92.80
TWELVE METRO AREAS	96.76	93.49	80.26

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

	12-19-00	12-12-00	12-21-99
Large	67-69	59-61	44-46
Medium	49-51	44-46	26-28

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

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.5	19.1	6.2	15.5	7.4	58.7
	Change	-0.2	-0.2	-1.0	2.2	-1.8	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	31.0	9.6	23.3	18.3	105.7
	Change	-1.1	-0.4	-2.5	-4.1	-2.9	-9%
Large	Curr Wk	38.9	67.6	43.2	83.4	92.8	325.9
	Change	-3.1	-12.1	-9.2	8.0	-3.8	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	29.5	10.6	15.7	19.4	87.2
	Change	0.0	-2.1	-1.7	-2.2	-0.2	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	4.3	1.6	4.9	4.9	19.5
	Change	-0.5	-1.5	0.3	-0.2	-1.3	-14%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	23.6	8.9	17.8	5.0	61.6
	Change	0.1	6.4	0.0	3.1	0.0	18%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.5	34.0	20.1	20.0	34.9	132.5
	Change	-10.8	-7.9	3.1	-1.4	-6.3	-15%
Total	Curr Wk	118.5	209.1	100.2	180.6	182.7	791.1
	Change	-12%	-8%	-10%	3%	-8%	-7%

TOTAL **Number of Cases** **Percent Change** **Number of Cooperators**

Shell Egg	791.1	-7%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	359.2	-1%	39

Total Shell Egg 1150.3 -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.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 16-DEC-00

Previous week cases broken, liquid whole, dried and inedible adjusted

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)			(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)		
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,013,161	24,362	9,159	4,899	1,838	3,594
PW	*1,103,159	*26,741	9,904	5,517	*2,361	*3,899
LY	1,197,215	27,472	11,206	6,834	2,755	3,942
%PW	-8	-9	-8	-11	-22	-8
%LY	-15	-11	-18	-28	-33	-9
2000*	58,190,278	*1,328,224	*605,225	311,275	*136,948	*195,083
1999	56,352,369	1,296,354	538,642	296,740	128,927	179,588

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
	41.47	41.75	41.31

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

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	235.9	2	3
E.N. CENTRAL	545.4	2	14
W.N. CENTRAL	270.1	3	8
S. ATLANTIC	220.8	3	-2
S. CENTRAL	80.2	1	9
WEST	223.1	-5	3
TOTAL	1,575.5	1	7

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	DEC 09	DEC 16	DEC 09	DEC 16
	Thousand			
AL	27,452	28,202	20,803	21,374
AR	*29,442	29,661	*23,217	23,334
DE	3,963	3,943	*4,114	4,579
FL	2,464	2,469	2,076	2,142
GA	*30,655	30,635	*23,556	24,953
MD	*8,114	8,310	*5,799	5,774
MS	18,070	18,092	14,912	15,244
NC	17,009	18,332	13,815	14,380
PA	*3,554	3,564	*2,790	2,566
SC	4,627	4,867	4,853	4,199
TX	14,442	14,425	11,385	11,554
VA	5,694	6,103	*5,484	5,093
CA, TN, & WV	*10,997	10,894	*10,405	9,807
15 State Total	*176,483	179,497	*143,209	144,999
Previous Year	180,792	181,050	142,905	144,828
	98	99	100	100

*REVISED

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 27-Jan-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 149.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 148.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 150.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 149.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.74 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES- WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/14/00-12/20/00

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	72.83	77.46	75.33	76.63	—	72.50	75.00
GNR W 2	—	69.00	71.00	73.00	60.25	58.00	7.00
GNR W 3	—	63.25	—	—	50.18	52.33	5.75
GNR W 4	—	37.63	—	—	45.08	49.80	4.75
GL W XL	—	91.00	84.00	86.08	76.26	—	10.25
GL W LG	—	86.00	86.00	88.00	78.04	94.00	11.25
GL W MD	—	69.00	64.00	66.13	70.00	63.50	21.75
GL W SM	—	31.50	30.34	31.67	—	—	9.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.00	43.00	28.00

