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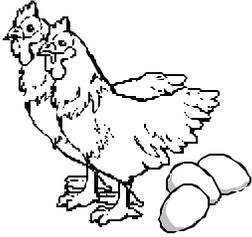
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Early week prices were mixed. During the week prices were lower on mediums and sharply lower on larger sizes. The market tone was weak. Retail demand was light to good with best movement coming from holiday features. Supplies were mixed and were at least sufficient to available for present requirements. Central States breaking stock nest run prices were lower. Offerings were adequate to about adequate and held with more confidence than expected. Demand was rated as moderate to instances good. Many breakers were reporting very low inventories and they anticipate decreasing retail markets until after Easter. Most breakers indicating they would wait on lower prices before refilling inventories and work from regular commitments at this time. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment weak. Demand for light type fowl were mostly moderate to occasionally good for fully adequate offerings.

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 (NORTHEAST CITIES)			
Boston (Brown)	100-102	93-95	75-77
New York	70-74	68-72	53-57
Philadelphia	68-86	67-84	52-56
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	77-81	75-78	45-49
Jackson (1)	80-82	79-81	46-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-94	82-93	54-64
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	66-70	64-68	45-49
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-74	47-51
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	45-49
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	47-52
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	93-96	88-92	60-64
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	109	105	82

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-02 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	84.89	83.02	54.72
SOUTHERN	80.85	79.08	48.00
MIDWEST	74.70	73.12	45.46
WESTERN	101.15	97.61	70.25
TWELVE METRO AREAS	88.06	85.64	57.68

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

	03-26-02	03-19-02	03-27-01
Large	53-56	53-56	56-58
Medium	28-32	26-30	40-42

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 25, 2002

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	14.0	18.0	12.8	17.7	13.9	76.4
	Change	0.6	-2.7	0.7	-0.9	-0.9	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.6	37.9	18.1	36.1	36.2	153.9
	Change	-8.4	-17.3	-1.9	-0.2	-0.5	-16%
Large	Curr Wk	42.1	120.4	82.3	140.9	126.5	512.2
	Change	-11.4	-32.0	-11.9	4.5	-19.6	-12%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	32.8	18.6	18.3	28.7	109.7
	Change	-1.5	-7.0	0.2	-11.0	-1.8	-16%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	7.5	6.5	3.5	8.6	30.1
	Change	0.0	0.3	0.2	-2.6	0.7	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	17.9	7.7	15.1	6.6	51.5
	Change	0.0	-1.8	-0.4	3.2	1.0	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.1	28.6	24.7	29.9	28.4	127.7
	Change	-6.0	-10.4	-2.7	-0.1	-4.0	-15%
Total	Curr Wk	117.3	263.1	170.7	261.5	248.9	1061.5
Percent	Change	-19%	-21%	-8%	-3%	-9%	-12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1061.5	-12%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	226.9	0%	38
Total Shell Egg	1288.4	-10%	208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 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

WEEK ENDING 23-MAR-02

	CASES		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,073,968	25,510	10,127	5,653	1,363	3,876
PW	1,059,426	25,517	10,003	5,216	1,686	3,940
LY	1,064,832	24,556	10,848	5,434	1,676	3,939
% PW	1	0	1	8	-19	-2
% LY	1	4	-7	4	-19	-2
2002	13,391,379	306,613	133,966	71,583	32,333	48,772
2001	13,081,936	296,165	133,277	72,303	29,528	47,605
% CHG YTD	2	4	1	-1	9	2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.06	42.17	42.05
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.45	38.45	38.35

