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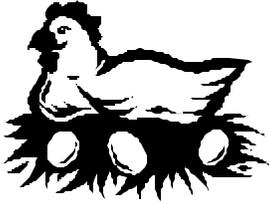
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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

At the beginning of the week prices were generally unchanged in New York but were usually trending lower in other areas. During the week prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was generally steady. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where scattered features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were usually fully adequate with most breakers content with regular commitments and company owned production. Additional offerings of heavy nest runs and graded product were being closely scrutinized. Schedules full time and trade sentiment steady. Light type fowl were adequate for 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)	99-101	91-93	69-71
New York	68-70	65-68	46-49
Philadelphia	66-69.5	64-67.5	45-48
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57-58	55.5-57	37-38
Jackson (1)	65-66	64-65	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	62-72	61-71	42-52
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	56-61	55-60	36-41
Detroit (2)	53-56	52-55	32-35
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54-60	53-58	33-39
Major Wisconsin Cities	57-64	55-62	36-432
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	72-75	68-71	49-52
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	93	87	69

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 30-NOV-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	70.65	68.27	49.62
SOUTHERN	68.95	67.82	49.02
MIDWEST	61.44	60.21	42.61
WESTERN	90.00	86.80	69.29
TWELVE METRO AREAS	75.38	73.07	55.11

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

	12-04-01	11-27-01	12-05-00
Large	33-36	38-41	52-54
Medium	14-18	21-25	39-41

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 03, 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	9.6	19.6	8.5	13.4	14.5	65.6
	Change	1.9	3.7	1.1	-1.6	-0.4	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.6	39.0	18.1	27.2	28.3	141.2
	Change	1.9	-11.7	-4.6	-2.5	-1.7	-12%
Large	Curr Wk	46.7	124.7	93.0	95.8	124.2	484.4
	Change	9.0	14.8	9.5	13.5	30.2	19%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.9	40.2	22.6	21.8	23.7	123.2
	Change	-0.9	-2.1	0.7	1.4	-1.7	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	9.9	2.4	3.9	5.4	25.9
	Change	-0.7	0.7	-0.6	-1.4	0.8	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	19.2	9.9	13.3	7.0	54.7
	Change	0.9	-0.5	1.8	-1.0	0.7	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.2	46.0	37.4	21.3	36.6	171.5
	Change	8.8	4.7	-4.8	-10.4	-4.4	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	139.6	298.6	191.9	196.7	239.7	1066.5
Percent	Change	18%	3%	2%	-1%	11%	5%
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Number of			
		Cases	Change	Cooperators			

Shell Egg	1,066.5	5%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	276.7	-1%	38

Total Shell Egg 1,343.2 4% 207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 169 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

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
	118.7	289.0	188.8	198.7	216.2	1011.4

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-DEC-01

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,264,440	27,338	13,418	7,156	3,014	4,554
PW	1,057,486	24,452	10,364	5,352	2,204	3,707
LY	1,160,273	28,238	10,435	5,566	2,570	4,212
% PW	20	12	29	34	37	23
% LY	9	-3	29	29	17	8
2001	55,658,723	1,265,830	556,878	297,672	122,898	198,577
2000	56,104,444	1,277,121	559,154	300,859	133,131	187,545
*% CHG YTD	-1	-1	0	-1	-8	6

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVG YIELD/CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.49	41.49	41.76
AVG YIELD/CASE - (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.89	37.98	38.13

FOUR ADDITIONAL STATES IN WEEKLY PROGRAM

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the 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	
	Nov 24	Dec 1	Nov 24	Dec 1
	Thousand			
AL	28,678	29,505	20,562	21,402
AR	30,582	31,179	*21,689	23,473
DE	3,477	3,617	4,764	5,324
FL	2,358	2,306	2,516	2,143
GA	30,653	32,527	*23,241	25,030
MD	8,854	10,002	5,321	5,599
MS	18,060	18,501	15,292	14,461
NC	17,679	19,198	14,202	14,680
PA	*3,822	3,911	*2,454	2,868
SC	4,642	4,710	3,755	4,229
TX	*14,586	14,833	11,157	11,452
VA	6,503	6,559	4,741	4,931
CA, TN, & WV	*10,716	11,081	*9,533	9,769
15 State Total	*180,610	187,929	*139,227	145,361
Prev. Year Total	180,652	180,423	134,733	144,183
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	104	103	101
KY	*4,640	5,134	*3,934	3,884
OK	6,413	6,375	4,293	5,677
LA & MO	*8,959	9,821	*9,224	8,758
19 State Total	*200,622	209,259	*156,678	163,680