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

SELECTED CENTERS	CONSUMING		PW	PERCENT	CHG
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS			
ATLANTA	30.1	24.6	22	-8	
BOSTON	3.4	4.5	-24	-6	
CHICAGO	55.2	50.2	10	-13	
DETROIT	29.8	38.0	-22	3	
KANSAS CITY	4.4	3.6	22	-29	
LOS ANGELES	100.6	123.4	-18	0	
NEW ORLEANS	9.7	8.5	14	-22	
NEW YORK	36.7	30.3	21	-23	
ST. LOUIS	20.3	16.9	20	33	
SAN FRANCISCO	24.5	22.8	7	0	
TOTAL	314.7	322.8	-3	-6	
4 WK MVG AVG	325.4				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 16-DEC-2000

	YOUNG (A)		YOUNG		OLD TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,124	2,798	66	26	5,014
AVG WT	14.91	34.33	25.88	28.28	25.96
LAST WEEK	2,556	2,881	49	17	5,503
SAME WEEK YR A	3,953 (B)		9	44	4,006
AVG WT	26.37 (B)		26.00	26.34	26.37
TO-DATE/2000	245,464 (B)		1,757	1,245	248,466
TO-DATE/1999	243,027 (B)		740	1,857	245,624

(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-DEC-2000					
	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			FRYER RSTR	OLD BAND	TOTAL TKY
	THOUSAND	PW	AVG			
N EAST	840	-10	21.41	(A)	(A)	845 21.41
S ATL	923	2	27.13	(A)	(A)	928 27.13
N CENT	2,241	-12	28.70	(A)	(A)	2,247 28.70
S CENT	386	-17	23.15	(A)	(A)	391 23.15
WEST	598	-7	22.01	(A)	(A)	603 22.01
U.S.TOTAL	4,988(B)	-9	25.95	0	26	5,014 25.95
TO DATE						
2000	247,055(B)			166	1,245	248,466
TO DATE						
1999	243,712(B)			55	1,857	245,624

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 66,000; for the year 1,757,000; last year to date 740,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 16-Dec-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	148,530 (A)	1,900	1,202	3,102	566
AVG WT	5.18	3.61	8.25	5.41	6.60
LAST WEEK	151,794	1,927	1,353	3,280	530
YEAR AGO	149,008	2,594	2,544	5,138	384
AVG WT	5.05	3.40	7.70	5.53	6.95
TO-DATE/2000	7,672,039	94,278	71,787	166,065	22,651
TO-DATE/1999	7,541,759	103,480	71,715	175,195	22,109

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.3 million head or 4.2 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Dec-00

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/23/00(1)	12/16/00
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	155,650(2)	158,054
LT HENS	1,329	1,894
HVY HENS	1,190	1,214
TOTAL	158,169	161,162

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Dec-00 is 141.3 million head compared to 118.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.0 million head or 14.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 30-Dec-00 the estimated available is 137.1 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 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
16	150.3	146.1	103	5.18
YEAR TO DATE	7767.6	7629.4	102	
DECEMBER 23		141.3		
30		137.1		

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

	Change from			
18-Dec-00	11-Dec-00	11-Dec-00	20-Dec-99	
56.68	-0.76	57.44	58.10	

NUMBER OF LOADS 525

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 12/18-12/23/00.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	48.00-52.00	50.20	42	52.78	68	
Los Angeles	66.00	63.59	71	61.62	117	
New York	44.00-47.00	45.71	28	52.75	57	

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)
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8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	62-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-68	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	61-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	61-63	-	-	-

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	TURKS	POP
	LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 18-Dec-00	4,039	67,289	74,696
AM 1-Dec-00	4,435	71,624	75,849
CHG	-396	-4335	-1153
PCT CHG	-9	-6	-2

