



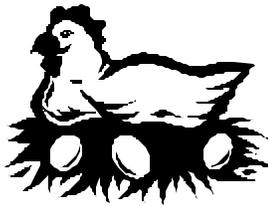
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Early week prices were unchanged on the larger sizes to slightly lower on the lighter weights. During the week prices decreased on all sizes in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, and the Southeast. In all other locations, prices were unchanged. The market tone was barely steady to weak, and not meeting holiday expectations in many areas. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade requirements. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were adequate to mostly fully adequate for current needs. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Floor stocks were in a range from balanced to fully adequate as grading channels begin to push excess shell eggs towards breaking operations. Schedules full-time to part-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady. Light type fowl were ample.

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	77-79	74-77	59-62
Philadelphia	75-90	73-88	58-73
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	81-82	79.5-81	64-65
Jackson (1)	89-90	88-89	73-74
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	86-101	85-99	69-83
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	71-76	70-75	55-60
Detroit (2)	74-77	73-76	57-60
Major Ohio Cities (2)	70-81	74-79	58-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	78-85	76-83	61-68
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	94-98	91-94	75-78
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	116	109	99
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Apr-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	90.50	88.13	74.01
SOUTHERN	87.15	85.82	70.02
MIDWEST	78.38	77.15	61.79
WESTERN	108.53	103.55	92.56
TWELVE METRO AREAS	93.88	90.89	77.50

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

	04-10-01	04-03-01	04-11-00
Large	56-58	56-58	43-45
Medium	40-42	40-42	27-29

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 09, 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	8.2	22.6	10.1	18.1	12.2	71.2
	Change	-3.6	-4.4	1.4	1.7	-1.1	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.4	42.7	10.3	32.0	23.5	136.9
	Change	-11.5	-10.0	-1.4	-3.5	-3.9	-18%
Large	Curr Wk	49.4	123.2	61.2	82.8	121.1	437.7
	Change	-17.5	-60.9	-18.2	-18.8	-30.3	-25%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.1	34.2	15.7	19.0	23.6	106.6
	Change	-0.6	-2.1	0.9	-3.7	2.0	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.7	9.2	2.6	5.9	4.6	28.0
	Change	0.8	1.8	0.6	-2.5	-1.6	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.8	19.7	6.4	11.5	5.0	49.4
	Change	-3.3	-1.0	1.2	0.9	1.1	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	25.7	45.7	17.9	20.6	30.4	140.3
	Change	-10.3	-1.3	-8.8	-8.9	-3.3	-19%
Total	Curr Wk	138.3	297.3	124.2	189.9	220.4	970.1
	Change	-25%	-21%	-16%	-15%	-14%	-18%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	970.1	-18%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	240.3	-5%	38

Total Shell Egg 1210.4 -16% 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 07-Apr-01
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,082,594	25,662	10,283	5,660	1,655	3,992
PW	1,064,154	24,258	10,868	5,829	1,620	3,872
LY	1,112,167	25,962	10,511	5,960	2,300	3,586
% PW	2	6	-5	-3	2	3
% LY	-3	-1	-2	-5	-28	11
2001	15,228,684	346,085	154,428	83,792	32,803	55,469
2000	15,797,725	357,141	158,083	86,649	40,741	52,620

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR
42.12 42.12 41.38

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 07-Apr-01

REGIONS	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	230.7	1	1
E.N. CENTRAL	536.1	-1	4
W.N. CENTRAL	301.6	4	16
S. ATLANTIC	195.4	-1	-1
S. CENTRAL	80.4	-5	4
WEST	225.4	5	12
TOTAL	1569.6	1	6

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

90

90

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u>	
	<u>15 Selected States</u>		<u>in 15 Selected States</u>	
	Mar 31	Apr 7	Mar 31	Apr 7
	Thousand			
AL	29,046	29,117	22,454	22,162
AR	28,886	29,060	*24,837	23,354
DE	3,670	3,454	5,276	5,589
FL	2,678	2,694	2,230	2,294
GA	*31,519	32,377	*26,049	25,570
MD	8,624	8,947	5,377	5,260
MS	18,670	18,898	15,662	15,744
NC	17,948	17,923	14,685	14,446
PA	*3,806	3,980	*2,872	3,125
SC	4,911	4,889	3,797	4,201
TX	14,684	15,192	11,617	11,558
VA	6,686	6,731	5,287	5,450
CA, TN, & WV	*11,609	11,638	*10,091	10,270
15 State Total	*182,737	184,900	*150,234	149,023
Previous Year	184,583	187,912	149,908	147,350
Pct. of Prev.	99	98	100	101

