



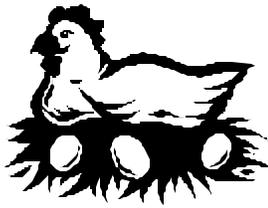
# EGG & POULTRY NATIONAL WEEKLY REVIEW

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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Early week prices were mixed and varied region to region. During the week in the Midwest and California prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was firm on the larger sizes and steady on the remainder. Demand was light to good and best where featured. Supplies were generally adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings adequate for the fair demand. Buyers generally satisfied working existing inventories and regular commitments. Finished product demand fair to good. Schedules full-time to over-time. Floor stocks fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. Light type hens continued ample 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
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	91-99	78-86	70-72
New York	64-66	61-64	48-51
Philadelphia	52.5-64	50.5-62	47-48
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	46-47	44.5-46	39-40
Jackson (1)	56-57	53-54	48-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	52-65	49-63	45-59
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	51-56	50-55	38-43
Detroit (2)	42-45	41-44	34-37
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-49	42-47	35-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	46-53	44-51	38-45
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	59-61	56-58	51-53
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	84	76	72

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

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 11-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	55.16	52.79	49.66
SOUTHERN	50.72	48.82	47.02
MIDWEST	45.47	44.23	38.78
WESTERN	74.80	68.80	66.10
TWELVE METRO AREAS	59.69	56.28	52.81

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

	05-15-01	05-08-01	05-16-00
Large	25-27	23-25	20-22
Medium	17-19	17-19	18-20

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM** MAY 14, 2001  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.5	14.5	5.8	11.2	9.3 48.3
	Change	-0.4	-1.1	0.1	-1.6	0.4 -5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.6	28.7	13.1	25.1	19.7 114.2
	Change	-0.5	-6.7	0.3	-1.7	0.4 -7%
Large	Curr Wk	40.7	79.0	64.3	69.1	84.6 337.7
	Change	-0.8	-22.0	7.0	-6.5	3.1 -5%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.0	29.1	16.5	23.9	21.6 107.1
	Change	1.6	-1.7	0.3	1.4	3.3 5%
Small	Curr Wk	2.2	6.6	2.4	4.0	5.7 20.9
	Change	-0.8	1.4	0.4	-0.4	-0.3 1%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.6	20.3	4.2	8.9	4.7 42.7
	Change	0.8	-1.0	-2.3	-4.0	0.1 -13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.6	66.9	19.1	20.3	30.8 165.7
	Change	-4.4	-8.6	-6.6	0.0	2.7 -9%
Total	Curr Wk	127.2	245.1	125.4	162.5	176.4 836.6
Percent	Change	-3%	-14%	-1%	-7%	6% -5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	836.6	-5%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	338.7	-5%	38
Total Shell Egg	1175.3	-5%	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.

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 05-12-01  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,216,515	26,706	12,994	6,855	3,077	4,069
PW	1,230,921	27,008	13,284	6,902	2,935	4,313
LY	1,247,507	27,920	12,786	6,700	3,192	4,068
% PW	-1	-1	-2	-1	5	-6
% LY	-2	-4	2	2	-4	0
2001	21,171,763	478,982	216,093	117,530	45,762	76,115
2000	21,781,738	494,468	217,132	118,209	55,721	72,268

**CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST**  
**WEEK WEEK YEAR**

AVG YIELD/CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.61	41.84	41.26
AVG YIELD/CASE - (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.27	38.34	38.00

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.

**FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM**

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

**Broiler Eggs Set in**  
**19 Selected States****Broiler Chicks Placed**  
**in 19 Selected States**

STATE	May		May	
	5	12	5	12
Thousand				
AL	28,872	29,600	22,290	21,476
AR	30,017	30,173	24,730	24,972
DE	3,588	3,680	4,190	4,864
FL	2,376	2,400	2,411	2,362
GA	32,206	32,278	*25,981	25,468
MD	8,769	8,960	5,557	5,836
MS	*18,744	19,089	*15,690	14,599
NC	17,861	18,342	13,794	14,622
PA	*3,822	3,760	*2,759	2,699
SC	4,968	5,087	3,878	4,392
TX	15,289	15,290	11,917	11,943
VA	6,852	6,682	6,197	5,326
CA, TN, & WV	*11,484	11,442	*10,060	10,800
<b>15 State Total</b>	<b>*184,848</b>	<b>186,783</b>	<b>*149,454</b>	<b>149,359</b>
Previous Year	183,698	185,949	150,793	150,139
Pct. of Prev.	101	100	99	99
KY	5,115	5,513	3,987	4,511
OK	6,109	6,180	4,298	4,274
LA & MO	9,444	9,444	9,075	8,951
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>205,516</b>	<b>207,920</b>	<b>166,814</b>	<b>167,095</b>

\* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 23-Jun-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.7 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 05/10/01-05/16/01

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
	83.00		58.00		141.00		
GNR W 1	29.00	38.63	31.25	30.86	43.75	41.75	52.00
GNR W 2	—	36.00	31.00	—	—	66.00	4.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	28.00	29.50	3.00
GNR W 4	—	31.00	27.50	—	30.00	31.00	3.00
GL W XL	38.50	40.00	37.59	39.33	—	—	6.50
GL W LG	38.50	42.35	36.14	39.27	38.09	—	25.50
GL W MD	29.00	32.25	26.50	28.00	—	—	18.50
GL W SM	23.00	25.00	21.67	23.67	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	28.50	29.25	9.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 12-May-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	22.1	24.6	-10	30
BOSTON	3.7	3.9	-5	0
CHICAGO	43.0	49.2	-13	-2
DETROIT	24.4	25.6	-5	-3
KANSAS CITY	4.2	2.9	45	68
LOS ANGELES	109.2	115.0	-5	22
NEW ORLEANS	7.6	8.9	-15	-33
NEW YORK	34.5	37.4	-8	-11
ST. LOUIS	20.1	18.7	7	19
SAN FRANCISCO	22.5	21.0	7	9
TOTAL	291.3	307.2	-5	8
4 WK MVG AVG	272.2			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** WEEK ENDING 12-May-2001

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD	TOTAL	
	HENS	TOMS			
BREEDERS					
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,049	2,704	39	4	4,796
AVG WT	16.36	35.50	24.55	30.06	27.17
LAST WEEK	2,072	2,669	44	17	4,802
SAME WK YR AGO	4,919 (A)		39	40	4,998
AVG WT	27.74 (A)		33.13	25.65	27.76
TO-DATE/2001	87,247 (A)		725	271	88,243
TO-DATE/2000	87,641 (A)		317	713	88,671

(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 12-May-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	707	0	23.23	(A)	708	23.23
S ATL	849	-6	28.24	(A)	850	28.24
N CENT	2,199	2	30.42	(A)	2,200	30.42
S CENT	611	1	20.67	(A)	612	20.67
WEST	426	1	24.73	(A)	426	24.73
U.S.TOTAL	4,792(B)	0	27.17	4	4,796	27.17
TO DATE						
2001	87,972(B)			271	88,243	
TO DATE						
2000	87,958(B)			713	88,671	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 39,000; for the year 725,000; last year to date 317,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 12-May-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,969(A)	1,575	1,465	3,040	538
AVG WT	5.20	3.44	8.00	5.64	6.55
LAST WEEK	157,022	1,754	1,400	3,154	504
SAME WK YR AGO	157,176	2,024	1,238	3,262	431
AVG WT	5.06	3.37	7.87	5.08	6.47
TO-DATE/2001	2,865,755	34,834	25,276	60,110	9,552
TO-DATE/2000	2,918,915	38,774	25,947	64,721	8,548

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.9 million head or 0.8 million head more than or 101 percent of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-May-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/19/01(1)	05/12/01
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	157,484(2)	162,346
LT HENS	1,655	1,630
HVY HENS	1,471	1,499
TOTAL	160,610	165,475

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-May-01 is 157.9 million head compared to 160.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.8 million head or 0.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 26-May-01 the estimated available is 157.4 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
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
	12	159.9	159.1	101	5.20
YEAR TO DATE	2900.6	2880.8	101		
MAY	19		157.9		
	26		157.4		