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	
	Mar 16	Mar 23	Mar 16	Mar 23
	Thousand			
AL	29,182	29,520	21,997	22,769
AR	29,964	30,633	*23,918	23,490
DE	3,559	3,471	*5,239	5,167
FL	2,281	2,317	2,277	2,165
GA	31,545	31,874	*25,927	25,691
MD	10,079	9,223	*5,874	5,970
MS	18,654	18,827	15,988	15,553
NC	19,524	19,335	15,377	15,734
PA	*4,005	3,709	*2,798	2,821
SC	5,004	4,971	3,951	3,805
TX	15,328	15,376	12,190	12,162
VA	6,636	6,599	*5,764	5,734
CA, TN, & WV	11,102	10,975	9,870	9,671
15 State Total	*186,863	186,830	*151,170	150,733
Prev. Year Total	184,715	184,449	148,973	150,747
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	100
KY	*6,517	6,572	*5,589	4,499
OK	6,523	6,370	4,751	4,770
LA & MO	*8,694	8,964	*10,873	10,373
19 State Total	*208,597	208,736	*172,383	170,375
Revised				

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4-May-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 156.2 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 157.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 156.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.8 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.88 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/21/02-03/27/02

CURRENT LDS 83.00 FUTURE LDS 49.50 TOTAL LDS 132.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	56.00	62.41	58.00	59.57	48.06	53.09	64.0
GNR W 2	—	63.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	41.00	44.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.50	—	1.00
GL W XL	—	71.75	65.10	66.83	56.60	45.00	31.75
GL W LG	—	70.38	61.75	63.00	49.14	—	21.50
GL W MD	—	44.00	40.42	39.57	27.50	38.00	9.75
GL W SM	—	—	22.33	23.67	22.10	24.20	5.50
NRBS - 48	28.00	30.00	29.40	31.55	29.82	33.18	54.75
NRBS - 45	—	—	23.00	24.00	31.50	33.00	1.25
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	32.80	28.50	24.57	7.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 23-Mar-02

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	25.6	23.3	10	3
BOSTON	3.4	3.4	0	-3
CHICAGO	70.7	52.6	34	43
DETROIT	37.5	39.4	-5	37
KANSAS CITY	6.9	11.1	-38	165
LOS ANGELES	117.6	113.4	4	-7
NEW ORLEANS	11.3	13.0	-13	64
NEW YORK	34.4	35.7	-4	-6
ST. LOUIS	16.7	20.1	-17	-19
SAN FRANCISCO	27.9	22.9	22	29
TOTAL	352.0	334.9	5	9
4 WK MVG AVG	322.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS		
HEAD	1,795	2,682	52	10 4,539
AVG WT	16.13	35.30	24.61	29.46 27.58
LAST WEEK	1,772	2,620	53	5 4,450
SAME WK YR AGO	1,967	2,805	37	10 4,819
AVG WT	16.60	34.88	26.20	27.20 27.34
TO-DATE/2002	20,783	31,346	511	104 52,744
TO-DATE/2001	23,134	31,747	453	195 55,529

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-2002

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		
N EAST	836	1	22.81	(A)	838 22.81
S ATL	826	-5	27.10	(A)	828 27.10
N CENT	2,012	7	31.74	(A)	2,014 31.74
S CENT	466	-3	23.08	(A)	468 23.08
WEST	389	2	22.74	(A)	391 22.74
U.S.TOTAL	4,529 (B)	2	27.5810	4,539	27.58

TO DATE 2002 52,640 (B) 104 52,744

TO DATE 2001 55,334 (B) 195 55,529

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 52,000; for the year 511,000; last year to date 453,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 23-Mar-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,624(A)	1,812	1,360	3,172	545
AVG WT	5.13	3.37	7.80	5.27	6.72
HEAD SLTR COMPARISONS					
LAST WEEK	153,229	1,636	1,363	2,999	522
SAME WK YR AGO	150,141	1,953	1,396	3,349	506
AVG WT	5.06	3.30	7.85	5.19	7.22
TO-DATE/2002	1,830,776	21,342	15,508	36,850	5,392
TO-DATE/2001	1,794,462	22,281	15,366	37,647	5,838

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.5 million head or 0.8 million head less than or 99percent of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Mar-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	03/30/02 (1)	03/23/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	154,490(2)	155,461
LT HENS	1,949	1,977
HVY HENS	1,293	1,407
TOTAL	157,732	158,845