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 19-May-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.03 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/05/01-04/11/01

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	SE	NE	
GNR W 1	60.83	61.92	58.00	59.65	58.25	—	51.50
GNR W 2	—	—	56.00	58.00	—	—	5.00
GNR W 3	—	39.50	—	—	35.00	—	8.50
GL W XL	—	69.63	67.88	69.22	47.73	48.00	17.50
GL W LG	—	71.29	—	47.00	43.00	—	19.00
GL W MD	—	51.80	47.00	51.00	40.95	47.00	18.25
GL W SM	23.95	25.45	21.58	23.48	26.00	—	11.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	40.00	36.55	38.00	8.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.00	35.41	18.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	33.06	34.56	9.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	31.25	—	—	34.25	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	30.50	—	—	29.58	9.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 07-Apr-01

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.5	24.7	11	10
BOSTON	3.7	4.3	-14	12
CHICAGO	80.6	57.3	41	96
DETROIT	29.6	38.6	-23	-22
KANSAS CITY	7.5	3.7	103	6
LOS ANGELES	143.9	153.7	-6	29
NEW ORLEANS	7.9	9.0	-12	-30
NEW YORK	38.7	36.1	7	-7
ST. LOUIS	25.1	20.5	22	115
SAN FRANCISCO	25.6	23.7	8	22
TOTAL	390.1	371.6	5	25
4 WK MVG AVG	348.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,254	2,603	52	0	4,909
AVG WT	16.29	35.57	23.11	0.00	26.59
LAST WEEK	2,068	2,615	31	31	4,745
SAME WK YR AGO	4,912(B)		0	75	4,987
AVG WT	25.81(B)		0.00	26.61	25.82
TO-DATE/2001	64,421(B)		536	226	65,183
TO-DATE/2000	64,392(B)		200	542	65,134

(B) 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 07-Apr-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE	
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----				
N EAST	864	2	22.37	(A)	864 22.37
S ATL	841	6	27.76	(A)	841 27.76
N CENT	2,202	4	30.44	(A)	2,202 30.44
S CENT	669	6	19.92	(A)	669 19.92
WEST	333	3	22.48	(A)	333 22.48
U.S.TOTAL	4,909(B)	4	26.59	0	4,909 26.59
TO DATE					
2001	64,957(B)			226	65,183
TO DATE					
2000	64,592(B)			542	65,134

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000; for the year 536,000; last year to date 200,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,854 (A)	2,033	1,443	3,476	516
AVG WT	4.92	3.57	7.88	5.36	6.31
LAST WEEK	150,228	2,043	1,323	3,366	501
SAME WK YR AGO	153,585	2,009	1,345	3,354	507
AVG WT	5.03	3.38	8.03	5.24	6.74
TO-DATE/2001	2,098,544	26,357	18,132	44,489	6,855
TO-DATE/2000	2,151,923	28,301	19,114	47,415	6,394

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 150.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155.7 million head or 5.6 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-01

	CURRENT WEEK 04/14/01 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/07/01
----- THOUSAND HEAD -----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	151,488 (2)	154,619
LT HENS	1,618	2,056
HVY HENS	1,559	1,543
TOTAL	154,665	158,218

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 14-Apr-01 is 151.5 million head compared to 156.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 151.8 million head or 0.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 21-Apr-01 the estimated available is 153.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
MARCH				
	3	149.6	151.3	99
	10	154.0	151.3	102
	17	154.8	152.7	101
	24	152.0	152.3	100
	31	152.1	150.5	101
APRIL	7	155.7	150.1	104
YEAR TO DATE		2124.1	2102.0	101
APRIL	14		151.5	
	21		153.5	

