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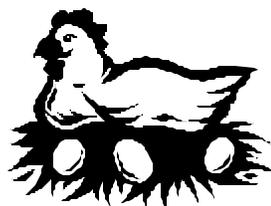
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Early week prices continued mixed and varied from region to region. During the week prices were unchanged in all locations. The market tone was steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to good, best into feature activity. Supplies were at least adequate to at times available for all sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand continued mostly light to occasionally moderate as most breakers work from regular commitments and company owned production. Breakers needing additional heavy nest runs were bidding slightly lower values. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate as lighter weight nest runs continue in the longest position. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules mostly full-time with next week's schedules reduced for the upcoming holiday. Trade sentiment steady. Light type hens 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)	100-102	87-89	70-72
New York	65-67	62-65	48-51
Philadelphia	58-65	56-63	47-48
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57-58	55.5-57	39-40
Jackson (1)	67-68	64-65	48-49
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-77	61-75	45-59
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	55-60	54-59	40-45
Detroit (2)	51-54	50-53	36-39
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-58	49-56	37-43
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	53-60	40-47
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	72-77	67-71	51-54
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	85	75

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 18-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	60.54	58.15	49.01
SOUTHERN	52.31	50.40	45.44
MIDWEST	47.97	46.73	38.94
WESTERN	76.32	70.25	65.85
TWELVE METRO AREAS	62.62	59.19	52.46

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

	05-22-01	05-15-01	05-23-00
Large	33-35	25-27	20-22
Medium	19-21	17-19	18-20

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAY 21, 2001
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.3	14.1	6.3	11.1	8.7	48.5
	Change	0.8	-0.4	0.5	-0.1	-0.6	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.3	32.4	13.5	22.2	19.6	115.0
	Change	-0.3	3.7	0.4	-2.9	-0.1	1%
Large	Curr Wk	44.3	87.3	71.7	66.1	90.9	360.3
	Change	3.6	8.3	7.4	-3.0	6.3	7%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.2	29.7	16.1	23.2	22.0	108.2
	Change	1.2	0.6	-0.4	-0.7	0.4	1%
Small	Curr Wk	3.1	5.9	1.7	3.2	4.9	18.8
	Change	0.9	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8	-0.8	-10%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	21.3	3.4	9.8	5.1	44.1
	Change	-0.1	1.0	-0.8	0.9	0.4	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.0	63.6	18.5	24.7	25.7	160.5
	Change	-0.6	-3.3	-0.6	4.4	-5.1	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	132.7	254.3	131.2	160.3	176.9	855.4
Percent	Change	4%	4%	5%	-1%	0%	2%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	855.4	2%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	303.7	-10%	38
Total Shell Egg	1159.1	-1%	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 05-19-01
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,167,435	26,823	11,667	6,310	2,359	4,100
PW	1,216,515	26,706	12,994	6,855	3,077	4,069
LY	1,263,540	28,333	13,000	6,859	3,295	4,089
% PW	-4	0	-10	-8	-23	1
% LY	-8	-5	-10	-8	-28	0
2001	22,339,198	505,805	227,760	123,840	48,121	80,215
2000	23,045,278	522,801	230,132	125,068	59,016	76,357

CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST
WEEK WEEK YEAR

AVG YIELD/CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.89	41.61	41.38
AVG YIELD/CASE - (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.37	38.27	38.14

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.

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	May 12	May 19	May 12	May 19
	Thousand			
AL	29,600	29,517	21,476	21,675
AR	30,173	30,645	24,972	24,859
DE	3,680	3,710	*5,032	4,925
FL	2,400	2,399	2,362	2,390
GA	32,278	32,207	25,468	26,221
MD	8,960	8,532	*5,702	5,819
MS	19,089	19,140	*14,837	15,152
NC	18,342	18,000	14,622	14,892
PA	*3,821	3,824	*2,673	2,655
SC	5,087	5,023	*4,411	3,967
TX	15,290	15,307	11,943	12,181
VA	*6,605	6,637	*5,704	5,031
CA, TN, & WV	*11,586	11,621	*10,797	9,930
15 State Total	*186,911	186,562	*149,999	149,697
Previous Year	185,949	186,522	150,139	149,857
Pct. of Prev.	101	100	100	100
KY	5,513	5,247	*4,653	4,203
OK	6,180	6,358	4,274	4,779
LA & MO	9,444	9,300	8,951	8,491
19 State Total	*208,048	207,467	*167,877	167,170