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Mar-02 is 155.9 million head compared to 152.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.8 million head or 1.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 06-Apr-02 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		
FEBRUARY 16	159.9	155.9	103	5.03
23	157.9	157.7	100	5.15
MARCH 2	156.8	158.1	99	5.10
9	157.0	157.7	100	5.21
16	155.1	155.6	100	5.00
23	153.5	154.3	99	5.13
YEAR TO DATE	1853.1	1859.4	100	
MARCH 30		155.9		
APRIL 6		157.9		

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 03/25/02-03/30/02

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.65	42	47.50
Los Angeles	68.00	65.20	69	63.86
New York	44.00-46.00	45.67	21	48.12

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

	Change from		
	25-Mar-02	18-Mar-02	26-Mar-01
	54.18	-1.04	58.20
NUMBER OF LOADS	550		

MONTHLY 12-CITY WT AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
MARCH	55.17	2364.20

QUARTERLY 12-CITY WT AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

JANUARY-MARCH	WTD AVG	LOADS
	56.01	7150.40

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/	59	59	59.00	3000
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-60	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	54-55	54	54.00	2800
CENTRAL REGION	53-54	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	54-56	-	-	-

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 25-Mar-02	1,480	166,321	75,071
AM 1-Mar-02	1,548	141,676	77,105
CHG	-68	24645	-2034
PCT CHG	-4	17	-3

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 03/25/02

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	65.5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.71
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	7-11 CENTS/LB.	8-9	9.00

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 03/22/02

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

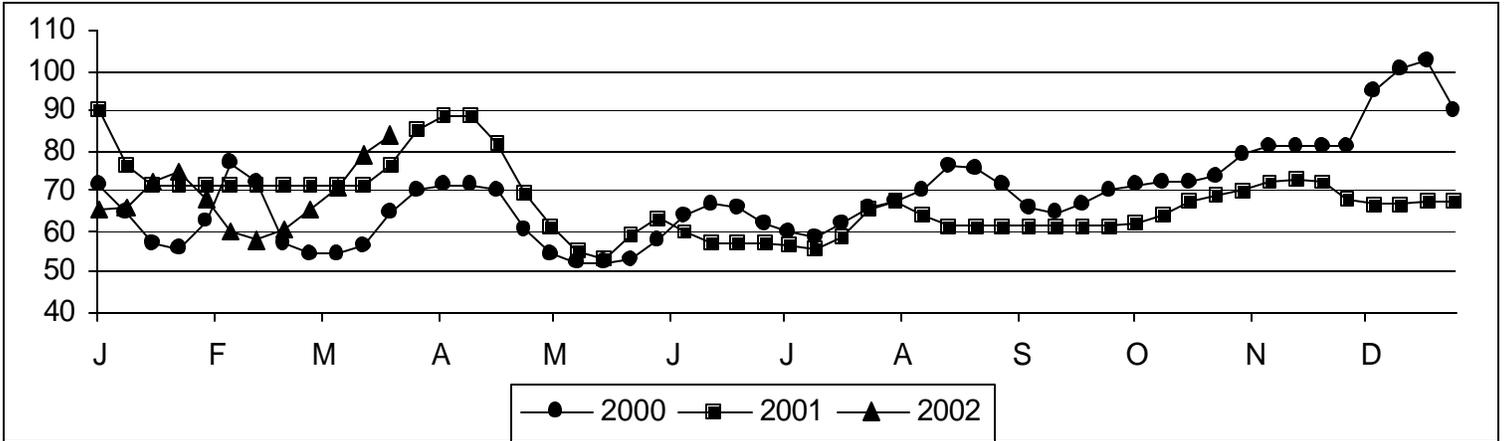
W/E 23-Mar-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	233.4	1	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	524.2	-7	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	264.5	-10	-7
S. ATLANTIC	210.4	2	5
S. CENTRAL	89.5	1	9
WEST	215.0	5	20
TOTAL	1537.0	-3	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		88	88