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

	Change from		
09-Apr-01	02-Apr-01	02-Apr-01	10-Apr-00
58.42	0.51	57.91	55.21
NUMBER OF LOADS	558		

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 04/09-04/14/01.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	50.00-54.00	52.84	44	54.90
Los Angeles	67.00	64.84	75	64.34
New York	49.00-51.00	50.00	26	53.58

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)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	62-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	62-63	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	60-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	59-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-

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

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 9-Apr-01	3,003	131,389	65,860
AM 1-Apr-01	3,877	116,507	62,425
CHG	-874	14882	3435
PCT CHG	-23	13	6

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 04/02/01

04/09/01	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	7-9.75(1)	8-9	8.52
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	7-11.25(1)	7-9	8.04

04/06/01 **LIGHT TYPE**
Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days.

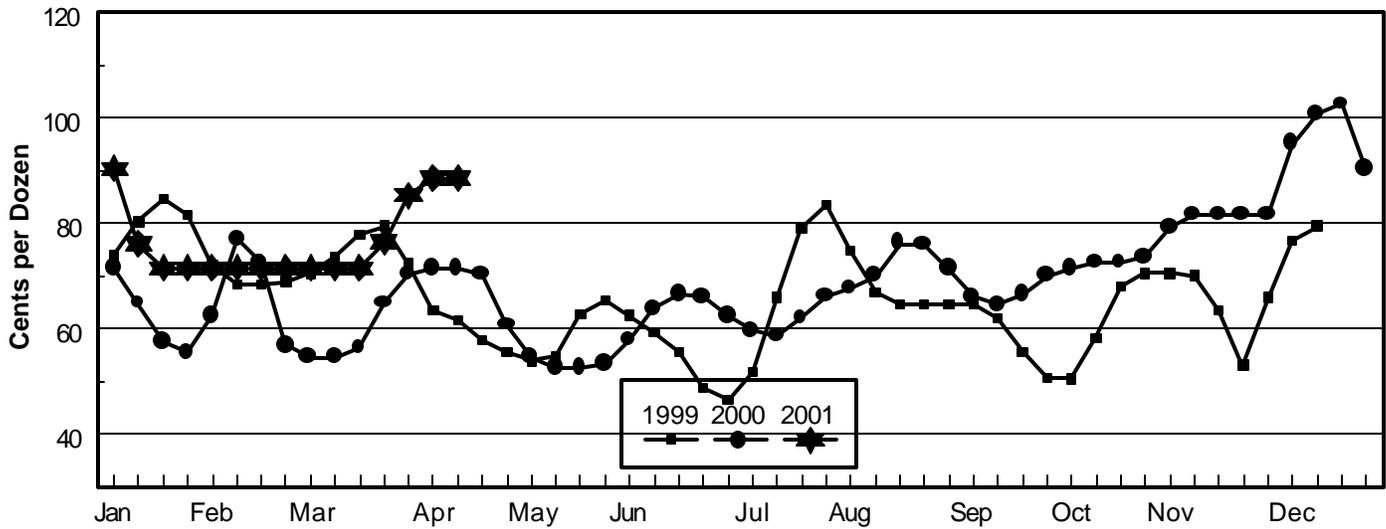
Eastern	0-0(1)
Eastern	0-0 (2)
So. Central	TFEWR(2)
No. Central	TFEWR(1)
No. Central	0(2)

