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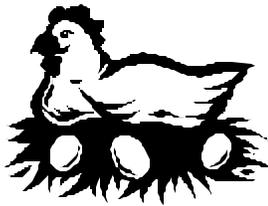
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Prices were irregular in early week trading and varied from region to region. Throughout the week prices were unchanged to generally lower in all regions. The market tone ranged about steady to barely steady in the Northeast. Elsewhere, the trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand into all channels was light and was slightly better where featured. Supplies were adequate to occasionally ample in all areas except California, which had light offerings. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were at least adequate to instances ample for current production requirements as breakers continue to back away from the market at this call. Demand was light and centered around regular commitments and company owned production only. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules part-time to full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Light type hens fully satisfied current slaughter 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	106-108	95-97	79-81
New York	73-75	70-73	57-60
Philadelphia	71-73	69-71	56-61
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	67-68	65.5-67	53-54
Jackson (1)	76-77	74-75	62-63
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	74-89	73-87	58-72
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	62-67	61-66	46-51
Detroit (2)	60-63	59-62	45-48
Major Ohio Cities (2)	61-67	60-65	46-52
Major Wisconsin Cities	64-71	62-69	49-56
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	82-86	79-81	65-67
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	102	94	83

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Feb-01
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	73.51	71.13	61.94
SOUTHERN	74.53	73.19	62.60
MIDWEST	66.10	64.73	54.59
WESTERN	98.78	92.85	81.16
TWELVE METRO AREAS	81.09	77.73	67.26

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

	02-27-01	02-20-01	02-29-00
Large	42-44	44-46	26-28
Medium	28-30	34-36	17-19

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 26,2001
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.3	17.3	5.6	11.4	10.0	54.6
	Change	1.8	-0.3	0.1	0.6	0.4	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	42.2	10.9	27.6	20.9	125.1
	Change	0.6	8.3	-0.6	-1.0	2.7	9%
Large	Curr Wk	44.5	91.9	69.3	70.7	86.3	362.7
	Change	5.8	9.9	19.0	16.2	-7.3	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.0	34.9	15.3	24.5	16.8	104.5
	Change	0.2	5.8	0.2	3.3	-5.3	4%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	9.9	2.9	7.7	4.4	29.9
	Change	2.4	0.9	0.3	2.7	0.0	27%
Misc	Curr Wk	11.6	19.8	4.5	11.9	5.5	53.3
	Change	-0.1	-1.7	0.1	-0.6	0.0	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.3	41.0	23.8	33.4	26.9	152.4
	Change	4.3	-3.3	-2.9	5.5	-5.1	-1%

Total Curr Wk 135.2 257.0 132.3 187.2 170.8 882.5
Percent Change 12% 8% 14% 17% -8% 8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	882.5	8%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	255.0	0%	38

Total Shell Egg 1137.5 6% 208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week 02/19/01 were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures for Shell Egg Breaking Stock are:

Number of cases - 255.3. Number of cooperators - 38.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 24-Feb-01

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED.
C W	1,095,074	25,487	10,720	5,804	2,447	3,919
PW	1,058,926	24,325	10,476	5,824	2,087	4,034
L Y	1,183,215	24,590	13,315	6,965	3,095	3,698
% PW	3	5	2	0	17	-3
% LY	-7	4	-19	-17	-21	6
2001	8,677,341	196,821	87,206	48,182	20,949	31,592
2000	8,981,785	199,773	92,119	50,438	25,211	29,720

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
 41.94 42.17 41.05

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 24-Feb-01

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	224.2	1	4
E.N. CENTRAL	491.7	-7	3
W.N. CENTRAL	260.4	0	6
S. ATLANTIC	197.7	1	8
S. CENTRAL	74.8	3	6
WEST	209.7	7	6
TOTAL	1,458.5	-1	5

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Feb 17	Feb 24	Feb 17	Feb 24
	Thousand			
AL	28,323	28,327	20,568	20,323
AR	*29,225	29,392	22,484	23,136
DE	*4,306	4,316	*4,693	4,729
FL	2,719	2,554	2,049	2,434
GA	*31,172	31,752	*24,456	24,518
MD	8,590	8,664	*5,533	5,572
MS	18,167	18,570	14,843	14,769
NC	17,760	18,063	13,585	13,999
PA	*3,534	3,632	*2,716	2,913
SC	*4,798	4,930	4,017	3,760
TX	14,544	14,663	11,258	11,532
VA	6,607	6,616	5,526	5,387
CA, TN, & WV	11,486	11,721	9,565	9,608
15 State Total	*181,231	183,200	*141,293	142,680
Previous Year	178,218	183,373	143,311	141,374
Pct. of Prev.	102	100	99	101