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 30-Jun-01 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.08 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 05/17/01-05/23/01

CURRENT LDS	SE		NE		MW		TOTAL LDS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
11175	37.17	44.89	36.50	38.78	40.50	41.88	162.75
51.00	—	—	44.00	—	33.63	35.75	—
162.75	—	49.25	46.50	48.67	44.23	—	—
	—	51.16	42.13	44.58	42.33	—	—
	28.83	30.57	26.16	27.92	29.06	—	—
	23.25	25.38	22.25	24.88	22.75	25.00	9.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	29.00	27.00	11.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	8.00	10.00	—	—	4.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 19-May-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.0	22.1	13	21
BOSTON	3.7	3.7	0	-3
CHICAGO	39.7	43.0	-8	-7
DETROIT	32.0	24.4	31	9
KANSAS CITY	4.2	4.2	0	-14
LOS ANGELES	106.9	109.2	-2	17
NEW ORLEANS	8.2	7.6	8	-29
NEW YORK	35.6	34.5	3	-16
ST. LOUIS	18.7	20.1	-7	26
SAN FRANCISCO	19.7	22.5	-12	-6
TOTAL	293.7	291.3	1	4
4 WK MVG AVG	285.9			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 19-May-2001

	YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	2,067	2,689	50	4,806
AVG WT	16.31	33.56	23.68	26.04
LAST WEEK	2,049	2,704	39	4,796
SAME WK YR AGO	3,837 (A)		8	3,900
AVG WT	26.39 (A)		26.50	25.45
TO-DATE/2001	92,003 (A)		775	93,049
TO-DATE/2000	91,478 (A)		325	92,571

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

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSAND	% CHG		
	HEAD	PW	BAILED	AVG
N EAST	711	1	22.71 (A)	711
S ATL	857	1	28.38 (A)	857
N CENT	2,252	2	28.12 (A)	2,252
S CENT	609	0	20.43 (A)	609
WEST	377	-12	23.62 (A)	377
U.S.TOTAL	4,806(B)	0	26.04	4,806

TO DATE

2001 92,778(B) 271 93,049

TO DATE

2000 91,803(B) 768 92,571

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 50,000; for the year 775,000; last year to date 368,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 19-May-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	160,375 (A)	1,602	1,460	3,062	487
AVG WT	5.16	3.39	8.04	5.61	6.36
LAST WEEK	157,969	1,575	1,465	3,040	538
SAME WK YR AGO	158,827	1,873	1,584	3,457	436
AVG WT	5.08	3.50	8.24	5.67	6.28
TO-DATE/2001	3,026,130	36,436	26,736	63,172	10,039
TO-DATE/2000	3,077,742	40,647	27,531	68,178	8,984

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.3 million head or 4.4 million head more than or 103 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-May-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/26/01(1)	05/19/01
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	163,250 (2)	157,484
LT HENS	1,660	1,655
HVY HENS	1,606	1,471
TOTAL	166,516	160,610

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-May-01 is 157.4 million head compared to 160.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.6 million head or 6.2 million more than estimated available. For week of 02-Jun-01 the estimated available is 156.7 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
APRIL				
	14	145.8	151.5	96
	21	153.1	153.5	100
	28	158.8	156.2	102
MAY				
	5	158.9	158.5	100
	12	159.9	159.1	101
	19	162.3	157.9	103
YEAR TO DATE		3062.9	3038.7	101
MAY	26		157.4	
JUNE	2		156.7	

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

21-May-01	Change from		22-May-00
	14-May-01	14-May-01	
59.57	-0.38	59.95	55.62

NUMBER OF LOADS 623

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 05/21-05/26/01.

