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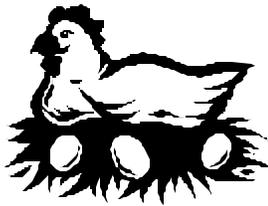
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Early week prices were unchanged in Boston, Chicago, and New York. In most other locations, prices were lower on all sizes. During the week prices were unchanged in California, Boston, and in the Midwest. In all other areas, prices were lower on all sizes. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate and was best into scattered feature activity. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs. Central States breaking stock prices irregular. Offerings were adequate or available. Many buyers were actively purchasing heavy nest runs and heavier graded loose shell eggs in order to fill gaps in inventories. Many buyers were reporting stability in nest run values. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Light type hens were sufficient for the light demand.

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	67-69	64-67	53-56
Philadelphia	65-83.5	63-81.5	52-65.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	69-70	67.5-69	50-51
Jackson (1)	77-78	76-77	59-60
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	72-87	71-85	55-69
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	57-62	56-61	43-48
Detroit (2)	61-64	60-63	44-47
Major Ohio Cities (2)	62-70	61-69	45-54
Major Wisconsin Cities	65-72	63-70	48-55
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	80-84	77-80	61-64
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	102	95	85

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 13-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	84.90	82.51	67.51
SOUTHERN	87.15	85.82	70.02
MIDWEST	76.88	75.65	60.29
WESTERN	108.53	103.55	92.56
TWELVE METRO AREAS	91.80	88.81	75.16

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

	04-17-01	04-10-01	04-18-00
Large	43-45	56-58	43-45
Medium	27-29	40-42	27-29

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 16, 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	7.9	19.9	6.9	13.9	10.0	58.6
	Change	-0.3	-2.7	-3.2	-4.2	-2.2	-18%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.9	39.6	7.3	19.7	15.9	111.4
	Change	0.5	-3.1	-3.0	-12.3	-7.6	-19%
Large	Curr Wk	35.0	72.1	37.2	46.4	57.3	248.0
	Change	-14.4	-51.1	-24.0	-36.4	-63.8	-43%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.3	36.1	11.1	21.7	16.2	97.4
	Change	-1.8	1.9	-4.6	2.7	-7.4	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	5.4	7.2	2.3	5.7	3.2	23.8
	Change	-0.3	-2.0	-0.3	-0.2	-1.4	-15%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.8	20.3	5.1	11.7	4.3	48.2
	Change	0.0	0.6	-1.3	0.2	-0.7	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.9	39.9	12.3	14.8	32.3	124.2
	Change	-0.8	-5.8	-5.6	-5.8	1.9	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	121.2	235.1	82.2	133.9	139.2	711.6
	Change	-12%	-21%	-34%	-29%	-37%	-27%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	711.6	-27%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	264.9	10%	38
Total Shell Egg	976.5	-19%	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 14-Apr-01
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

Last week cases broken revised

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,088,469	25,331	10,718	5,732	1,892	3,896
PW	*1,079,594	25,662	10,283	5,660	1,655	3,992
LY	1,143,818	27,459	10,401	5,561	2,707	3,854
% PW	1	-1	4	1	14	-2
% LY	-5	-8	3	3	-30	1
2001	*16,314,153	371,416	165,146	89,524	34,695	59,365
2000	16,941,543	384,600	168,484	92,210	43,448	56,474

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR

41.96 42.24 41.33

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 14-Apr-01
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	231.4	0	3
E.N. CENTRAL	560.4	5	14
W.N. CENTRAL	305.2	1	21
S. ATLANTIC	199.7	2	-3
S. CENTRAL	82.2	2	5
WEST	255.1	13	15
TOTAL	1,634.0	4	11

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States	
	Apr 7	Apr 14	Apr 7	Apr 14
	Thousand			
AL	*29,114	28,979	*22,316	21,808
AR	29,060	30,029	*23,315	23,813
DE	3,454	3,737	*5,648	4,703
FL	2,694	2,362	*2,186	2,468
GA	32,377	32,586	*25,534	25,427
MD	*8,946	9,021	*5,221	5,847
MS	*18,929	17,820	*15,491	15,615
NC	17,923	17,699	14,446	14,405
PA	*3,781	3,736	*3,041	2,649
SC	4,889	5,012	4,201	4,584
TX	15,192	15,260	11,558	11,606
VA	6,731	6,703	5,450	5,407
CA, TN, & WV	*11,570	11,371	*10,260	10,669
15 State Total	*184,660	184,315	*148,667	149,001
Previous Year	187,912	187,448	147,350	147,705
Pct. of Prev.	98	98	101	101

