



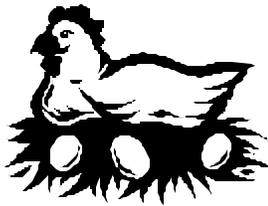
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Early week prices in Atlanta and the Midwest were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. In most other locations prices were lower on all weights except New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. During the week prices were unchanged in Boston, California, and the Midwest region. In all other locations, prices were higher for the larger sizes but lower on mediums. The market tone was mixed. Demand was light to moderate, occasionally good and was best where featured. Supplies were usually adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings adequate to mostly fully adequate for current needs. Breakers needing additional heavy nest runs were bidding slightly higher prices. Schedules full-time or better. Floor stocks fully adequate to instances ample. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Light type hens were ample or better for current production 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)	90-92	77-79	70-77
New York	55-57	52-55	48-51
Philadelphia	53-56.5	51-54.5	47-49
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	44-45	42.5-44	41-42
Jackson (1)	54-55	51-52	50-51
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	51-64	48-62	46-60
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	44-49	43-48	38-43
Detroit (2)	41-44	40-43	34-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	42-48	41-46	35-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	45-52	43-50	38-45
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	59-65	56-60	53-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	82	74	72

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 04-May-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	57.83	55.46	50.26
SOUTHERN	54.53	52.98	47.02
MIDWEST	48.07	46.83	38.78
WESTERN	77.69	73.36	68.74
TWELVE METRO AREAS	62.50	59.75	53.97

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

	05-08-01	05-01-01	05-09-00
Large	23-25	26-28	20-22
Medium	17-19	17-19	18-20

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 07, 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	15.6	5.7	12.8	8.9	50.9
	Change	0.5	-4.0	-1.7	-1.2	-1.1	-13%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.1	35.4	12.8	26.8	19.3	122.4
	Change	-4.6	-5.2	0.0	-4.1	-2.8	-12%
Large	Curr Wk	41.5	101.0	57.3	75.6	81.5	356.9
	Change	-1.6	-4.5	-18.6	-4.2	-1.8	-8%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.4	30.8	16.2	22.5	18.3	102.2
	Change	0.4	0.5	1.9	0.1	-4.1	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	5.2	2.0	4.4	6.0	20.6
	Change	0.1	1.2	-0.2	-1.6	-0.2	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.8	21.3	6.5	12.9	4.6	49.1
	Change	-1.6	4.9	2.2	3.6	-1.1	19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	33.0	75.5	25.7	20.3	28.1	182.6
	Change	-1.8	-11.6	1.7	-0.1	-5.5	-9%
Total	Curr Wk	131.7	284.8	126.2	175.3	166.7	884.7
Percent	Change	-6%	-6%	-10%	-4%	-9%	-7%
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Number of			
		Cases	Change	Cooperators			
Shell Egg		884.7	-7%	172			
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/		357.7	11%	38			
Total Shell Egg		1242.4	-2%	210			

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 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.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 05-05-01
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID		DRIED	INED
			WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,230,921	27,008	13,284	6,902	2,935	4,313
PW	1,219,529	27,079	12,652	7,539	2,631	4,231
LY	1,255,178	28,159	12,769	7,152	3,146	4,014
% PW	1	0	5	-8	12	2
% LY	-2	-4	4	-3	-7	7
2001	19,955,248	452,276	203,099	110,675	42,685	72,046
2000	20,534,231	466,548	204,346	111,509	52,529	68,200

CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR

AVG YIELD/CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) 41.84 42.23 41.50
 AVG YIELD/CASE - (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED) 38.34 38.76 38.31

Effective May 9, we will report the average yield per case with the inedible excluded. It will run concurrently with the average yield per case with the inedible included. The average yield per case with inedible excluded is available for historical purposes. This information can be obtained from Amos Hardy, the National Statistical Officer, at 515-284-4471.