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 146.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 147.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.35 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/22/01-02/28/01

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
	GNR W 1	46.17	50.50	45.63	46.00	48.03	
GNR W 2	—	50.00	42.50	44.25	—	—	5.00
GNR W 3	—	—	42.00	—	35.00	36.50	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	30.43	32.00	3.50
GL W XL	49.00	53.20	52.00	54.43	49.35	50.50	34.75
GL W LG	—	57.00	51.00	50.75	48.58	—	23.00
GL W MD	—	41.75	37.27	43.21	—	39.00	18.75
GL W SM	25.25	28.00	24.00	26.33	24.50	—	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	38.00	—	—	34.13	36.70	35.00
NRBS - 39	30.50	—	13.50	15.00	23.33	29.00	12.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-Feb-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.5	21.9	-2	2
BOSTON	3.9	3.6	8	5
CHICAGO	49.8	50.6	-2	14
DETROIT	25.8	27.6	-7	-2
KANSAS CITY	5.9	3.9	51	55
LOS ANGELES	130.8	130.3	0	43
NEW ORLEANS	9.1	9.3	-2	8
NEW YORK	33.7	34.5	-2	-6
ST. LOUIS	12.6	14.3	-12	-11
SAN FRANCISCO	24.6	22.1	11	6
TOTAL	317.7	318.1	0	17
4 WK MVG AVG	309.8			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-2001

	YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,969	2,697	55	13	4,734
AVG WT	16.03	34.31	24.91	25.19	26.57
LAST WEEK	1,956	2,682	29	17	4,684
SAME WK YR AGO	5,350(A)		2	58	5,410
AVG WT	25.67(A)		24.00	25.40	25.67
TO-DATE/2001	36,094(A)		267	114	36,475
TO-DATE/2000	36,132(A)		39	304	36,475

(A) Comparable data not available for last year, this data is comprised of hens and toms.

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSAND	% CHG		
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT-THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
N EAST	836	-2	22.63 (A)	839 22.63
S ATL	908	23	27.19 (A)	911 27.19
N CENT	1,912	-7	28.70 (A)	1,915 28.70
S CENT	583	-9	20.87 (A)	585 20.87
WEST	482	27	30.73 (A)	484 30.73
U.S.TOTAL	4,721(B)	1	26.57 13	4,734 26.57
TO DATE				
2001	36,361(B)		114	36,475
TO DATE				
2000	36,171(B)		304	36,475

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000 for the year 267,000; last year to date 39,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 24-Feb-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	147,690 (A)	1,933	1,237	3,170	490
AVG WT	4.99	3.35	7.82	5.09	6.62
LAST WEEK	150,590	1,585	1,487	3,072	463
SAME WK YR AGO	152,233	1,915	1,349	3,264	394
AVG WT	4.97	3.42	7.99	5.31	6.68
TO-DATE/2001	1,191,392	14,567	10,121	24,688	3,872
TO-DATE/2000	1,228,518	16,144	10,650	26,794	3,727

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.5 million head or 2.1 million head less than or 99 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Mar-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/03/01(1)	02/24/01
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
BRO-FRY	152,244 (2)	149,551
LT HENS	1,873	1,882
HVY HENS	1,340	1,348
TOTAL	155,457	152,781

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Mar-01 is 151.3 million head compared to 156.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.5 million head or 1.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 10-Mar-01 the estimated available is 151.3 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
JANUARY 20	151.7	151.9	100	5.07
27	158.7	152.3	104	4.97
FEBRUARY 3	151.7	152.7	99	4.89
10	154.4	149.5	103	5.12
17	152.4	148.8	102	4.97
24	149.5	151.6	99	4.99
YEAR TO DATE	1205.9	1193.8	101	
MARCH 3		151.3		
10		151.3		

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

Change from			
26-Feb-01	19-Feb-01	19-Feb-01	28-Feb-00
59.64	2.43	57.21	53.04
NUMBER OF LOADS	524		

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

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
FEBRUARY	57.47	2222.80

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 02/26-03/03/01.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.90	47	55.40	86	
Los Angeles	67.00	65.83	58	64.39	103	
New York	56.00-58.00	56.87	23	58.30	48	

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/	61-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-

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 26-Feb-01	3,363	102,573	68,859
AM 1-Feb-01	3,433	92,899	73,442
CHG	-70	9674	-4583
PCT CHG	-2	10	-6

HEN MARKETS

Final Price, Cents Per LB., Generally for slaughter the week of.