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

14-May-01	Change from		15-May-00
	07-May-01	07-May-01	
59.95	0.85	59.10	56.03

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 05/14-05/21/01.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	50.00-55.00	53.84	45	55.91	85
Los Angeles	68.00	65.70	64	64.78	115
New York	51.00-53.00	52.30	23	57.26	55

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION	60-62	-	-	-
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 14-May-01	3,911	148,985	63,735
AM 1-May-01	3,238	143,310	63,064
CHG	673	5675	671
PCT CHG	21	4	1

**HEN MARKETS** Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 05/14/01

	HEAVY TYPE		
	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	8-10.5(1)	8-9	8.67
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	7-12(1)	8.75-9.5	9.37

05/11/01

**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

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 12-May-01

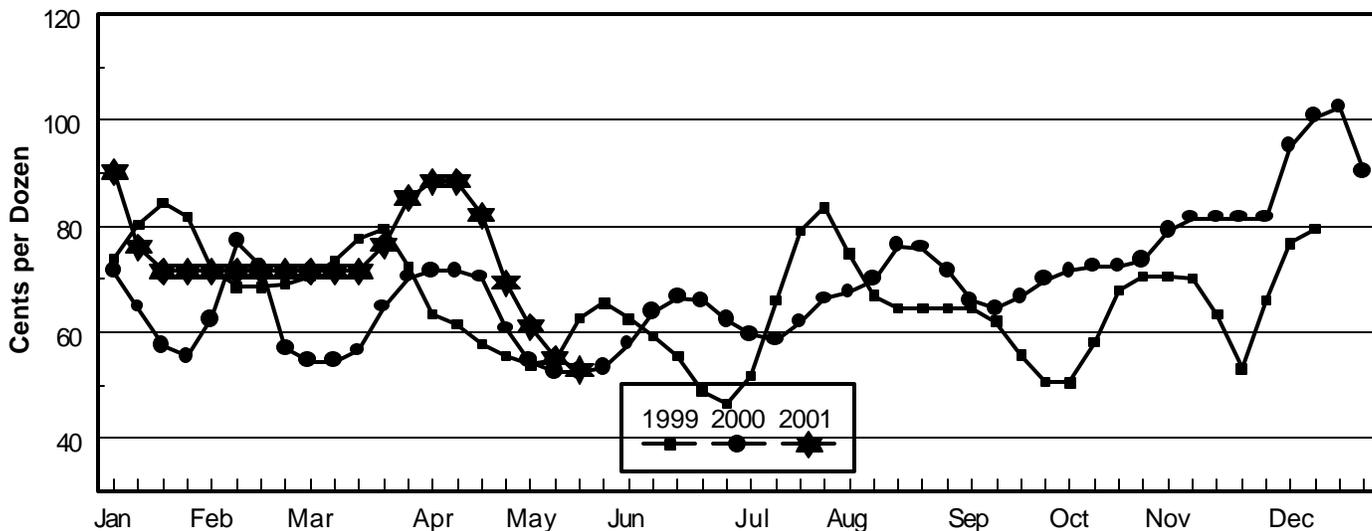
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REGIONS	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.6	-2	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	515.0	11	6
W.N. CENTRAL	285.9	8	12
S. ATLANTIC	174.8	-3	-4
S. CENTRAL	76.1	1	12
WEST	204.6	-3	11
TOTAL	1474.0	4	5

