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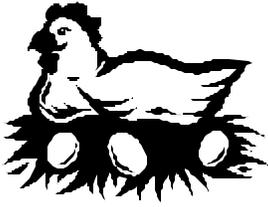
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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Early week prices were generally unchanged in most terminal areas following the long holiday weekend, although some locations' values were higher on mediums and slightly higher on larger sizes. During the week, prices remained unchanged in all locations. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate to well balanced. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the slow demand. Most breakers satisfied working existing inventories and regular commitments. Schedules reduced. Trade sentiment about steady. Offerings of light type fowl were at least fully adequate for the light to moderate 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.

NORTHEAST CITIES	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	100-102	92-94	69-71
New York	69-71	66-69	52-55
Philadelphia	67-69	65-67	50-52
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	57-58	55.5-57	43-44
Jackson (1)	65-66	64-65	52-53
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	62-72	61-71	47-57
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	57-62	56-61	44-49
Detroit (2)	54-57	53-56	40-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	55-61	54-59	41-47
Major Wisconsin Cities	58-65	56-63	44-51
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	72-75	68-71	52-55
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	94	88	77

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

\*\*\*\*\*NOTICE\*\*\*\*\*

Effective January 2, 2002, the Prices to Retailers series covering the cartoned eggs delivered into retailer's warehouses or directly to outlets will be adjusted to reflect changes in pricing terms. Previously unidentified changes in some pricing terms were found during a review of current data collection and prices reporting procedures. Market News will continue to monitor this egg price series and change prices as dictated by pricing procedures used by the egg industry. The prices reported do not reflect marketing allowances. As adjustments are made in individual reports comprising the Prices to Retailers series, the applicable report will include prices both with and without the adjustments on the day the adjustments are made. All affected reports will be adjusted by January 7.

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 21-DEC-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	69.45	67.07	51.46
SOUTHERN	62.11	60.98	45.19
MIDWEST	58.39	57.13	41.49
WESTERN	87.27	82.31	66.92
TWELVE METRO AREAS	72.75	69.78	54.24

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS.

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 24, 2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.4	15.9	6.8	10.3	15.4	53.8
	Change	-4.2	-2.3	-3.2	-3.1	-0.6	-20%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	14.9	37.5	12.7	17.5	23.6	106.2
	Change	-8.1	1.6	-3.7	-6.3	-9.0	-19%
Large	Curr Wk	27.8	78.9	71.2	64.6	80.6	323.1
	Change	-5.6	-37.0	-16.7	-39.6	-27.1	-28%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.3	27.4	16.7	19.6	22.3	98.3
	Change	-2.4	-4.9	-2.4	-3.6	-1.1	-13%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	8.7	4.8	5.0	4.2	27.0
	Change	0.2	-1.2	-0.1	0.3	0.8	0%
Misc	Curr Wk	24.2	22.0	5.8	14.3	6.4	72.7
	Change	19.7	0.2	-3.1	1.0	0.4	33%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	6.3	38.6	27.0	16.1	20.3	108.3
	Change	-16.7	-1.1	-6.3	-4.3	-12.1	-27%
Total	Curr Wk	95.2	229.0	145.0	147.4	172.8	789.4
	Change	-15%	-16%	-20%	-27%	-22%	-20%
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>Number of Cases</b>		<b>Percent Change</b>		<b>Number of Cooperators</b>
Shell Egg		789.4		-20%		169	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/		275.0		9%		38	
Total Shell Egg		1064.4		-14%		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.

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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.

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**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	12-27-01	12-18-01	12-28-00
Large	34-37	34-37	71-73
Medium	22-26	18-22	51-53

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -** W/E 22-Dec-01  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED.
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,164,776	26,792	11,437	5,756	3,439	4,388
PW	1,219,871	27,010	12,716	6,786	3,073	4,395
LY	1,003,656	23,885	9,131	5,146	2,167	3,713
% PW	-5	-1	-10	-15	12	0
% LY	16	12	25	12	59	18
2001	59,295,248	1,347,347	594,288	317,240	132,412	211,982
2000	59,224,420	1,352,109	587,348	316,421	139,497	198,751
% CHG YTD	0	0	1	0	-5	7
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE-</b>		<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>PREVIOUS</b>	<b>LAST</b>		
		<b>WEEK</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>YEAR</b>		
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)		41.53	41.73	41.72		
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)		37.76	38.13	38.02		