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	50.00-55.00	53.63	45	56.18
Los Angeles	68.00	65.61	67	65.28
New York	52.00-54.00	53.21	24	56.64

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	LBS
			AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
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 21-May-01	4,217	145,456	62,467
AM 1-May-01	3,238	143,310	63,064
CHG	979	2146	-597
PCT CHG	30	1	-1

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 05/21/01

HEAVY TYPE

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast	5.25-10.5(1)	7.25-9	8.24
Southeast	TFEWR(2)		
South Central	8.75-12(1)	9-9.5	9.13

05/18/01 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 19-May-01

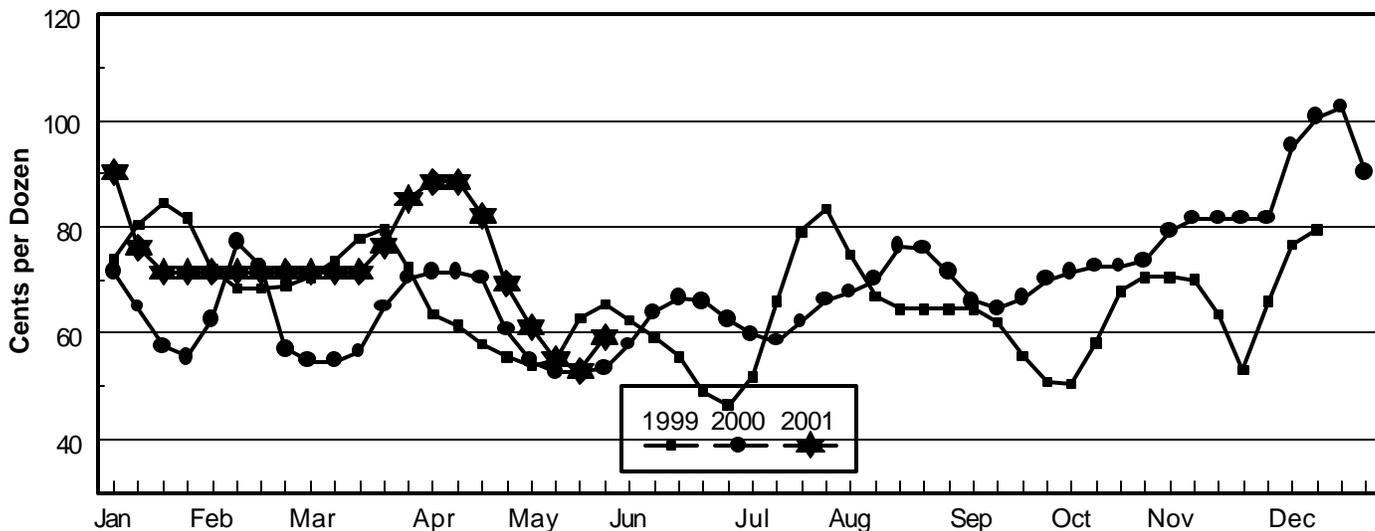
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.0	3	2
E.N. CENTRAL	503.5	-2	0
W.N. CENTRAL	281.6	-2	10
S. ATLANTIC	173.2	-1	-6
S. CENTRAL	77.1	1	18
WEST	209.4	2	11
TOTAL	1469.8	0	4