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 26-May-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.8 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.62 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/12/01-04/18/01

CURRENT LDS 160.75 FUTURE LDS 63.25 TOTAL LDS 224.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	44.67	48.00	45.25	47.50	38.00	40.50	40.00
GNR W 2	—	—	42.00	44.00	—	40.67	7.00
GL W XL	—	43.00	54.13	53.60	41.66	46.00	29.25
GL W LG	—	—	48.75	49.08	40.01	—	25.75
GL W MD	—	38.00	35.83	37.67	33.39	36.83	15.25
GL W SM	23.75	25.00	22.00	23.50	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.50	33.00	—	37.13	8.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	33.00	33.21	35.41	40.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	26.83	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 14-Apr-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	32.1	27.5	17	23
BOSTON	4.1	3.7	11	11
CHICAGO	89.6	80.6	11	4
DETROIT	33.9	29.6	15	-17
KANSAS CITY	11.2	7.5	49	229
LOS ANGELES	124.0	143.9	-14	12
NEW ORLEANS	9.8	7.9	24	-37
NEW YORK	40.9	38.7	6	-2
ST. LOUIS	22.6	25.1	-10	12
SAN FRANCISCO	35.5	25.6	39	49
TOTAL	403.7	390.1	3	8
4 WK MVG AVG	371.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	1,811	2,412	32	9	4,264
AVG WT	16.28	34.74	24.54	33.71	26.82
LAST WEEK	2,254	2,603	52	0	4,909
SAME WK YR AGO	4,905 (A)		2	61	4,968
AVG WT	27.72 (A)		47.50	26.79	27.72
TO-DATE/2001	68,644 (A)		568	235	69,447
TO-DATE/2000	69,297 (A)		202	603	70,102

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

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS		
	THOUSAND	% CHG	BANDED	AVG	AVG	
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT-THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE	WT	
N EAST	583	-33	22.43	(A)	585	22.43
S ATL	723	-14	27.98	(A)	725	27.98
N CENT	2,025	-8	30.10	(A)	2,027	30.10
S CENT	548	-18	20.78	(A)	550	20.78
WEST	376	13	22.40	(A)	377	22.40
U.S.TOTAL	4,255 (B)-13		26.82	9	4,264	26.82
TO DATE						
2001	69,212 (B)			235	69,447	
TO DATE						
2000	69,499 (B)			603	70,102	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 32,000 for the year 568,000; last year to date 202,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	144,057(A)	1,651	1,473	3,124	580
AVG WT	4.96	3.48	8.00	5.61	6.44
LAST WEEK	153,854	2,033	1,443	3,476	516
SAME WK YR AGO	154,848	2,259	1,335	3,594	438
AVG WT	5.05	3.44	7.87	5.09	6.45
TO-DATE/2001	2,242,601	28,008	19,605	47,613	7,435
TO-DATE/2000	2,306,771	30,560	20,449	51,009	6,832

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 145.8 million head or 5.7 million head less than or 96 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-01

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/21/01(1)	04/14/01
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	149,495(2)	151,488
LT HENS	1,780	1,618
HVY HENS	1,533	1,559
TOTAL	152,808	154,665

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Apr-01 is 153.5 million head compared to 148.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 149.8 million head or 3.7 million less than estimated available. For week of 28-Apr-01 the estimated available is 156.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
MARCH	10	154.0	151.3	102	5.18
	17	154.8	152.7	101	5.09
	24	152.0	152.3	100	5.06
	31	152.1	150.5	101	5.02
APRIL	7	155.7	150.1	104	4.92
	14	145.8	151.5	96	4.96
YEAR TO DATE	2,269.9	2,253.5	101		
APRIL	21	153.5			
	28	156.2			