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
02/26/01			
Southeast	5-10(1)	7-9	8.21
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	7-11(1)	7-9	8.83

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	LIGHT TYPE	
02/23/01		
Eastern	0-0(1)	
Eastern	0-0(2)	
So. Central	TFEWR(2)	
No. Central	TFEWR(1)	
No. Central	0(2)	

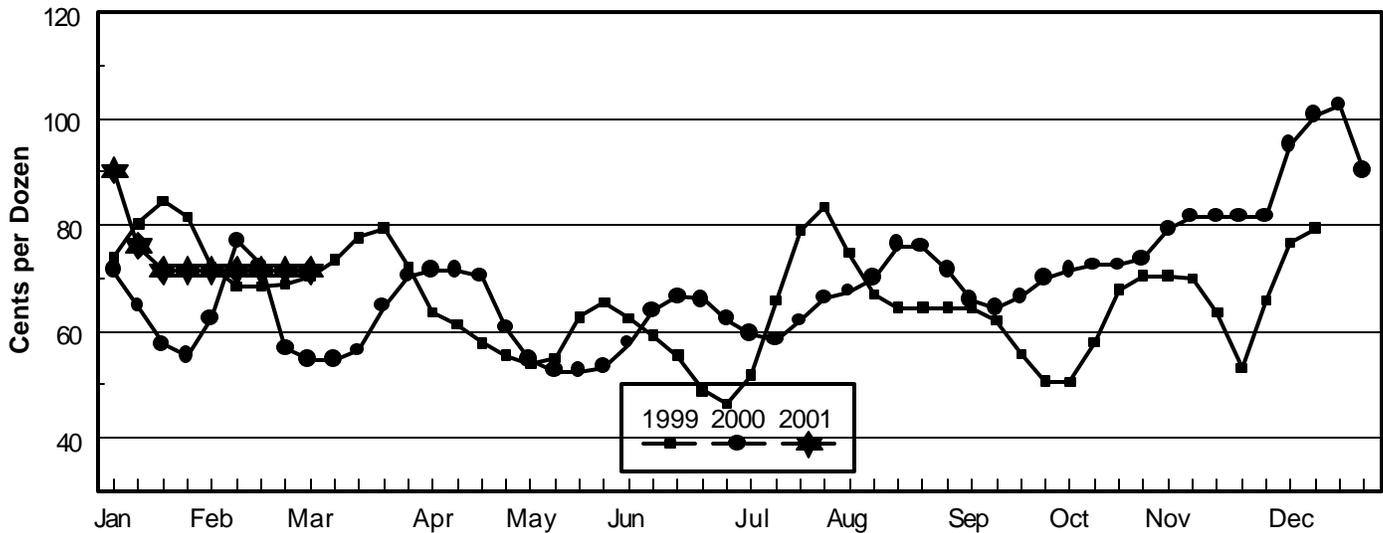
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