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 05-May-01
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	221.6	1	2
E.N. CENTRAL	462.5	-5	-2
W.N. CENTRAL	261.3	-2	6
S. ATLANTIC	179.4	-2	-3
S. CENTRAL	75.0	0	5
WEST	210.6	3	11
TOTAL	1,410.4	-2	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		90	90

Broiler Eggs Set in
15 Selected States **Broiler Chicks Placed**
in 15 Selected States

STATE	Apr 28		May 5	
	Apr 28	May 5	Apr 28	May 5
	Thousand			
AL	29,101	28,872	*22,088	22,290
AR	30,253	30,017	24,197	24,730
DE	3,573	3,588	4,717	4,190
FL	2,381	2,376	*2,458	2,411
GA	32,169	32,206	*25,145	26,021
MD	8,724	8,769	5,782	5,557
MS	17,933	18,729	15,671	16,617
NC	17,826	17,861	*14,690	13,794
PA	*3,779	3,840	*2,803	2,751
SC	*4,983	4,968	*4,464	3,878
TX	15,299	15,289	11,970	11,917
VA	6,611	6,852	5,697	6,197
CA, TN, & WV	*10,959	11,293	*10,340	9,524
15 State Total	*183,591	184,660	*150,022	149,877
Previous Year	186,476	183,698	151,362	150,793
Pct. of Prev.	98	101	99	99

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 16-Jun-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.81CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/03/01-05/09/01

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	SE	NE	
GNR W 1	25.00	27.00	26.00	27.11	30.25	33.00	19.00
GNR W 2	25.25	27.67	22.00	25.00	24.00	—	9.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	24.33	27.00	4.00
GL W XL	—	35.00	34.00	35.60	35.34	38.00	18.25
GL W LG	—	34.62	28.44	30.71	37.27	—	31.75
GL W MD	25.00	31.00	30.00	32.00	30.75	30.50	8.00
GL W SM	—	—	22.00	24.00	21.00	—	2.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	23.00	24.00	26.00	27.00	36.50
NRBS - 39	24.00	—	21.60	11.00	14.00	16.50	12.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 05-May-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT	CHG
ATLANTA	24.6	20.2	22	27
BOSTON	3.9	3.9	0	-5
CHICAGO	49.2	41.5	19	37
DETROIT	25.6	22.3	15	19
KANSAS CITY	2.9	1.3	123	-9
LOS ANGELES	115.0	81.9	40	44
NEW ORLEANS	8.9	7.9	13	-10
NEW YORK	37.4	36.3	3	-13
ST. LOUIS	18.7	14.7	27	44
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0	21.3	-1	-6
TOTAL	307.2	251.3	22	22
4 WK MVG AVG	300.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 05-May-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,072	2,669	44	17	4,802
AVG WT	16.27	35.76	25.40	28.43	27.23
LAST WEEK	2,006	2,725	36	1	4,768
SAME WK YR AGO	4,982 (A)		46	27	5,055
AVG WT	25.94 (A)		31.09	30.52	26.25
TO-DATE/2001	82,494 (A)		686	267	83,447
TO-DATE/2000	82,722 (A)		278	673	83,673

(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 05-May-2001
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND		BANDIED		AVG	
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	710	4	23.42	(A)	713	23.42
S ATL	901	-2	28.15	(A)	905	28.15
N CENT	2,149	-4	30.66	(A)	2,153	30.66
S CENT	604	0	20.59	(A)	607	20.59
WEST	421	30	23.68	(A)	424	23.68
U.S.TOTAL	4,785 (B)	0	27.23	17	4,802	27.23
TO DATE						
2001	83,180 (B)			267	83,447	
TO DATE						
2000	83,000 (B)			673	83,673	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 44,000 for the year 686,000; last year to date 278,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 05-May-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	157,022 (A)	1,754	1,400	3,154	504
AVG WT	5.02	3.38	7.73	5.31	6.68
LAST WEEK	156,893	1,791	1,396	3,187	492
SAME WK YR AGO	156,250	2,124	1,403	3,527	408
AVG WT	5.10	3.36	8.11	5.25	6.76
TO-DATE/2001	2,707,786	33,259	23,811	57,070	9,014
TO-DATE/2000	2,761,739	36,750	24,709	61,459	8,117

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.9 million head or 0.4 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-May-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/12/01(1)	05/05/01
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	162,346 (2)	162,313
LT HENS	1,630	1,812
HVY HENS	1,499	1,548
TOTAL	165,475	165,673

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-May-01 is 159.1 million head compared to 159.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.7 million head or 3.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 19-May-01 the estimated available is 157.9 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
MARCH 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
28	158.8	156.2	102	5.00
MAY 5	158.9	158.5	100	5.02
YEAR TO DATE	2740.7	2721.7	101	
MAY 12		159.1		
19		157.9		

