



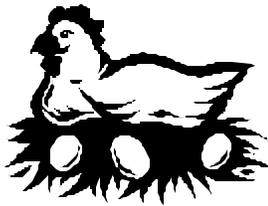
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Early week prices were unchanged in Boston, in all other areas, prices were higher on all sizes. Throughout the week prices were unchanged in the Midwest, Boston, and California. Elsewhere, prices were higher. The market tone was mostly firm. Demand was moderate to good, best into feature activity. Supplies were usually adequate to at times close and were held with confidence. Central States breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate for needs with a few breakers continuing to report difficulties in purchasing heavy nest runs outside of regular commitments. Demand light to good, mostly moderate to good. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to instances fully steady. Light type fowl were sufficient for normal 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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	104-106	93-95	79-81
New York	90-92	87-90	73-76
Philadelphia	76-90	74-88	61-73
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	72-73	70.5-72	56-57
Jackson (1)	80-81	79-80	65-66
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	77-92	76-90	60-74
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	74-79	73-78	58-63
Detroit (2)	65-68	64-67	48-51
Major Ohio Cities (2)	64-72	63-70	48-55
Major Wisconsin Cities	69-76	67-74	52-59
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	85-88	82-84	66-68
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	106	99	89

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Mar-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	77.90	75.52	62.39
SOUTHERN	71.16	69.82	54.60
MIDWEST	62.65	61.41	46.05
WESTERN	89.83	84.86	73.86
TWELVE METRO AREAS	77.96	74.97	61.92

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

	03-20-01	03-13-01	03-21-00
Large	48-50	39-41	31-33
Medium	32-34	23-25	20-22

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 19,2001 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.1	15.9	6.4	12.7	8.6	52.7
	Change	0.6	-3.7	-0.1	-1.3	-2.0	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.5	43.1	14.0	27.8	22.3	131.7
	Change	4.1	2.4	1.4	-10.3	-2.6	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	52.5	103.5	61.7	72.8	104.7	395.2
	Change	18.6	14.2	-2.8	7.4	12.4	14%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.9	29.5	12.0	20.2	19.5	97.1
	Change	-2.8	-6.7	-1.3	-2.4	2.6	-10%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	6.5	2.0	6.0	6.7	24.2
	Change	0.7	-2.1	0.4	0.2	-0.6	-5%
Misc	Curr Wk	7.3	23.7	4.2	13.3	4.2	52.7
	Change	-1.2	4.8	1.6	3.1	-0.1	18%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	39.3	48.9	22.8	37.4	34.7	183.1
	Change	9.1	-0.7	0.0	2.0	2.4	8%
Total	Curr Wk	151.6	271.1	123.1	190.2	200.7	936.7
	Change	24%	3%	-1%	-1%	6%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	936.7	5%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	282.7	0%	38
Total Shell Egg	1219.4	4%	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.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 17-Mar-01
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,066,731	24,301	10,922	5,941	2,074	3,828
PW	1,143,518	25,210	12,278	6,550	2,491	4,178
LY	1,141,016	26,247	10,950	5,980	2,746	3,842
% PW	-7	-4	-11	-9	-17	-8
% LY	-7	-7	0	-1	-24	0
2001	12,017,104	271,609	122,429	66,869	27,852	43,666
2000	12,464,784	278,152	127,302	69,722	33,884	41,259

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
42.18 42.16 41.21

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 17-Mar-01
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	231.1	2	7
E.N. CENTRAL	537.8	10	12
W.N. CENTRAL	279.4	9	11
S. ATLANTIC	204.0	1	2
S. CENTRAL	79.7	2	6
WEST	213.0	-3	7
TOTAL	1545.0	5	9

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Mar 10	Mar 17	Mar 10	Mar 17
AL	*28,695	28,653	*21,388	21,176
AR	29,991	29,426	23,203	24,259
DE	3,669	3,574	4,817	5,313
FL	2,544	2,679	2,408	2,400
GA	31,513	31,873	*24,779	25,947
MD	8,736	8,919	5,602	6,089
MS	19,004	18,821	*15,388	15,151
NC	18,290	18,282	14,716	14,873
PA	*3,817	3,559	*2,658	2,822
SC	4,846	4,983	3,702	3,754
TX	14,738	14,798	11,443	11,643
VA	6,647	6,717	5,859	5,373
CA, TN, & WV	*11,496	11,564	*10,412	10,304
15 State Total	*183,986	183,848	*146,375	149,104
Previous Year	184,823	184,452	142,475	147,869
Pct. of Prev.	100	100	103	101