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

	Change from			
16-Apr-01	09-Apr-01	09-Apr-01	17-Apr-00	
58.43	0.01	58.42	56.13	

NUMBER OF LOADS 568

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 04/16-04/21/01.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.02	43	54.32	76
Los Angeles	67.00	64.79	63	64.21	120
New York	51.00-53.00	52.04	25	55.42	49

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)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	63-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60.5-63	60.5	60.50	120
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-64	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	59-61	59.5	59.50	120
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 16-Apr-01	3,077	130,830	66,264
AM 1-Apr-01	3,877	116,507	62,425
CHG	-800	14323	3839
PCT CHG	-21	12	6

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

04/16/01	HEAVY TYPE			
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG	
Southeast	6.5-11.5(1)	8-9	8.83	
Southeast	TFEWR(2)			
South Central	8-9.75(1)	8-9.25	8.91	

04/13/01 LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days.

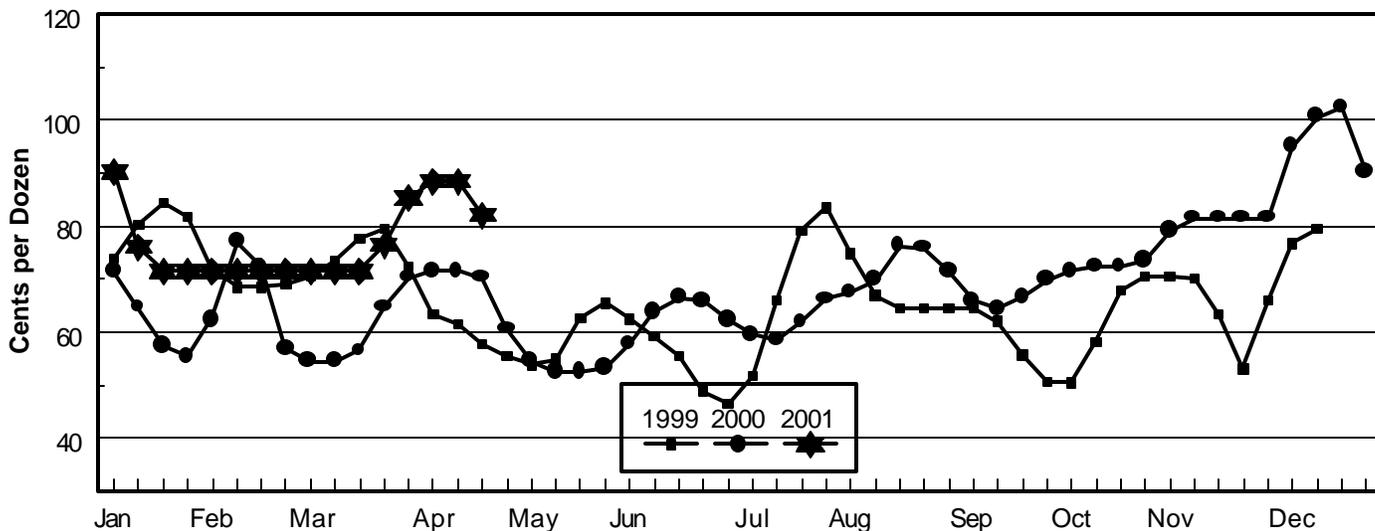
Eastern	0-0(1)
Eastern	0-0 (2)
So. Central	TFEWR(2)
No. Central	TFEWR(1)
No. Central	0(2)

