



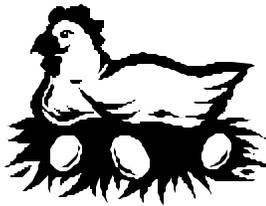
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Early week prices were unchanged in Chicago and in most other locations, prices were lower on all sizes. During the week prices were irregular and varied from region to region. The trade sentiment was mostly weak. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade requirements. Demand was light to moderate, slightly better where features were a factor. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was light to mostly moderate with offerings at least fully adequate. Many buyers were bidding lower trending values for additional heavy nest runs. Floor stocks fully adequate. Schedules continue full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to mostly barely steady. Light type hens were ample for the fair 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)	97-103	86-92	75-78
New York	59-61	56-59	49-52
Philadelphia	57-71	55-69	48-55
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57-58	55.5-57	44-45
Jackson (1)	65-66	64-65	53-54
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	61-77	60-75	49-64
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	51-56	50-55	41-46
Detroit (2)	52-55	51-54	38-41
Major Ohio Cities (2)	53-59	52-57	39-45
Major Wisconsin Cities	56-61	54-61	42-49
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	69-73	66-69	55-58
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	86	79

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 20-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	72.87	70.49	57.12
SOUTHERN	74.31	72.98	56.02
MIDWEST	64.09	62.99	48.02
WESTERN	94.54	89.55	78.56
TWELVE METRO AREAS	78.78	75.83	62.70

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

	04-24-01	04-17-01	04-25-00
Large	34-36	43-45	38-40
Medium	21-23	27-29	23-25

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 23, 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	7.8	20.0	7.2	11.5	10.1	56.6
	Change	-0.1	0.1	0.3	-2.4	0.1	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	32.2	43.9	10.7	24.2	19.5	130.5
	Change	3.3	4.3	3.4	4.5	3.6	17%
Large	Curr Wk	43.1	109.1	57.9	69.3	76.3	355.7
	Change	8.1	37.0	20.7	22.9	19.0	43%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.3	34.4	14.5	20.7	18.3	102.2
	Change	2.0	-1.7	3.4	-1.0	2.1	5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	5.4	2.1	6.7	5.0	23.7
	Change	-0.9	-1.8	-0.2	1.0	1.8	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	7.1	20.2	4.3	9.6	4.6	45.8
	Change	0.3	-0.1	-0.8	-2.1	0.3	-5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	31.6	53.1	16.7	16.3	29.6	147.3
	Change	6.7	13.2	4.4	1.5	-2.7	19%
Total	Curr Wk	140.6	286.1	113.4	158.3	163.4	861.8
	Change	16%	22%	38%	18%	17%	21%

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

Shell Egg	861.8	21%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	294.2	11%	38
Total Shell Egg	1156.0	18%	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 21-Apr-01
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,190,645	26,773	12,017	6,710	2,424	4,137
PW	1,088,469	25,331	10,718	5,732	1,892	3,896
LY	1,109,687	25,898	10,782	5,597	2,663	3,596
%PW	9	6	12	17	28	6
%LY	7	3	11	20	-9	15
2001	17,504,798	398,189	177,163	96,234	37,119	63,502
2000	18,051,230	410,498	179,266	97,807	46,111	60,070

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -
CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR**
41.69 41.96 41.34

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 21-Apr-01
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	226.5	-2	1
E.N. CENTRAL	477.8	-15	1
W.N. CENTRAL	260.5	-15	4
S. ATLANTIC	188.3	-6	-7
S. CENTRAL	76.9	-6	3
WEST	209.3	-18	-13
TOTAL	1,439.3	-12	-2