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 28-Apr-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 148.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.89 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/15/01-03/21/01

CURRENT LDS	111.75		FUTURE LDS		123.25		TOTAL LDS		235.00	
	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS			
GNR W 1	55.60	61.43	57.41	58.64	—	—	93.00			
GNR W 2	—	61.00	54.00	56.00	51.88	—	9.00			
GNR W 3	—	—	43.00	—	—	—	14.00			
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	41.83	—	7.00			
GL W J	60.50	68.00	77.50	79.00	56.29	—	9.00			
GL W XL	—	68.00	65.00	71.20	65.81	—	17.50			
GL W LG	—	75.00	56.91	63.33	64.82	—	29.25			
GL W MD	—	—	49.96	52.25	53.00	—	13.75			
GL W SM	23.00	—	24.33	26.67	—	—	4.00			
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	41.25			15.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 17-Mar-01

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.8	22.8	4	-5
BOSTON	3.3	4.3	-23	-6
CHICAGO	46.9	48.1	-2	-27
DETROIT	28.9	28.1	3	-38
KANSAS CITY	4.2	10.6	-60	0
LOS ANGELES	120.9	122.0	-1	26
NEW ORLEANS	8.9	9.7	-8	-32
NEW YORK	36.8	40.7	-10	-14
ST. LOUIS	17.5	16.2	8	-28
SAN FRANCISCO	20.9	21.0	0	-2
TOTAL	312.1	323.5	-4	-8
4 WK MVG AVG	315.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,110	2,611	51	26	4,798
AVG WT	16.35	35.02	25.26	25.25	26.66
LAST WEEK	2,016	2,690	41	17	4,764
SAME WK YR AGO	4,656(A)		12	44	4,712
AVG WT	26.68(A)		25.00	23.80	26.54
TO-DATE/2001	50,109(A)		416	185	50,710
TO-DATE/2000	49,167(A)		73	399	49,639

(A) 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 17-Mar-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	% CHG		AVG	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT-THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT	
N EAST	820	-4	22.65 (A)	825	22.65
S ATL	870	-2	27.05 (A)	875	27.05
N CENT	2,098	2	30.00 (A)	2,104	30.00
S CENT	637	1	22.03 (A)	642	22.03
WEST	347	12	23.46 (A)	352	23.46
U.S.TOTAL	4,772(B)	1	26.66	4,798	26.66
TO DATE					
2001	50,525(B)		185	50,710	
TO DATE					
2000	49,240(B)		399	49,639	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 51,000 for the year 416,000; last year to date 73,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 17-Mar-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	152,987 (A)	1,841	1,318	3,159	429
AVG WT	5.09	3.31	8.03	5.28	6.66
LAST WEEK	152,138	2,010	1,270	3,280	516
SAME WK YR AGO	148,354	1,971	1,448	3,419	476
AVG WT	5.11	3.42	7.82	5.29	6.59
TO-DATE/2001	1,644,321	20,328	13,970	34,298	5,332
TO-DATE/2000	1,686,888	22,335	14,972	37,307	5,047

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.8 million head or 2.1 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Mar-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/24/01(1)	03/17/01
	----- THOUSAND HEAD -----	
BRO-FRY	153,358(2)	154,761
LT HENS	1,958	1,811
HVY HENS	1,408	1,406
TOTAL	156,724	157,978

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Mar-01 is 152.3 million head compared to 157.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.7 million head or 1.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 31-Mar-01 the estimated available is 150.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
FEBRUARY 10	154.4	149.5	103	5.12
17	152.4	148.8	102	4.97
24	149.5	151.6	99	4.99
MARCH 3	149.6	151.3	99	5.01
10	154.0	151.3	102	5.18
17	154.8	152.7	101	5.09
YEAR TO DATE	1664.3	1649.1	101	
MARCH 24		152.3		
31		150.5		