HEN MARKETS

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	HEAVY TYPE			WTD. AVG
	RANGE	MAJORITY		
12/18/00				
Southeast	4-8.5(1)	5.6-8.5		6.27
Southeast	TFEWR(2)			
South Central	5-9.5(1)	6-9		7.07
12/15/00	LIGHT TYPE			
Eastern	0-0(1)			
Eastern	0-0 2)			
So. Central	TFEWR(2)			
No. Central	TFEWR(1)			
No. Central	0-.25(2)			

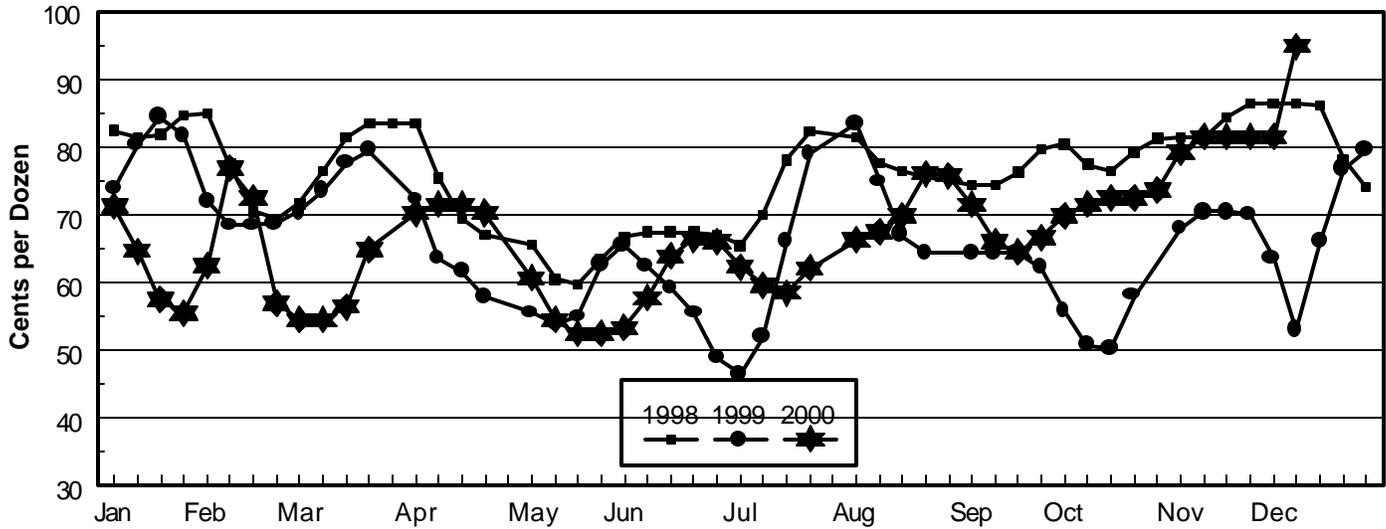
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

