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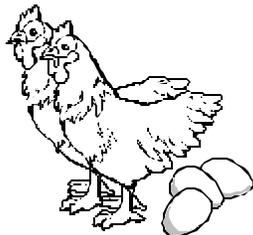
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Early week prices were slightly lower in most locations. As the week progressed, prices held steady on all sizes in all areas. The market tone was steady with some packers seeking higher values. Demand was light to moderate and was best where retail features provided additional sales. Supplies were adequate to cover most needs. Central States breaking stock nest run and checks and undergrades prices were unchanged. Offerings of breaking stock generally adequate for current needs with sales noted on graded loose shell eggs to breakers. Demand was mostly moderate. Finished product sales were fair. Schedules mostly full-time for the week. Floor stocks adequate to mostly fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. Demand for the light type fowl was moderate to instances good for adequate to 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			
Boston (Brown)	91-93	80-82	68-70
New York	54-58	52-56	47-51
Philadelphia	52-57	51-55	46-49
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	44-49.5	42-45.5	36-39
Jackson (1)	61-63	60-62	46-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	53-63	50-60	45-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	45-49	43-47	38-42
Detroit (2)	41-46	40-45	38-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	43-47	42-45	36-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	44-51	43-49	38-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	63-73	60-68	55-64
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	81	76	71

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-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	57.13	55.26	49.06
SOUTHERN	58.63	56.21	45.72
MIDWEST	47.24	45.65	40.25
WESTERN	75.07	71.10	64.78
TWELVE METRO AREAS	61.36	58.75	52.42

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

	04-16-02	04-09-02	04-17-01
Large	24-27	26-29	43-45
Medium	19-23	20-24	27-29

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 15, 2002

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

		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	5-Area
	Northeast	CENT	CENT				
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.3	17.6	9.5	12.6	10.7	61.7
	Change	-0.5	0.1	-2.3	-1.6	-0.3	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.1	50.3	11.2	26.9	25.8	137.3
	Change	1.0	5.2	-4.1	1.5	-0.7	2%
Large	Curr Wk	38.2	127.4	63.8	78.3	79.5	387.2
	Change	-4.8	6.2	-8.6	-12.7	-0.6	-5%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	37.3	18.0	18.2	22.9	107.2
	Change	2.4	8.0	-2.3	4.6	-2.0	11%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	5.1	4.7	3.5	9.6	27.1
	Change	-0.4	-0.2	1.2	-0.4	0.1	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	17.2	7.6	13.1	7.5	49.3
	Change	-1.3	-0.8	0.2	0.2	-0.1	-4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.9	51.1	39.3	25.3	29.7	163.3
	Change	-0.1	8.3	-3.4	-2.6	2.5	3%
Total	Curr Wk	109.4	306.0	154.1	177.9	185.7	933.1
Percent	Change	-3%	10%	-11%	-6%	-1%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	933.1	-1%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	269.3	-1%	38

Total Shell Egg 1202.4 -1% 211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 173 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 13-APR-02
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES		LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE					
CW	1,234,974	28,555	12,001	7,092	3,025	4,293	
PW	1,213,905	28,637	12,093	6,419	2,478	4,329	
LY	1,088,469	25,331	10,718	5,732	1,892	3,896	
% PW	2	0	-1	10	22	-1	
% LY	13	13	12	24	60	10	
2002	16,936,062	390,442	168,631	90,436	39,832	61,305	
2001	16,314,153	371,416	165,146	89,524	34,695	59,365	
% CHG YTD	4	5	2	1	15	3	

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.06	42.41	41.96
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.58	38.84	38.39