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

	Change from			
	19-Mar-01	12-Mar-01	12-Mar-01	20-Mar-00
	58.43	-0.65	59.08	55.36

NUMBER OF LOADS 569

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 03/19-03/24/01.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.45	44	55.09	76	
Los Angeles	67.00	65.70	60	62.62	171	
New York	52.00-54.00	52.96	28	55.59	48	

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	LBS
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60.5-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-63	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	59-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-63	63	63.00	10
WESTERN REGION	59-62	-	-	-

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 19-Mar-01	3,882	124,032	60,233
AM 1-Mar-01	3,524	103,319	62,929
CHG	358	20713	-2696
PCT CHG	10	20	-4

HEN MARKETS

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

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
03/12/01			
Southeast	5-9(1)	7-9	8.12
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	6-11(1)	6-8	7.73

Cents Per Pound, Generally for slaughter the following week.

	LIGHT TYPE
03/09/01	
Eastern	0-0(1)
Eastern	0-0(2)
So. Central	TFEWR(2)
No. Central	TFEWR(1)
No. Central	0(2)

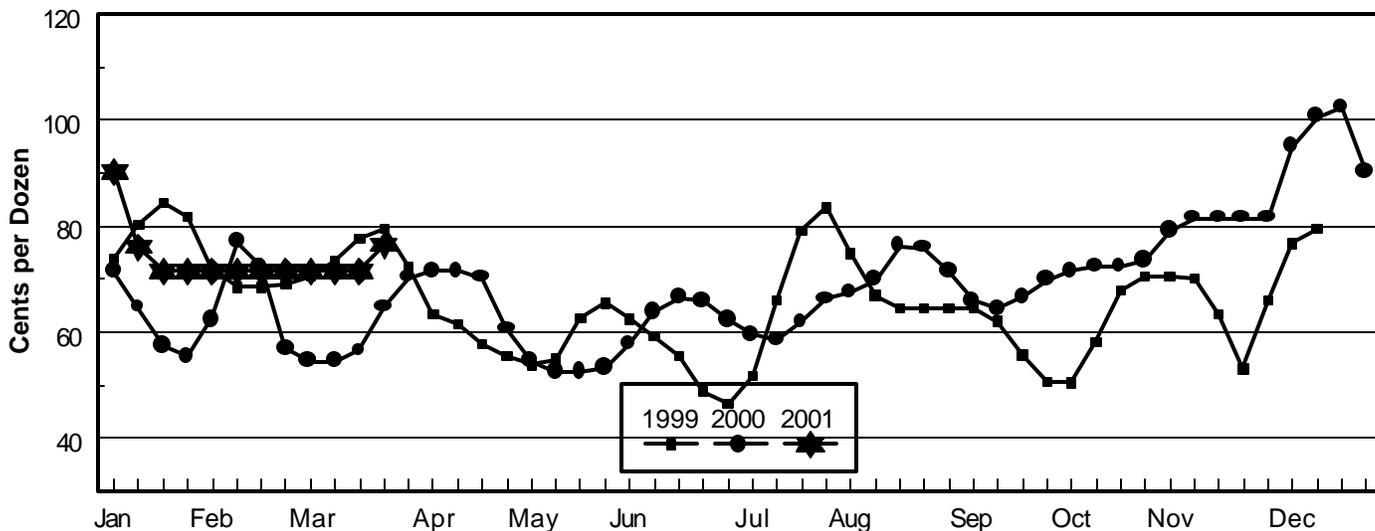
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(2) At Farm Producer Loading