**\*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.

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

STATE	Week Ending		Week Ending	
	Dec 15 2001	Dec 22 2001	Dec 15 2001	Dec 22 2001
	THOUSAND			
AL	29,315	29,504	22,331	21,968
AR	30,701	30,830	24,756	26,129
DE	*3,398	3,665	*4,926	5,038
FL	2,282	2,384	1,927	2,482
GA	31,488	31,682	*24,079	26,249
MD	8,867	8,816	*5,386	6,337
MS	19,024	18,997	15,193	15,654
NC	18,758	19,249	15,113	15,124
PA	*3,942	3,858	*2,872	2,734
SC	4,482	4,922	3,816	3,751
TX	14,924	15,029	11,569	11,796
VA	6,635	6,493	5,004	5,493
CA, TN, & WV	*10,672	10,822	*9,655	9,104
15 State Total	*184,488	186,251	*146,627	151,859
Previous Year Total	179,814	179,487	144,833	144,082
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	101	105
	THOUSAND			
KY	4,880	4,880	4,094	4,136
OK	6,195	6,351	4,487	4,495
LA & MO	9,288	9,127	8,979	8,540
19 State Total	204,851	206,609	*164,187	169,030

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 03-Feb-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.03 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES-** WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/20-26/01

	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	39.00	43.25	41.50	42.56	36.74	40.20	32.75
GNR W 2	—	44.00	—	37.00	36.55	—	2.75
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	24.25	26.25	1.00
GNR BR 1	50.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	50.16	49.00	52.59	47.80	—	23.00
GL W LG	—	49.82	—	51.50	45.56	—	13.75
GL W MD	—	38.00	35.45	36.00	35.56	38.67	11.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	26.00	27.00	27.18	29.05	20.25
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	25.00	.25

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	32.5	25.9	26	-7
BOSTON	3.0	3.9	-23	-19
CHICAGO	66.4	59.0	13	-3
DETROIT	35.4	50.8	-30	3
KANSAS CITY	5.8	11.0	-47	32
LOS ANGELES	137.2	116.3	18	12
NEW ORLEANS	11.3	11.2	1	10
NEW YORK	40.9	40.2	2	6
ST. LOUIS	22.7	19.5	16	21
SAN FRANCISCO	30.0	23.7	27	5
TOTAL	385.2	361.5	7	6
4 WK MVG AVG	357.4			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

	YOUNG		WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-2001		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	YOUNG	OLD	
	BREEDERS				
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,857	2,819	54	12	4,742
AVG WT	17.01	34.52	24.74	31.08	27.54
LAST WEEK	2,062	2,687	49	11	4,809
SAME WK YR AGO	1,989	2,660	57	20	4,726
AVG WT	15.28	34.59	26.23	29.80	26.34
TO-DATE/2001	103,254	140,976	2,344	582	247,156
TO-DATE/2000	249,774(A)		1,772	1,281	252,827

(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 22-Dec-2001					
	-----YOUNG TURKEYS-----		TOTAL TURKEYS			
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE		
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
N EAST	886	2	22.29	(A) 888	22.29	
SATL	792	-16	30.48	(A) 794	30.48	
N CENT	2,081	-5	30.95	(A) 2,084	30.95	
S CENT	473	7	24.11	(A) 476	24.11	
WEST	498	41	21.17	(A) 500	21.17	
U.S.TOTAL	4,730(B)	-1	27.54	12	4,742	27.54
TO DATE						
2001	246,574(B)			582	247,156	
TO DATE						
2000	251,546(B)			1,281	252,827	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
 (B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 54,000; for the year 2,344,000; last year to date 1,772,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 22-Dec-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,450(A)	1,942	1,419	3,361	492
AVG WT	4.95	3.23	7.78	5.15	6.30
LAST WEEK	154,764	1,945	1,403	3,348	479
SAME WK YR AGO	148,274	1,364	1,176	2,540	545
AVG WT	5.14	3.96	7.09	5.41	6.39
TO-DATE/2001	7,834,427	90,978	70,660	161,638	25,712
TO-DATE/2000	7,820,313	95,642	72,963	168,605	23,196

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161.4 million head or 15.7 million head more than or 11 percent of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-01

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/29/01(1)	12/22/01
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	120,054(2)	164,532
LT HENS	1,282	2,117
HVY HENS	847	1,468
TOTAL	122,183	168,117