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING 90 90

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in 15 Selected States</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed in 15 Selected States</u>	
	Apr 14	Apr 21	Apr 14	Apr 21
	Thousand			
AL	*29,005	28,616	*21,857	22,135
AR	30,029	29,613	23,813	22,964
DE	3,737	3,777	*4,672	4,944
FL	2,362	2,384	2,468	2,395
GA	32,586	31,853	*25,440	25,355
MD	*8,682	8,697	*6,106	5,429
MS	17,820	18,119	15,615	15,331
NC	17,699	17,463	14,405	14,437
PA	3,736	3,666	*2,583	2,736
SC	5,012	5,021	4,584	3,909
TX	15,260	15,261	11,606	11,461
VA	*6,698	6,693	*5,415	5,785
CA, TN, & WV	*11,370	11,538	*10,694	10,282
15 State Total	*183,996	182,701	*149,258	147,163
Previous Year	188,331	186,477	148,314	148,919
Pct. of Prev.	98	98	101	99

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 02-Jun-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.3 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 156.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.33 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/19/01-04/25/01

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	SE	NE	
GNR W 1	34.00	36.50	36.83	38.80	36.04	38.29	34.00
GNR W 2	—	35.00	31.00	—	31.56	33.38	10.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	28.00	30.00	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	45.17	46.33	—	—	4.50
GL W XL	—	43.00	43.50	43.94	37.75	—	22.50
GL W LG	—	45.44	40.83	42.14	38.25	—	20.25
GL W MD	—	37.00	34.50	33.00	32.66	35.50	25.50
GL W SM	22.75	24.50	21.79	23.13	—	26.50	8.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	21.50	—	—	23.75	5.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 21-Apr-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	17.8	32.1	-45	-41
BOSTON	3.9	4.1	-5	-32
CHICAGO	36.1	89.6	-60	-52
DETROIT	21.2	33.9	-37	-54
KANSAS CITY	4.5	11.2	-60	18
LOS ANGELES	80.2	124.0	-35	-50
NEW ORLEANS	7.8	9.8	-20	-32
NEW YORK	29.5	40.9	-28	-32
ST. LOUIS	18.6	22.6	-18	6
SAN FRANCISCO	19.5	35.5	-45	-40
TOTAL	239.1	403.7	-41	-44
4 WK MVG AVG	351.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 14-Apr-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	1,806	2,572	38	14
AVG WT	16.24	35.21	22.04	30.91
LAST WEEK	1,811	2,412	32	9
SAME WK YR AGO	4,011 (A)		17	15
AVG WT	25.68 (A)		31.82	26.13
TO-DATE/2001	73,022 (A)		606	249
TO-DATE/2000	73,308 (A)		219	618

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

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	% CHG		AVG	HEAD
N EAST	699	20	23.33	(A)	702
S ATL	679	-6	28.77	(A)	682
N CENT	2,106	4	30.59	(A)	2,109
S CENT	598	9	20.71	(A)	601
WEST	334	-11	24.20	(A)	336
U.S.TOTAL	4,416(B)	4	27.34	14	4,430
TO DATE					
2001	73,628(B)			249	73,877
TO DATE					
2000	73,527(B)			618	74,145

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 38,000 for the year 606,000; last year to date 219,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 21-Apr-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,270(A)	1,706	1,410	3,116	583
AVG WT	5.11	3.54	7.90	5.51	6.78
LAST WEEK	144,057	1,651	1,473	3,124	580
SAME WK YR AGO	146,562	2,030	1,433	3,463	391
AVG WT	5.05	3.39	7.81	5.22	6.74
TO-DATE/2001	2,393,871	29,714	21,015	50,729	8,018
TO-DATE/2000	2,453,333	32,590	21,882	54,472	7,223

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.1 million head or 0.4 million head less than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Apr-01

	CURRENT WEEK 04/28/01(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 04/21/01
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
CLASS		
BRO-FRY	155,660(2)	149,495
LT HENS	1,914	1,780
HVY HENS	1,481	1,533
TOTAL	159,055	152,808

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Apr-01 is 156.2 million head compared to 154.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.0 million head or 0.2 million less than estimated available. For week of 05-May-01 the estimated available is 158.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
MARCH	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
	21	153.1	153.5	100	5.11
YEAR TO DATE	2423.0	2407.0	101		
APRIL	28	156.2			
MAY	5	158.5			

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

	Change from			
23-Apr-01	16-Apr-01	16-Apr-01	24-Apr-00	
58.95	0.52	58.43	55.89	
NUMBER OF LOADS	600			