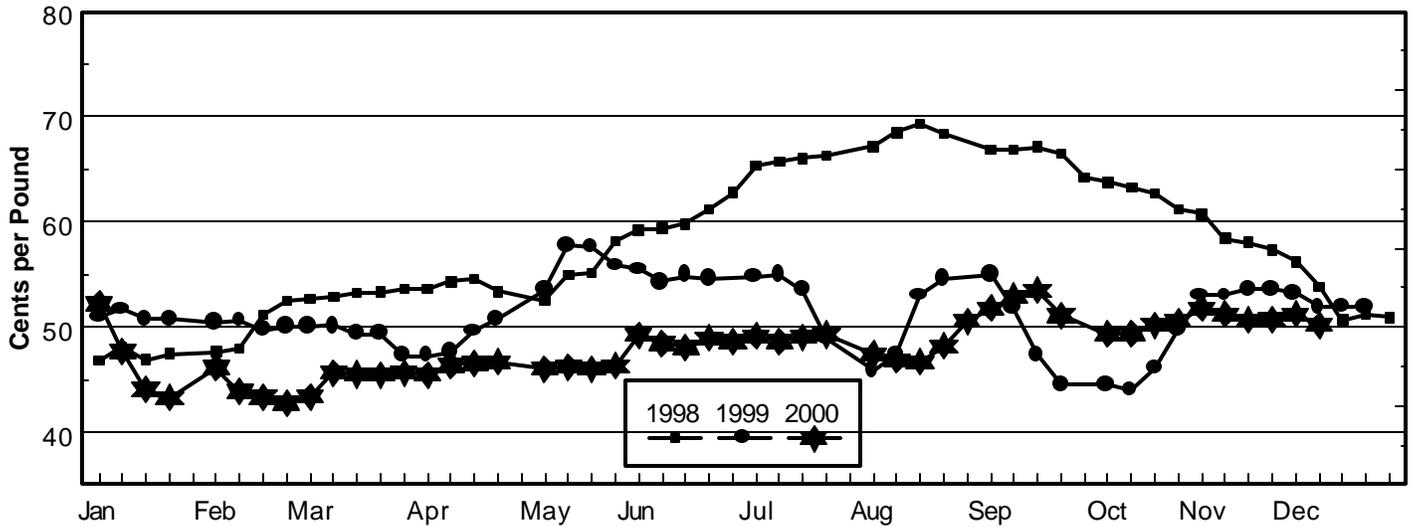
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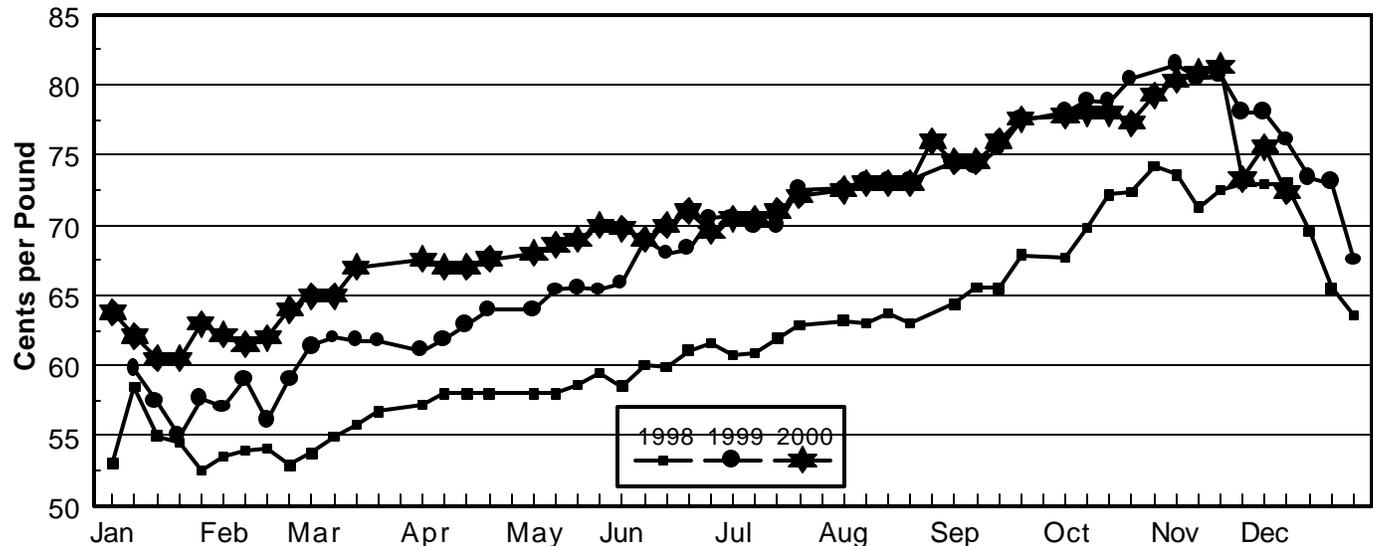
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price, 1998, 1999, 2000



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.