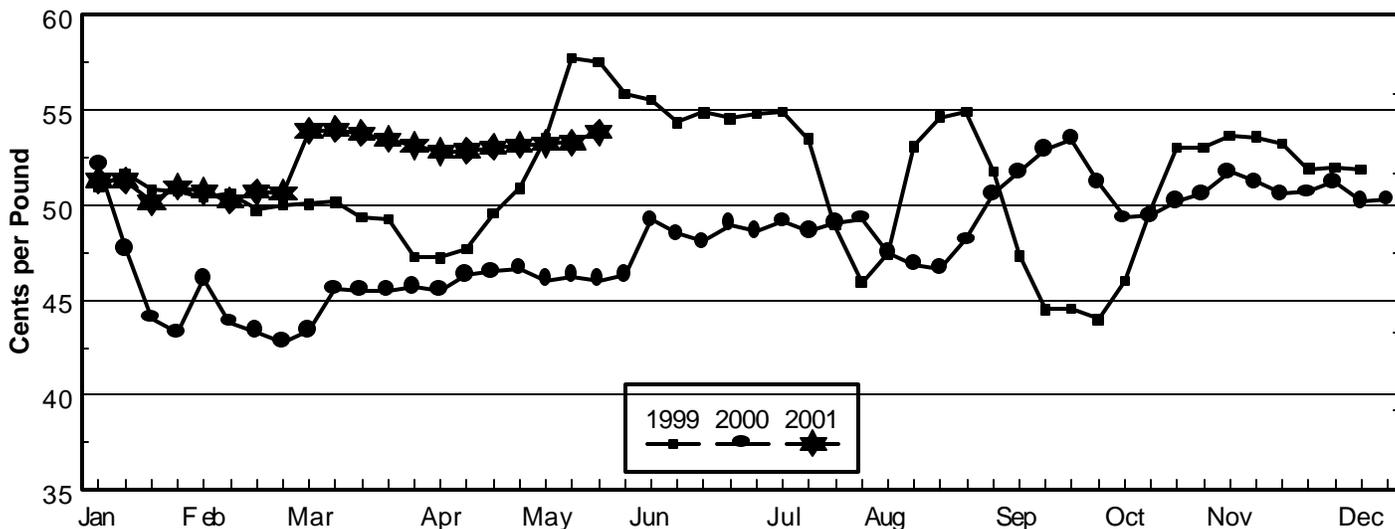
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

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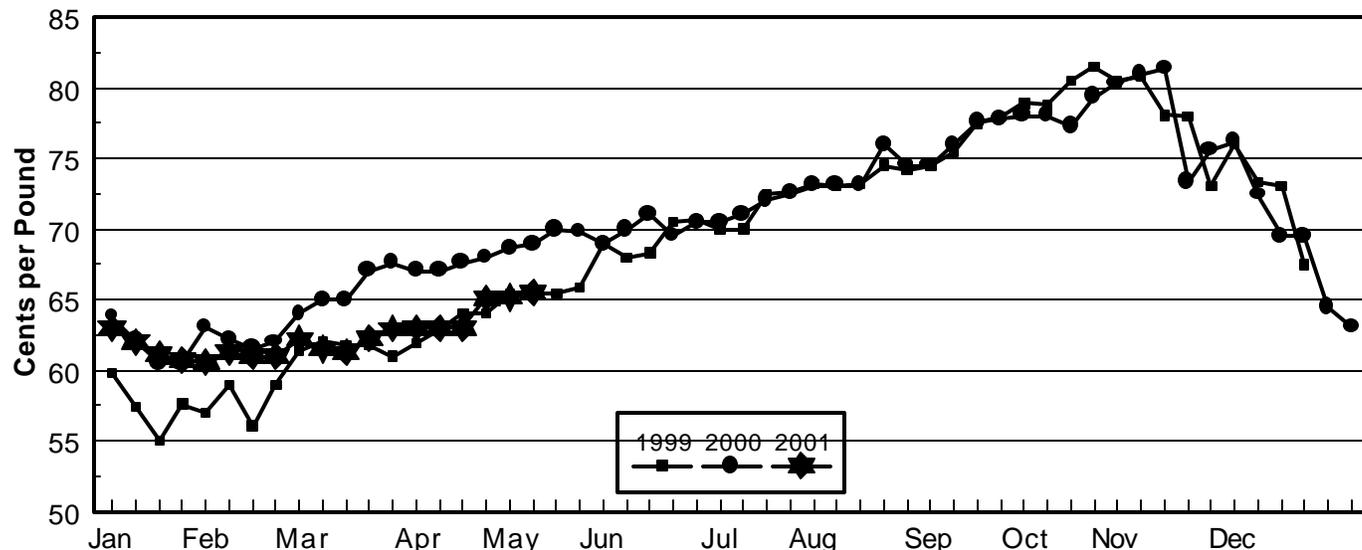
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price 1999, 2000, 2001



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.