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

07-May-01	Change from		08-May-00
	30-Apr-01	30-Apr-01	
59.10	0.22	58.88	55.76
NUMBER OF LOADS	610		

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 05/07-05/12/01.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	50.00-54.00	53.29	47	55.29	87
Los Angeles	68.00	65.71	64	63.56	150
New York	51.00-53.00	52.17	24	56.40	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	LBS
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	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 07-May-01	3,451	148,576	62,847
AM 1-Apr-01	3,877	116,507	62,425
CHG	-426	32069	422
PCT CHG	-11	28	1

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March 31, 2001 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2001 are:

FROZEN EGGS	12 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.02 PCT
TURKS	435 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT
POP	656 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	4.96 PCT

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 05/07/01

	HEAVY TYPE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
	RANGE		
Southeast	8-9.75(1)	8-9	8.73
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8-12(1)	8-9	9.05

05/04/01**LIGHT TYPE**

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

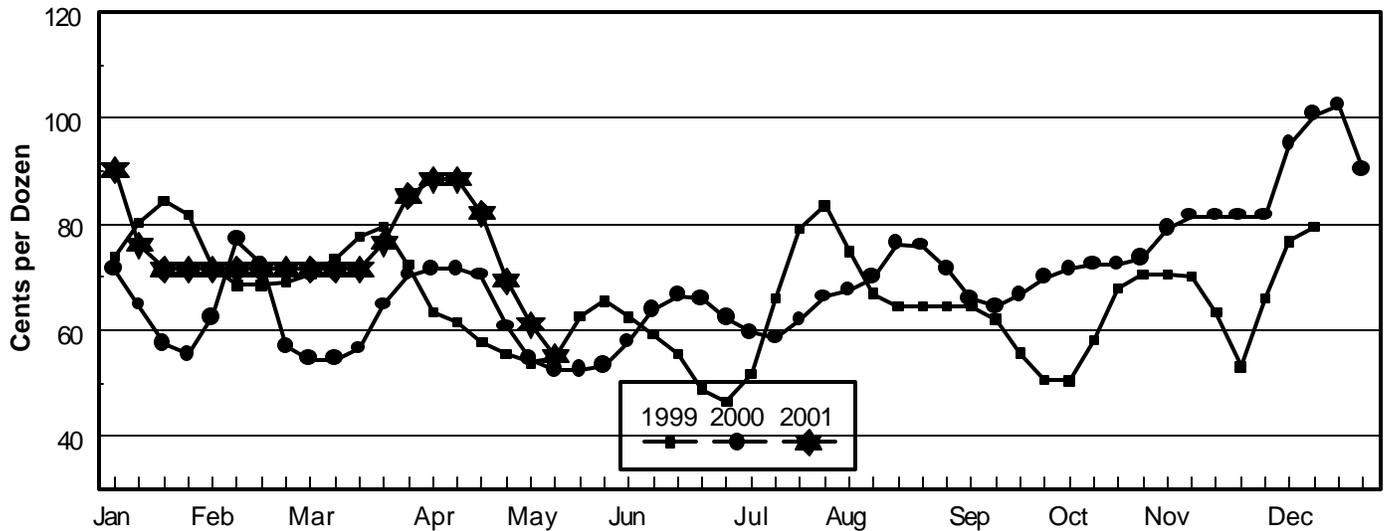
Eastern	0-0(1)
Eastern	0-0 2)
So. Central	TFEWR(2)
No. Central	TFEWR(1)
No. Central	0(2)