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

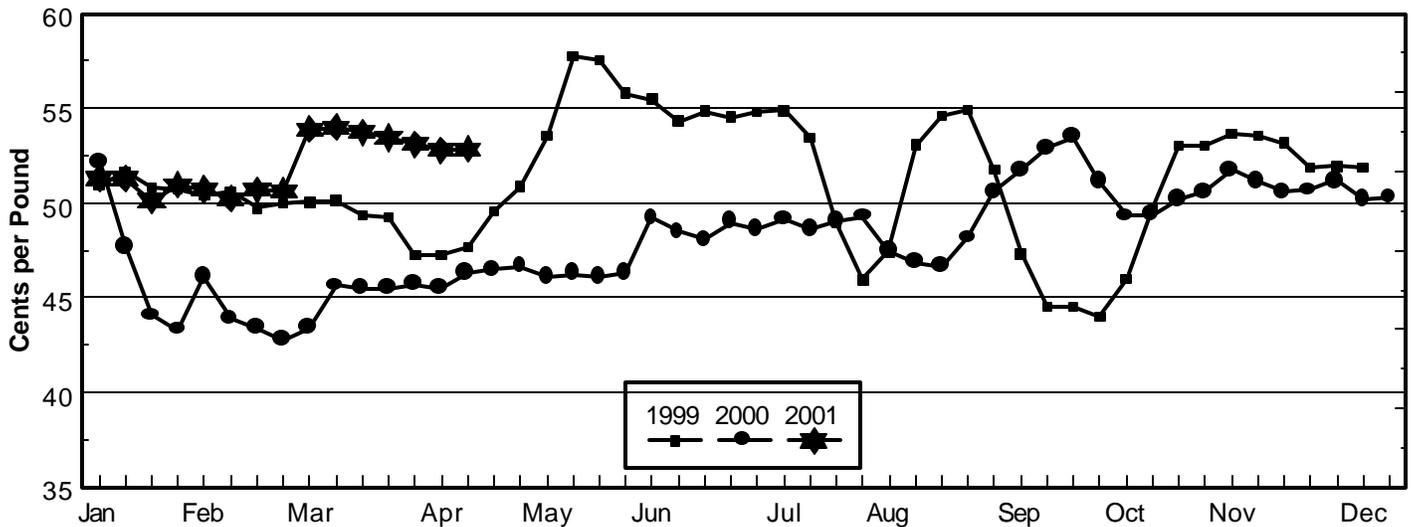
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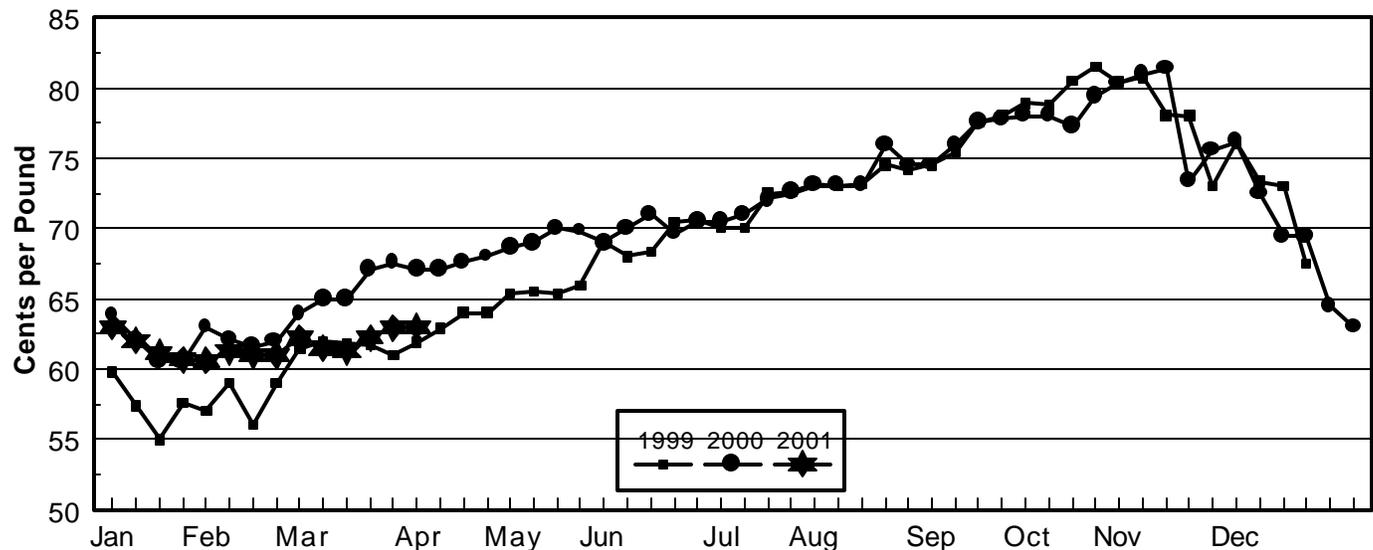
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price 1999, 2000, 2001



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.