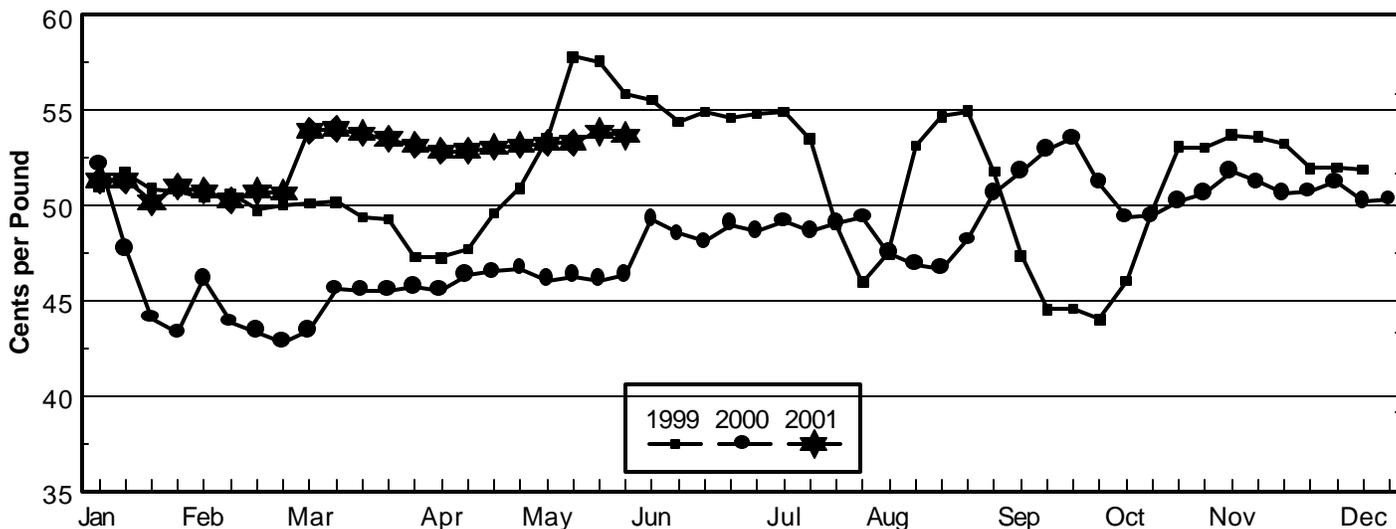
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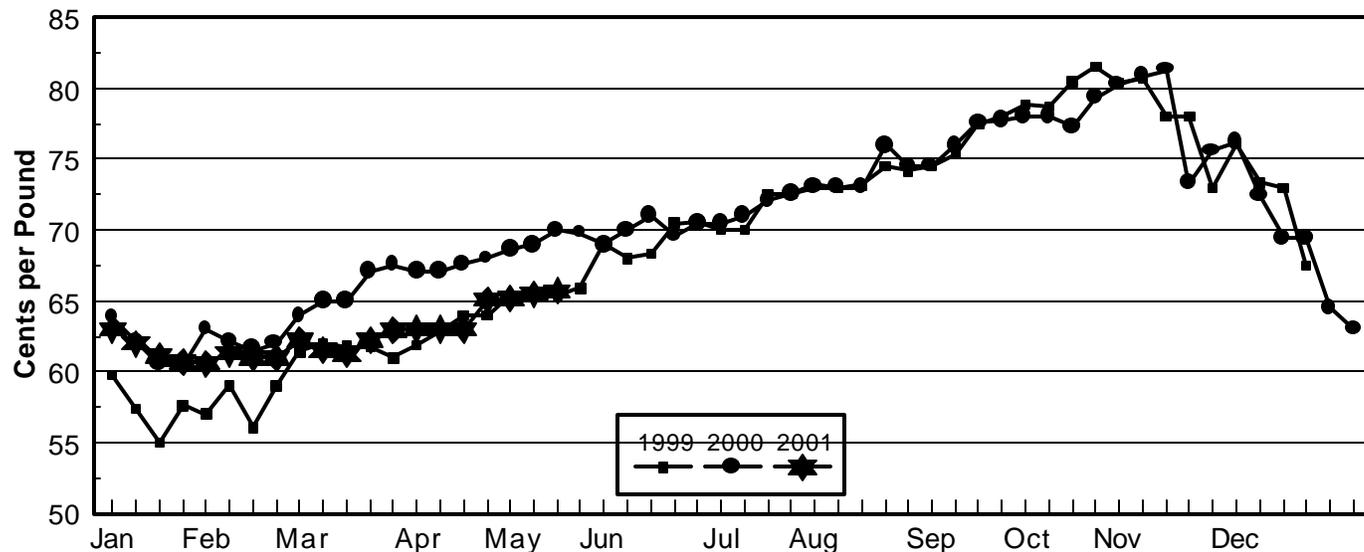
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price 1999, 2000, 2001



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.

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