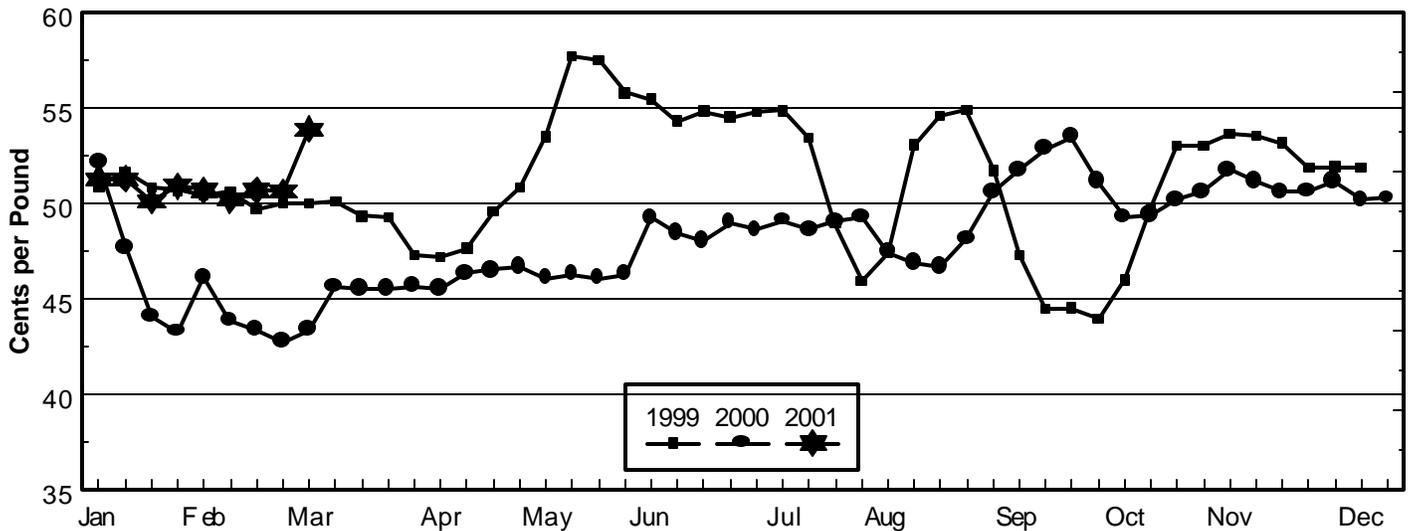
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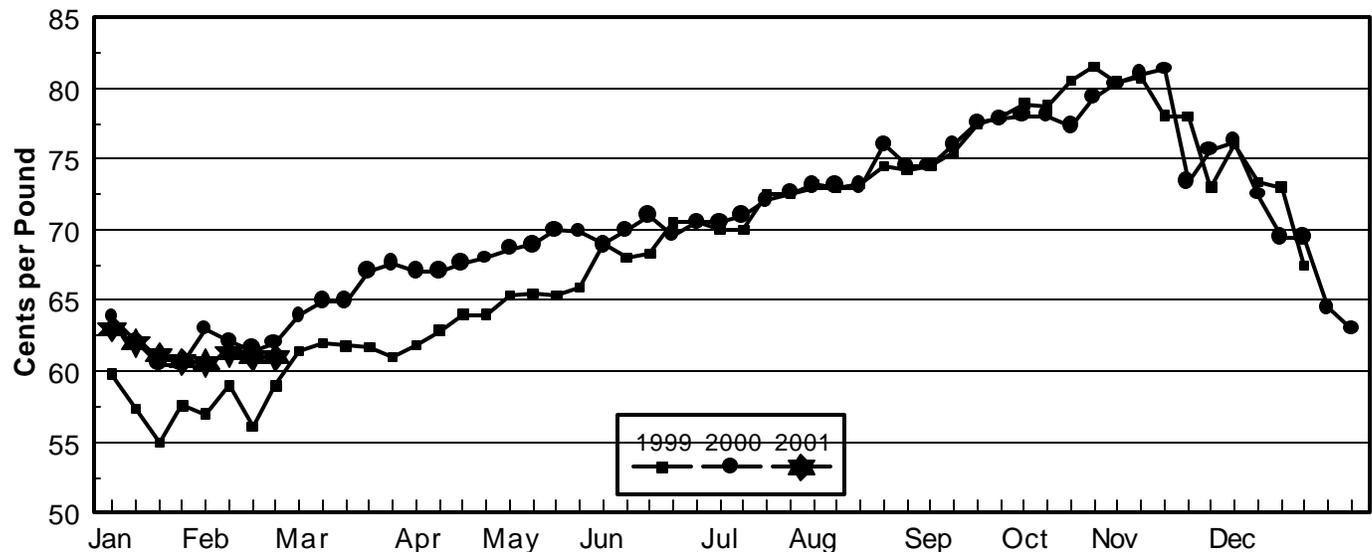
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price 1999, 2000, 2001



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Final Weighted Average Prices, US Grade A, 1999, 2000, 2001



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys 1999, 2000, 2001



Note: Some weeks' averages are based on offers only.