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 04/23-04/28/01.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.14	44	55.33	80	
Los Angeles	67.00	64.69	64	63.91	125	
New York	51.00-53.00	51.96	25	55.88	51	

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/	64-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65	-	-	-

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 23-Apr-01	3,218	137,387	63,865
AM 1-Apr-01	3,877	116,507	62,425
CHG	-659	20880	1440
PCT CHG	-17	18	2

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 04/23/01

04/23/01	HEAVY TYPE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	6.75-9.75(1)	8-9	8.78
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	7-12(1)	7.5-9	8.88

04/20/01 LIGHT TYPE

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

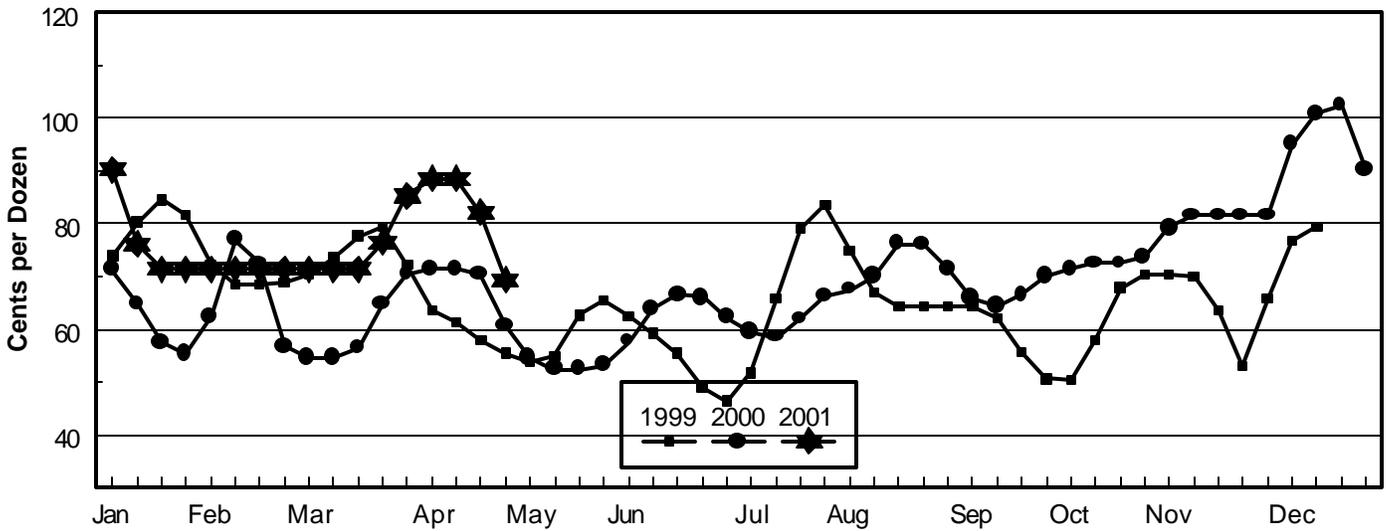
Eastern	0-0(1)
Eastern	0-0 (2)
So. Central	TFEWR(2)
No. Central	TFEWR(1)
No. Central	0(2)