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

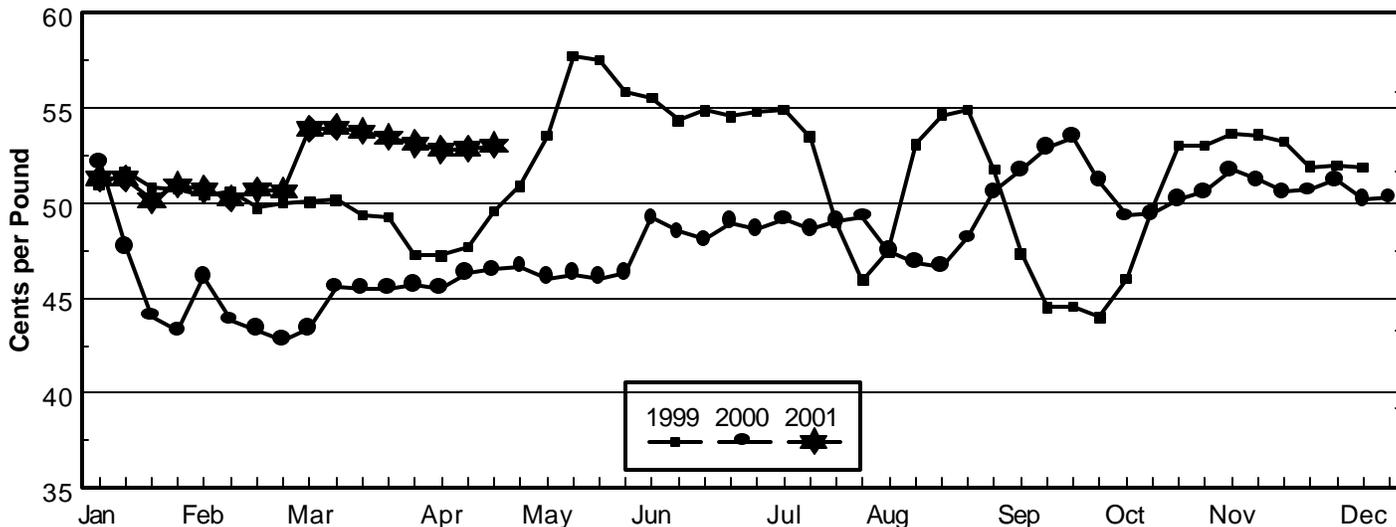
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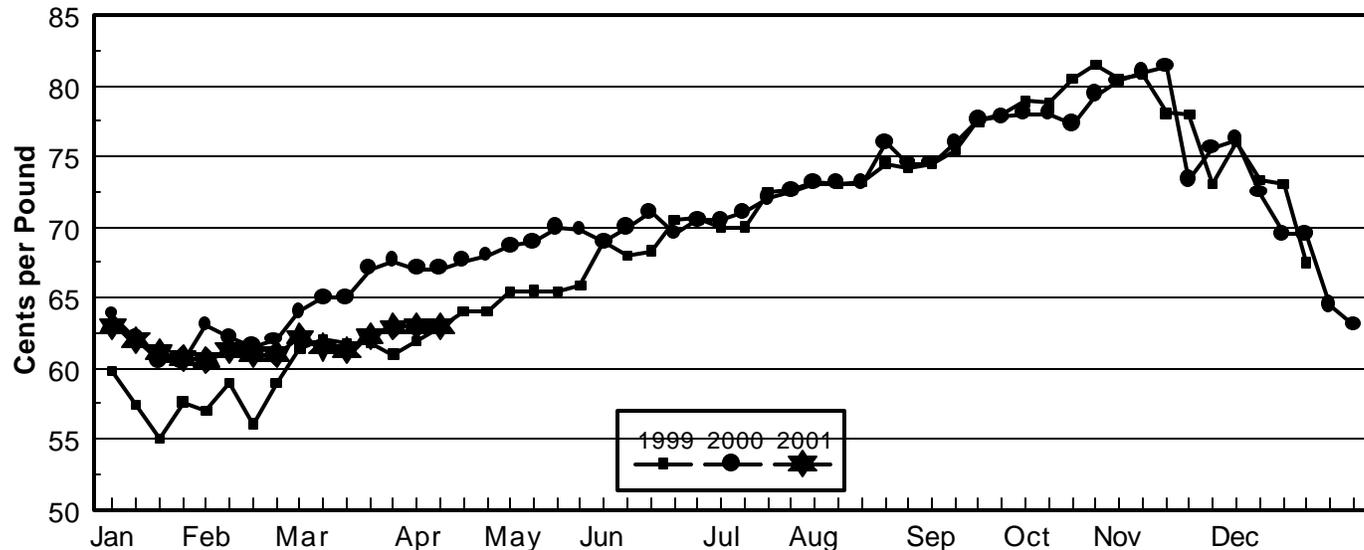
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price 1999, 2000, 2001



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.