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

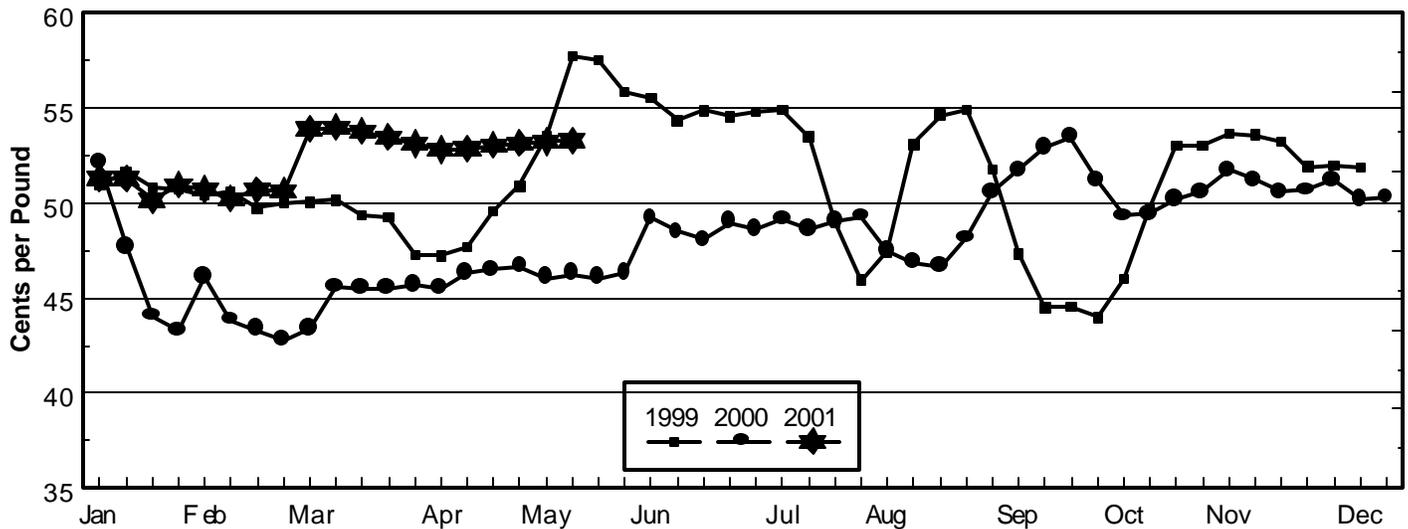
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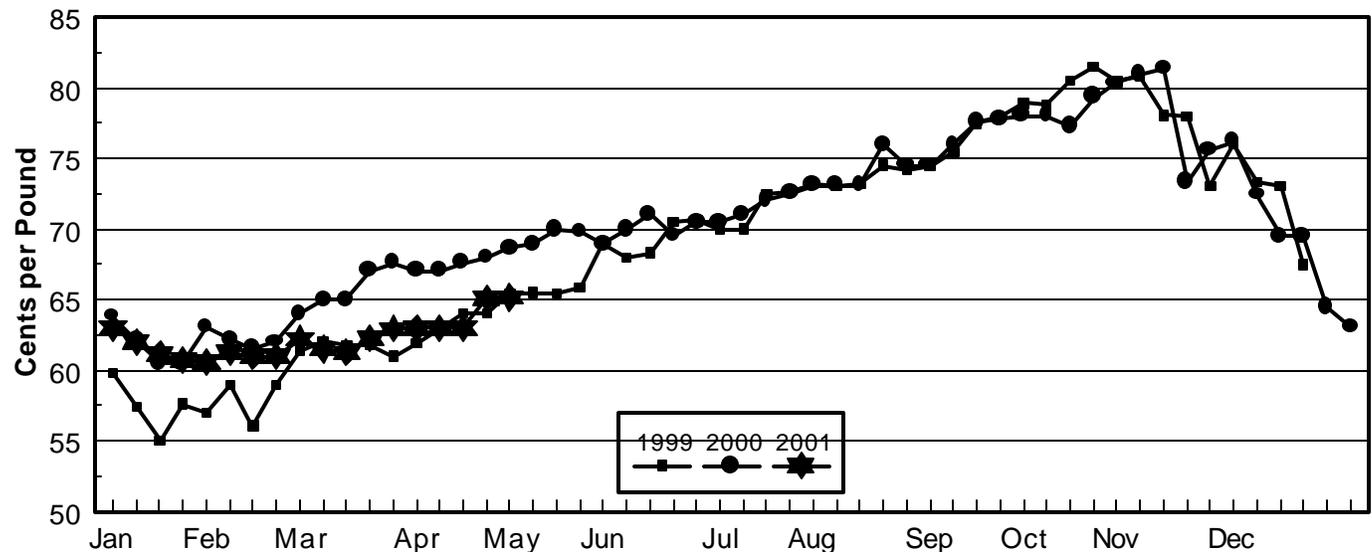
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price 1999, 2000, 2001



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.