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 12-Jan-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 140.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 139.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 128.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.43 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 11/29/01-12/05/01

CURRENT LDS 83.50 FUTURE LDS 101.75 TOTAL LDS 185.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	39.00	41.60	39.67	41.80	36.81	38.31	50.00
GNR W 2	—	37.25	39.00	39.20	36.00	33.00	10.25
GNR W 3	—	—	27.00	28.00	—	—	3.75
GL W XL	50.00	49.22	47.00	49.08	43.79	—	38.25
GL W LG	—	46.84	45.50	48.67	44.00	43.00	17.25
GL W MD	24.00	29.50	24.71	27.50	26.33	28.00	19.50
GL W SM	25.13	27.13	23.90	25.55	23.00	25.00	10.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	28.50	29.50	28.83	31.35	22.25
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	26.33	27.83	3.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	15.00	17.00	—	19.50	23.50
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	13.00	3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 01-Dec-01

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT	CHG LY
ATLANTA	25.7	24.1	7	4
BOSTON	4.2	3.9	8	-5
CHICAGO	60.5	58.2	4	31
DETROIT	22.6	26.9	-16	-23
KANSAS CITY	4.1	9.1	-55	-28
LOS ANGELES	107.0	127.1	-16	-22
NEW ORLEANS	11.0	9.1	21	34
NEW YORK	30.9	35.9	-14	11
ST. LOUIS	18.9	19.9	-5	55
SAN FRANCISCO	22.3	27.2	-18	7
TOTAL	307.2	341.4	-10	-3
4 WK MVG AVG	333.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-2001

	YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	2,146	2,670	52	15
AVG WT	15.51	36.22	25.13	28.96
LAST WEEK	1,131	1,699	28	2
SAME WK YR AGO	2,415	3,014	68	13
AVG WT	15.72	34.20	24.84	27.87
TO-DATE/2001	97,249	132,680	2,188	553
TO-DATE/2000	234,766(A)		1,600	1,218

(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 01-Dec-2001 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	--YOUNG TURKEYS--			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		HEAD-	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT		THOUSAND	LIVE WT
N EAST	887	91	22.92	(A)	890	22.92
SATL	1,008	117	27.78	(A)	1,011	27.78
N CENT	2,200	58	29.51	(A)	2,203	29.51
S CENT	405	82	23.86	(A)	408	23.86
WEST	368	30	23.88	(A)	371	23.88
U.S.TOTAL	4,868 (B)	72	26.98	15	4,883	26.98
TO DATE						
2001	232,117 (B)			553	232,670	
TO DATE						
2000	236,366 (B)			1,218	237,584	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000; for the year 2,188,000; last year to date 1,600,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-Dec-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,112(A)	1,932	1,419	3,351	644
AVG WT	5.18	3.65	7.92	5.46	6.69
LAST WEEK	113,595	1,174	931	2,105	430
SAME WK YR AGO	146,306	1,876	1,346	3,222	474
AVG WT	4.93	3.37	8.00	5.30	6.56
TO-DATE/2001	7,363,281	85,190	66,154	151,344	24,233
TO-DATE/2000	7,371,715	90,451	69,232	159,683	21,555

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159 million head or 6.5 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Dec-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/08/01(1)	12/01/01
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	161,228(2)	153,012
LT HENS	2,070	2,106
HVY HENS	1,744	1,469
CHECK TOTAL	165,042	156,587

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Dec-01 is 154.1 million head compared to 153.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.6 million head or 7.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 15-Dec-01 the estimated available is 152.0 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
OCTOBER	27	158.6	155.7	102	5.04
NOVEMBER	3	157.4	155.4	101	5.26
	10	156.4	151.8	103	4.93
	17	154.1	148.1	104	5.10
	24	115.0	149.1	77	4.98
DECEMBER	1	159.0	152.5	104	5.18
YEAR TO DATE		7,452.9	7,412.0	101	
DECEMBER	8		154.1		
	15		152.0		

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

	Change from		
03-Dec-01	26-Nov-01	26-Nov-01	04-Dec-00
57.32	-1.50	58.82	58.21
NUMBER OF LOADS	548		

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 12/03-12/08/01.