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Dec-01 is 141.6 million head compared to 117.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 120.3 million head or 21.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 05-Jan-02 the estimated available is 144.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
NOVEMBER 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
8	158.8	154.1	103	5.26
15	156.6	152.0	103	5.08
22	161.4	145.7	111	4.95
YEAR TO DATE	7929.7	7863.8	101	
DECEMBER 29		141.6		
JANUARY 5		144.2		

**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 12/24-12/29/01

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	45.00-49.00	47.72	38	49.60
Los Angeles	68.00	65.43	69	63.24
New York	45.00-47.00	46.91	23	49.26

**12-CITY COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from		
	17-Dec-01	17-Dec-01	25-Dec-00
24-Dec-01	55.85	0.60	55.25
NUMBER OF LOADS	514		56.21

**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)
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**CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/****8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	65-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-61	-	-	-

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 24-Dec-01	3,096	73,390	79,399
AM 1-Dec-01	3,030	69,047	73,444
CHG	66	4343	5955
PCT CHG	2	6	8

**HEN MARKETS** Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 12/24/01

**HEAVY TYPE**

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.59
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6.25-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8-9.25	9.02

**LIGHT TYPE**

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 12/21/01

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

\*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

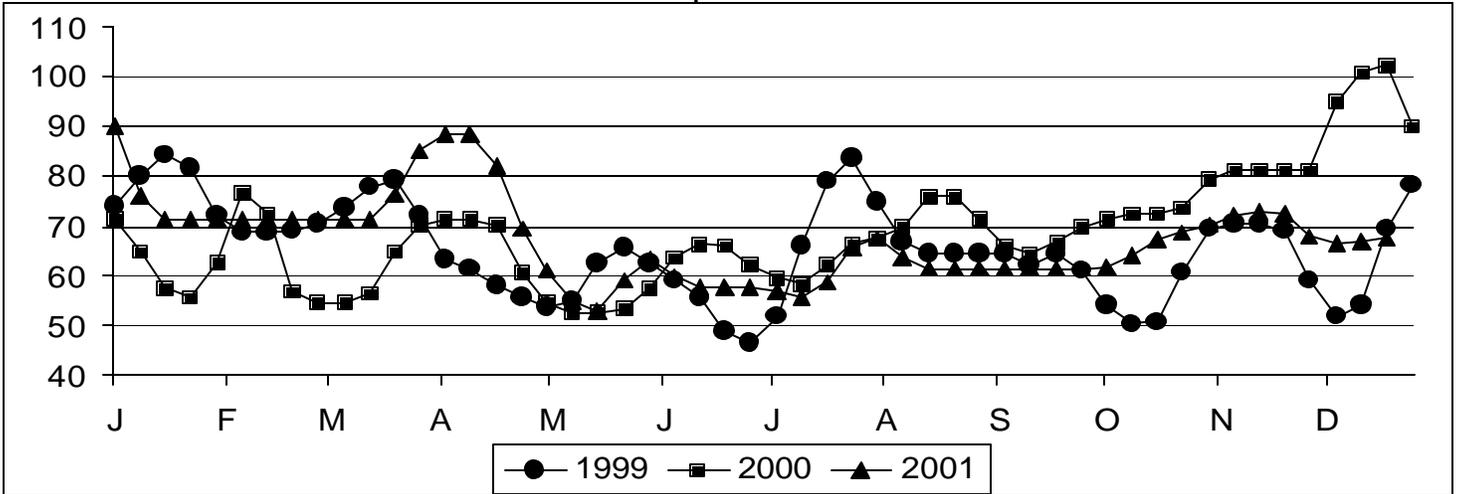
W/E 22-Dec-01

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	244.5	3	4
E.N. CENTRAL	564.2	1	5
W.N. CENTRAL	302.9	0	17
S. ATLANTIC	203.3	2	-5
S. CENTRAL	84.8	-2	7
WEST	226.7	9	14
TOTAL	1626.4	2	7
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		88	88