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	
	Apr 06	Apr 13	Apr 06	Apr 13
	Thousand			
AL	29,181	29,235	21,763	21,953
AR	30,730	30,962	24,056	24,951
DE	3,556	3,545	5,708	4,734
FL	2,335	2,349	2,321	2,243
GA	*32,135	31,954	*26,128	25,895
MD	9,979	9,710	5,815	5,944
MS	19,079	19,024	15,542	15,423
NC	19,565	18,842	14,771	15,423
PA	*4,001	3,835	*2,693	2,722
SC	*4,709	4,781	*3,623	4,143
TX	15,560	15,463	*12,102	12,215
VA	6,041	6,504	6,211	5,376
CA, TN, & WV	*11,378	11,640	*9,783	9,323
15 State Total	*188,249	187,844	*150,516	150,345
Prev. Year Total	186,553	185,511	148,386	149,232
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	101	101
KY	*6,798	6,724	*5,149	5,144
OK	6,449	6,339	5,377	4,778
LA & MO	9,215	9,227	7,755	8,808
19 State Total	*210,711	210,134	*168,797	169,075
Revised				

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 25-May-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 156.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 162.3 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.57 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 04/11/02-04/17/02
CURRENT LDS 78.50 FUTURE LDS 52.75 TOTAL LDS 131.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.33	32.00	28.88	31.50	32.73	33.19	30.00
GNR W 2	—	30.67	—	—	32.00	28.00	9.50
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	28.67	29.00	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	40.00	31.25	33.00	—	38.00	4.00
GL W XL	—	38.75	37.36	38.80	33.00	—	28.00
GL W LG	—	38.08	32.17	33.92	32.96	35.00	26.00
GL W MD	—	37.00	33.08	35.08	29.00	30.00	7.00
GL W SM	23.00	25.00	21.00	22.75	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	27.00	28.00	30.86	28.54	42.75
NRBS - 39	—	—	16.00	18.00	—	16.50	3.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 13-Apr-02

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	19.5	17.9	9	-39
BOSTON	3.6	3.6	0	-12
CHICAGO	45.1	44.9	0	-50
DETROIT	24.7	19.8	25	-27
KANSAS CITY	4.1	7.0	-41	-63
LOS ANGELES	85.0	73.5	16	-31
NEW ORLEANS	14.2	11.9	19	45
NEW YORK	31.9	30.9	3	-22
ST. LOUIS	23.1	17.1	35	2
SAN FRANCISCO	20.2	20.9	-3	-43
TOTAL	271.4	247.5	10	-33
4 WK MVG AVG	314.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 13-Apr-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
HEAD	2,036	2,764	27	2	4,829
AVG WT	16.60	35.71	26.52	37.08	27.60
LAST WEEK	1,762	2,204	24	5	3,995
SAME WK YR AGO	1,811	2,412	32	9	4,264
AVG WT	16.28	34.74	24.54	33.71	26.82
TO-DATE/2002	26,165	38,826	583	112	65,686
TO-DATE/2001	29,267	39,377	568	235	69,447

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 6-Apr-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED -THOUSAND HEAD-	TOTAL TURKEYS AVG LIVE WT
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT		
N EAST	856	-3	21.15	(A)	857 21.15
SATL	769	85	30.22	(A)	770 30.22
N CENT	2,306	26	31.06	(A)	2,306 31.06
S CENT	470	-2	22.21	(A)	470 22.21
WEST	426	10	23.03	(A)	426 23.03
U.S. TOTAL	4,827 (B)	21	27.60	2	4,829 27.60
TO-DATE					
2002	65,574 (B)			112	65,686
TO-DATE					
2001	69,212 (B)			235	69,447

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 27,000 for the year 583,000; last year to date 568,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 13-Apr-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,463	1,927	1,327	3,254	405
AVG WT	5.10	3.51	7.64	5.23	6.71
LAST WEEK	152,511	1,982	1,263	3,245	363
SAME WK YR AGO	144,057	1,651	1,473	3,124	580
AVG WT	4.96	3.48	8.00	5.61	6.44
TO-DATE/2002	2,286,883	27,229	19,348	46,577	6,551
TO-DATE/2001	2,242,601	28,008	19,605	47,613	7,435

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.4 million head or 0.1 million head more than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Apr-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	04/20/02(1)	04/13/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	160,308(2)	161,742
LT HENS	2,078	2,099
HVY HENS	1,466	1,361
TOTAL	163,852	165,202