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-50.00	49.60	43	51.70	79
Los Angeles	69.00	67.13	67	63.84	129
New York	48.00-50.00	49.91	23	52.66	43

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/	68-73	72-73	72.67	120
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65.5-70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68-72	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	59-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	58-60	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	59-63	-	-	-

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 1-Dec-01	3,030	69,047	73,444
AM 1-Nov-01	3,870	173,143	59,796
CHG	-840	-104,096	13,648
PCT CHG	-22	-60	23
CK TTL	7,762	346,346	146,911

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

FROZEN EGGS	13	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT
TURKS	197	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT
POP	793	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5.00 PCT

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 12/03/01

	HEAVY TYPE		WTD. AVG
	RANGE	MAJORITY	
Southeast (2)	7.5-10.5	8-9	8.59
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	7-11.5	8-9.25	8.67

11/30/01**LIGHT TYPE**

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

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

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

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 01-Dec-01

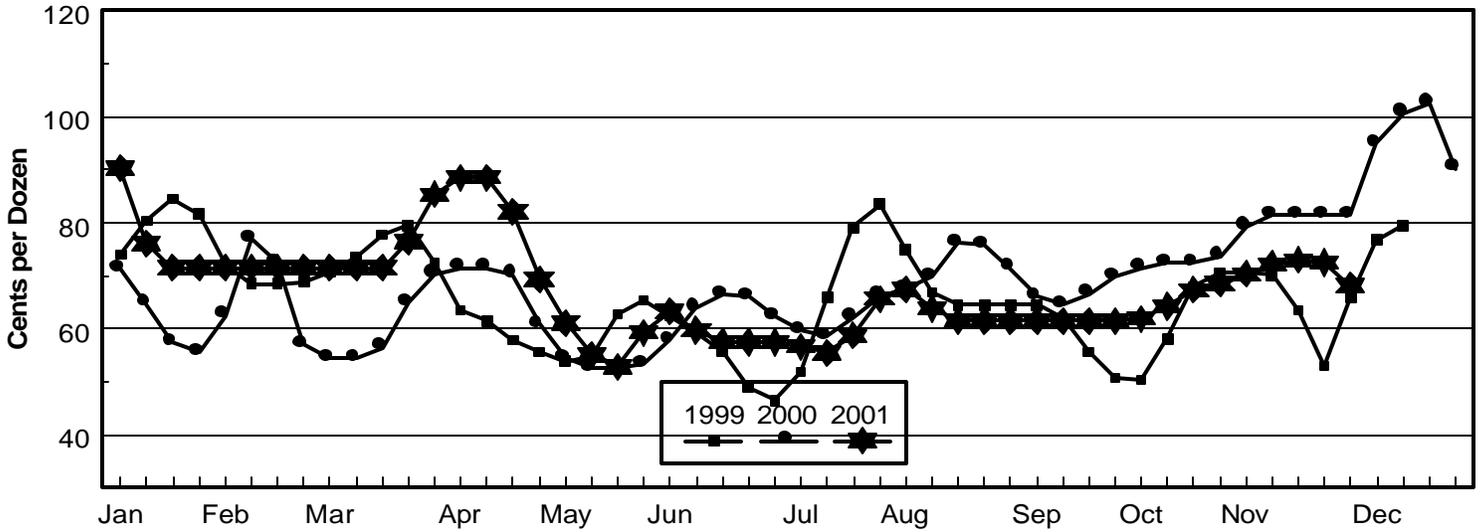
REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	229.0	1	6
E.N. CENTRAL	534.0	2	-5
W.N. CENTRAL	291.2	4	8
S. ATLANTIC	198.2	5	-6
S. CENTRAL	85.2	-4	5
WEST	197.8	-5	4
TOTAL	1,535.4	1	1