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

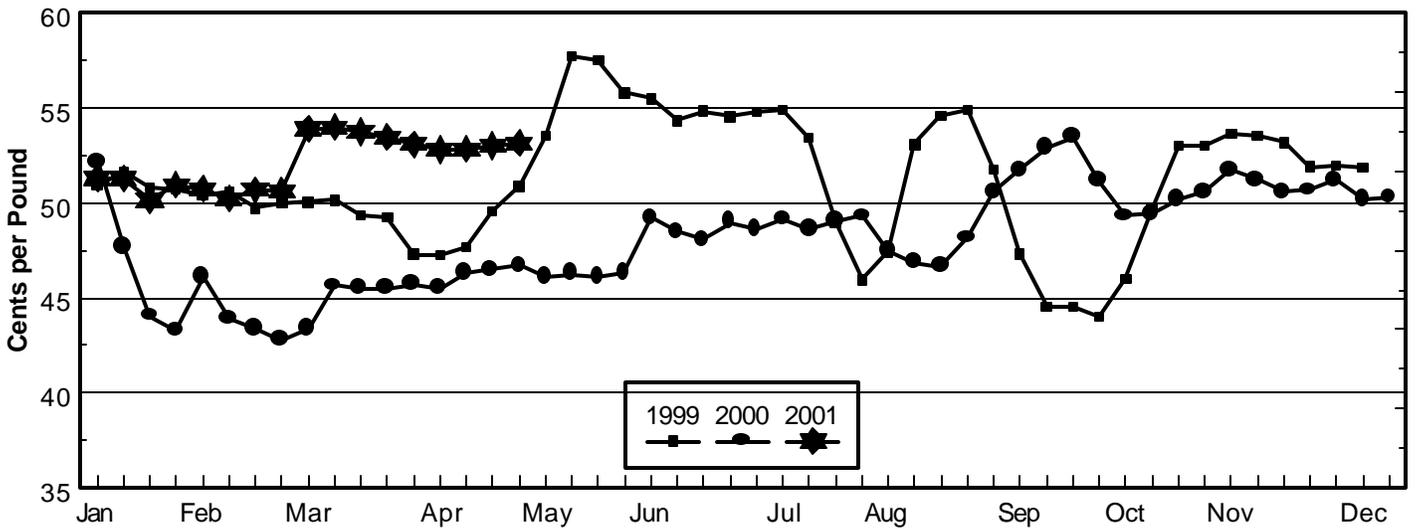
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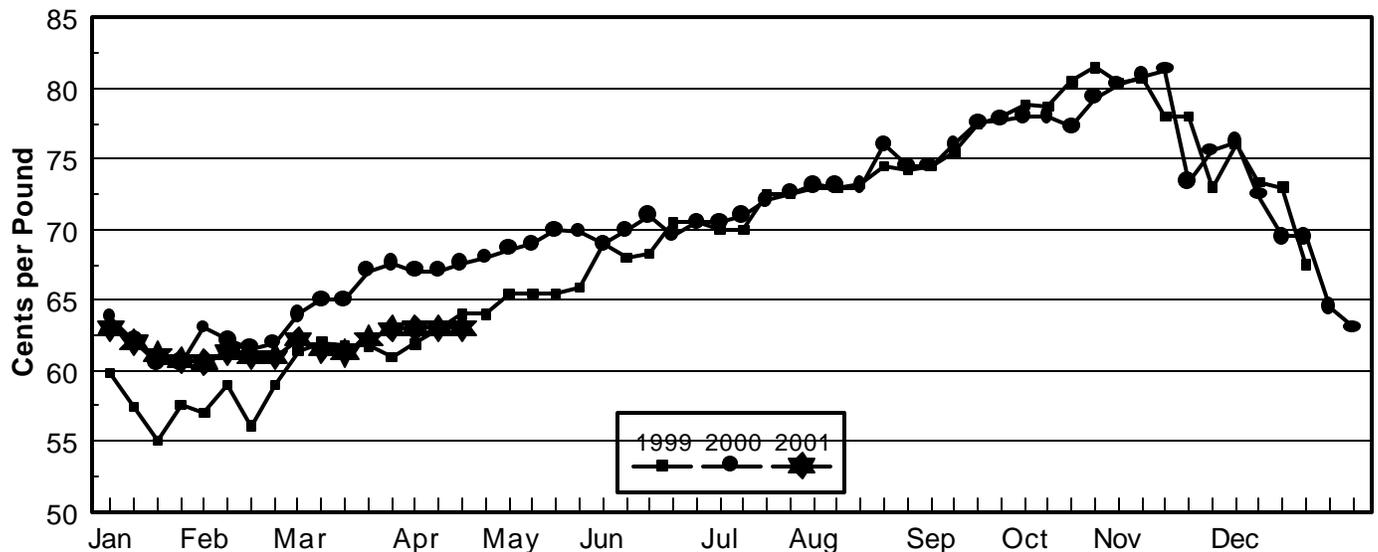
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price 1999, 2000, 2001



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.