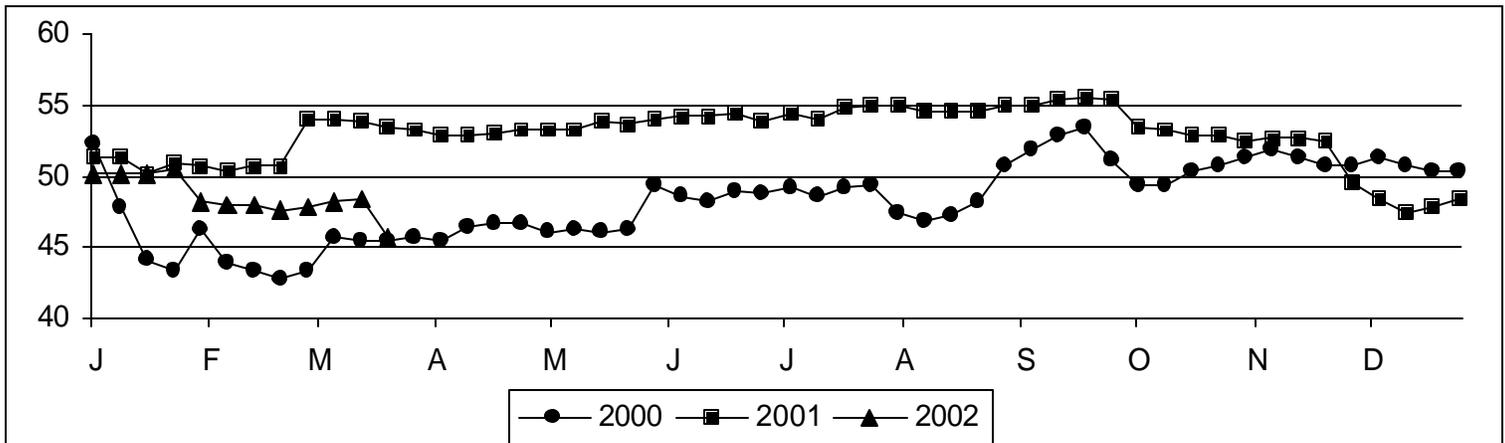
New York Large Weekly Average Price

Cents per Dozen



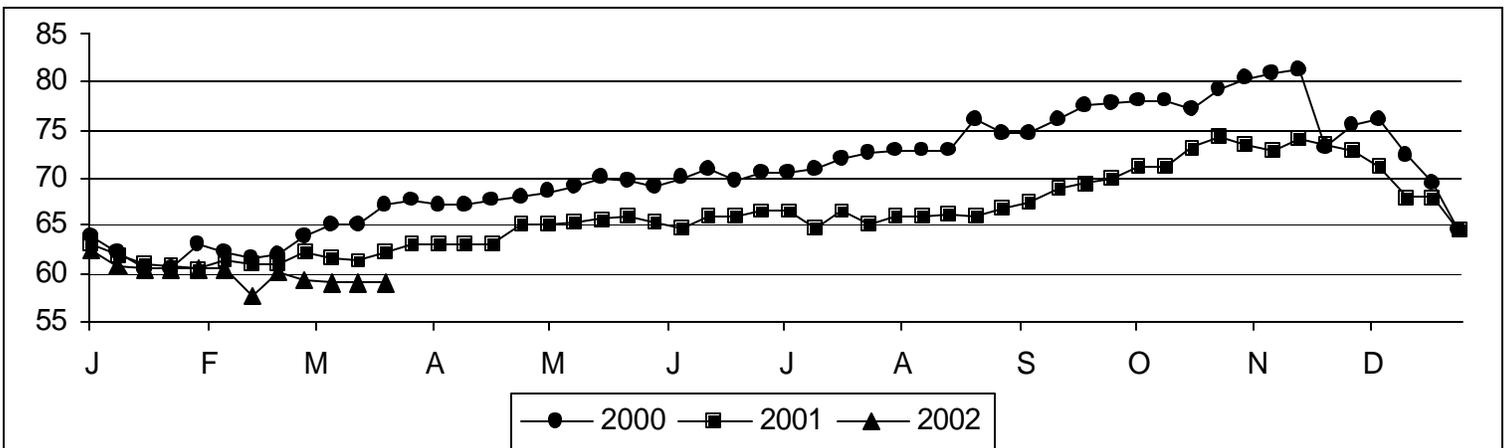
Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

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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