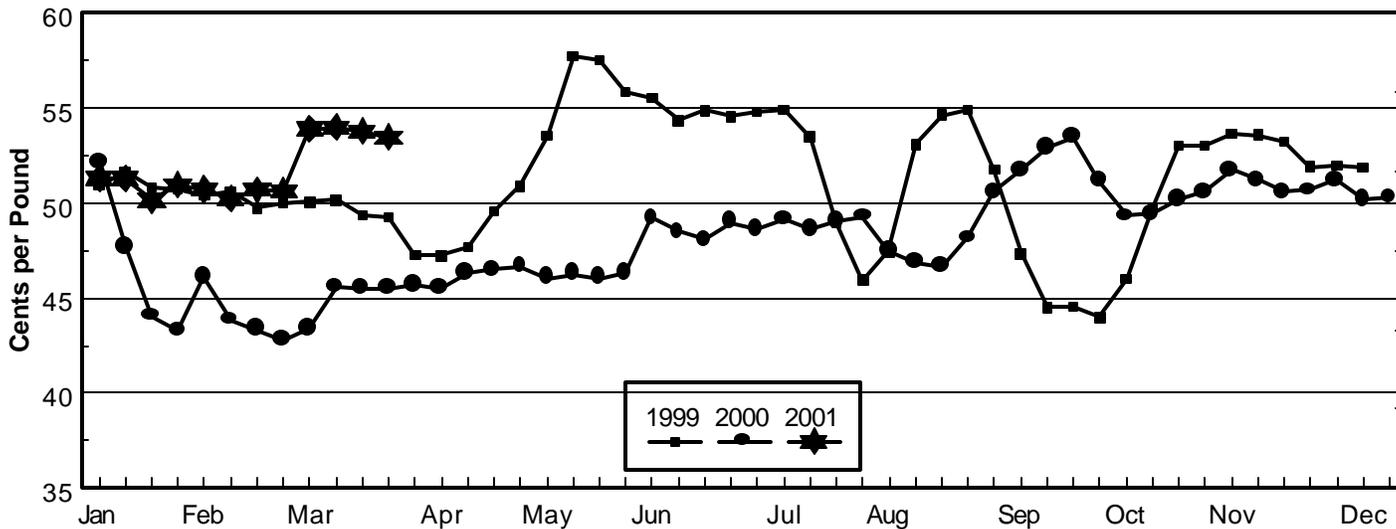
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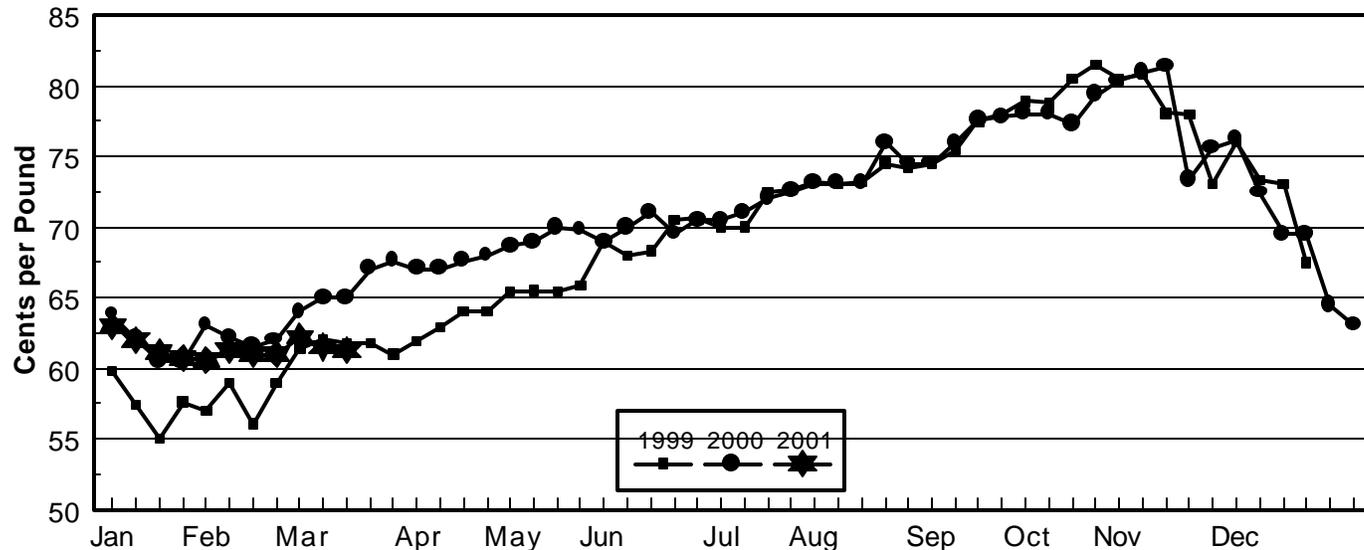
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price 1999, 2000, 2001



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.