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

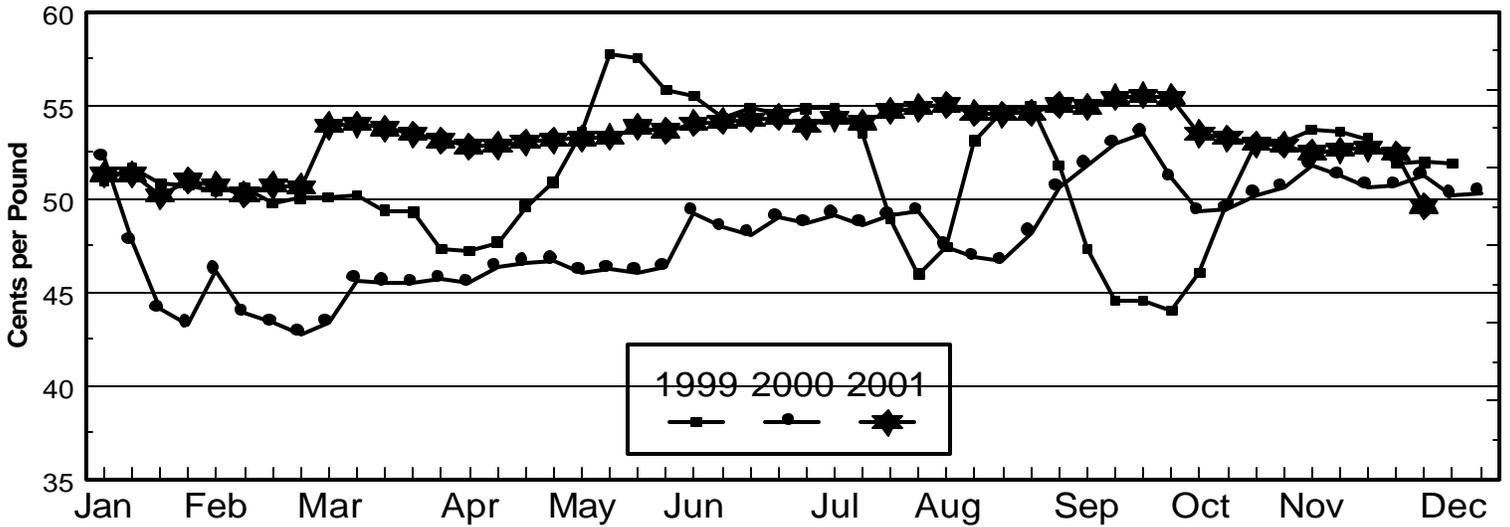
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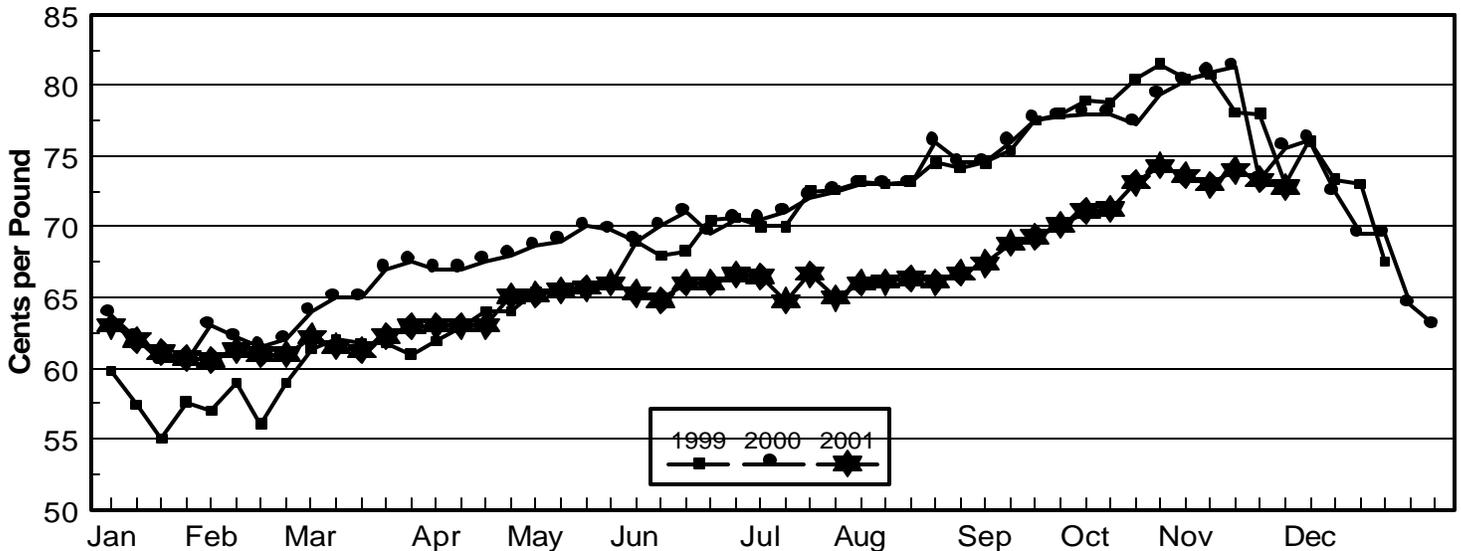
New York Large Egg Weekly Average Price 1999, 2000, 2001



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.

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