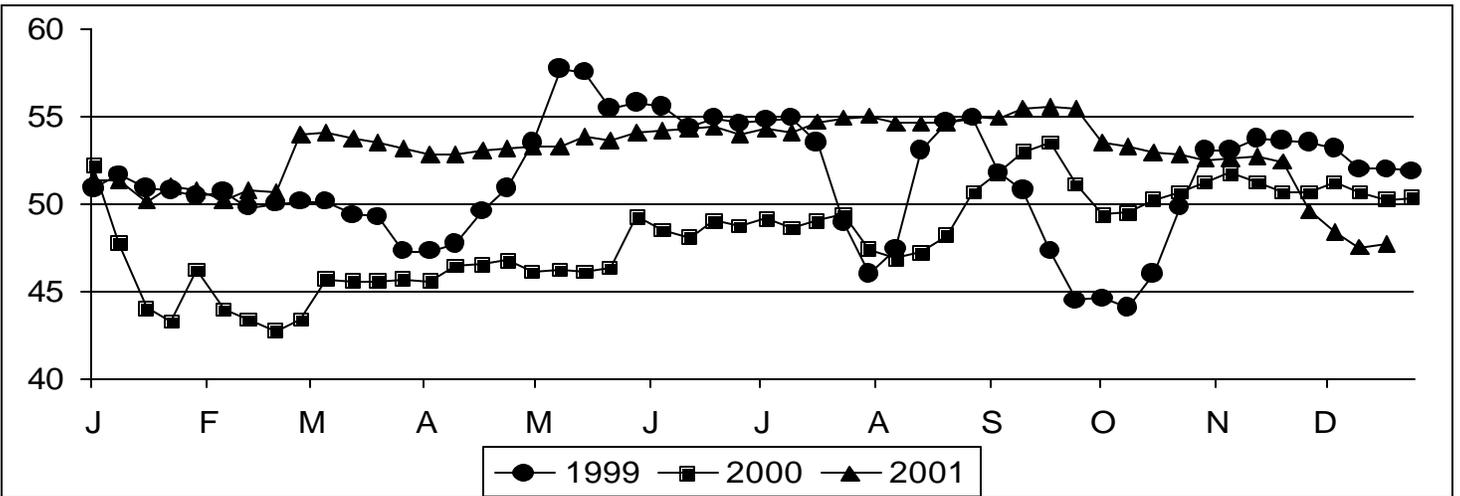
### New York Large Weekly Average Price

Cents per Dozen



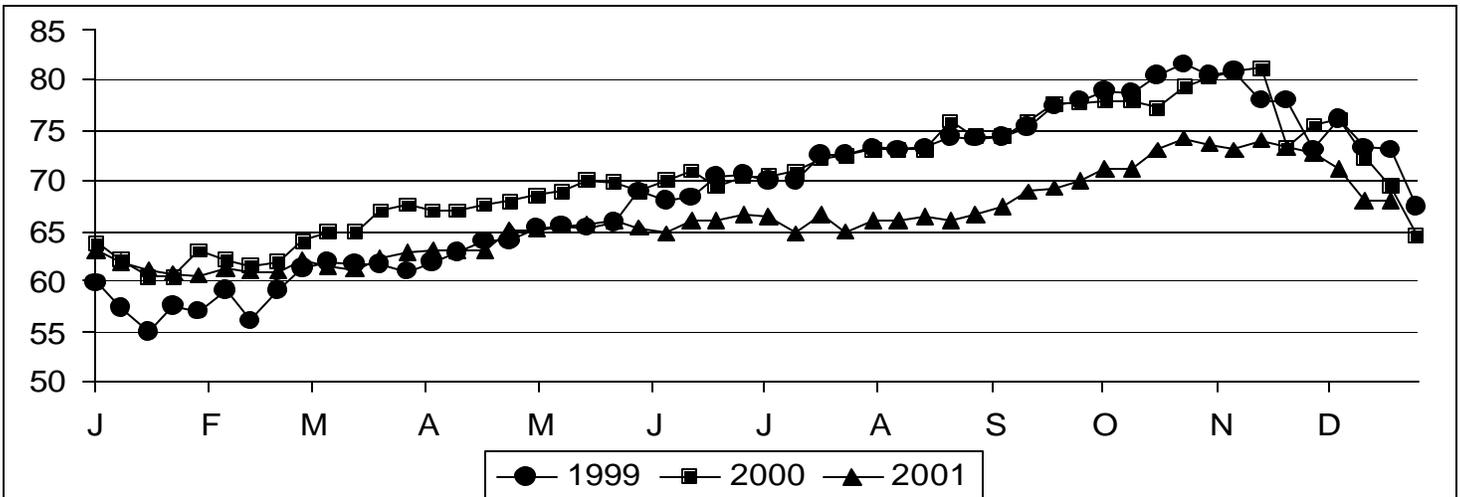
### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

Cents per Pound



### Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices for 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys

Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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