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Apr-02 is 160.5 million head compared to 153.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.6 million head or 0.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 27-Apr-02 the estimated available is 160.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	
MARCH	9	157.0	5.21
	16	155.1	5.00
	23	153.5	5.13
	30	147.9	5.31
APRIL	6	154.4	5.07
	13	159.4	5.10
YEAR TO DATE	2314.8	2332.5	99%
APRIL	20	160.5	
	27	160.5	

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 04/08/02-04/13/02

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	LDS
Chicago	42.00-45.00	45.34	41	74
Los Angeles	67.00	64.12	74	141
New York	44.00-46.00	45.82	22	51

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

Change from			
15-Apr-02	8-Apr-02	8-Apr-02	16-Apr-01
54.09	0.45	53.64	58.43

NUMBER OF LOADS 578

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/	60	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	58-59.5	59.5	59.50	30
WESTERN REGION 5/	60	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	55	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	54-55.5	55.5	55.50	10
WESTERN REGION	55	-	-	-

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 15-Apr-02	1,501	179,363	78,412
AM 1-Apr-02	1,480	164,226	77,627
CHG	21	15137	785
PCT CHG	1	9	1

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 04/15/02

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-10	8.85
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	6.5-12 CENTS/LB.	8-9.5	8.99

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 04/12/02

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

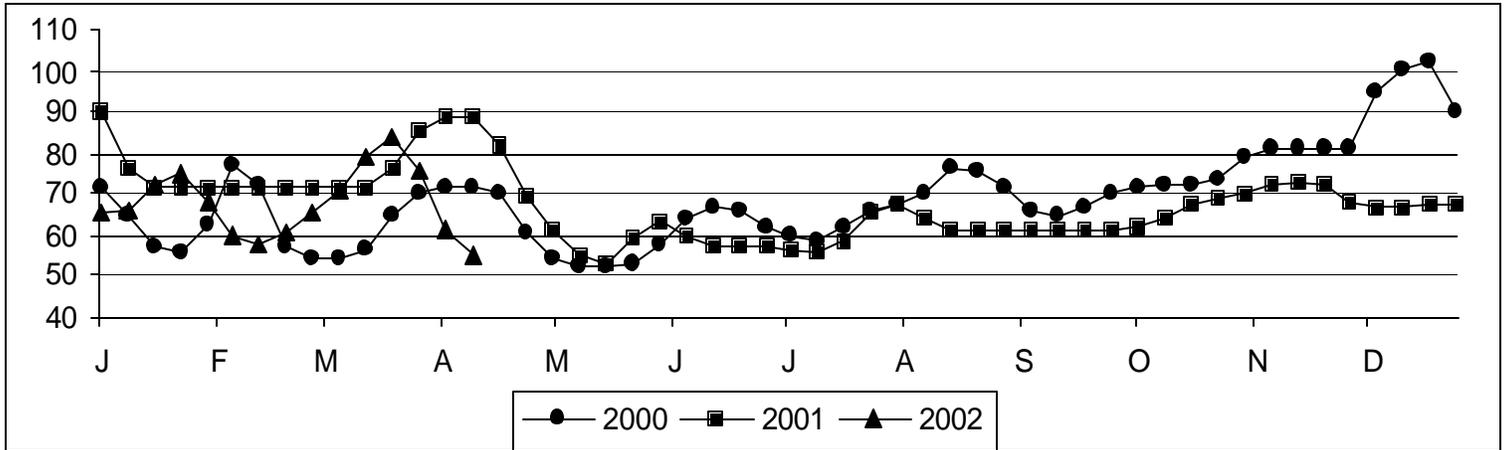
*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 13-Apr-02 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	226.9	-1	2
E.N. CENTRAL	501.9	1	-10
W.N. CENTRAL	268.1	9	-13
S. ATLANTIC	171.5	-6	-14
S. CENTRAL	79.4	-5	-3
WEST	178.5	-1	-19
TOTAL	1426.3	1	-10
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		89	88

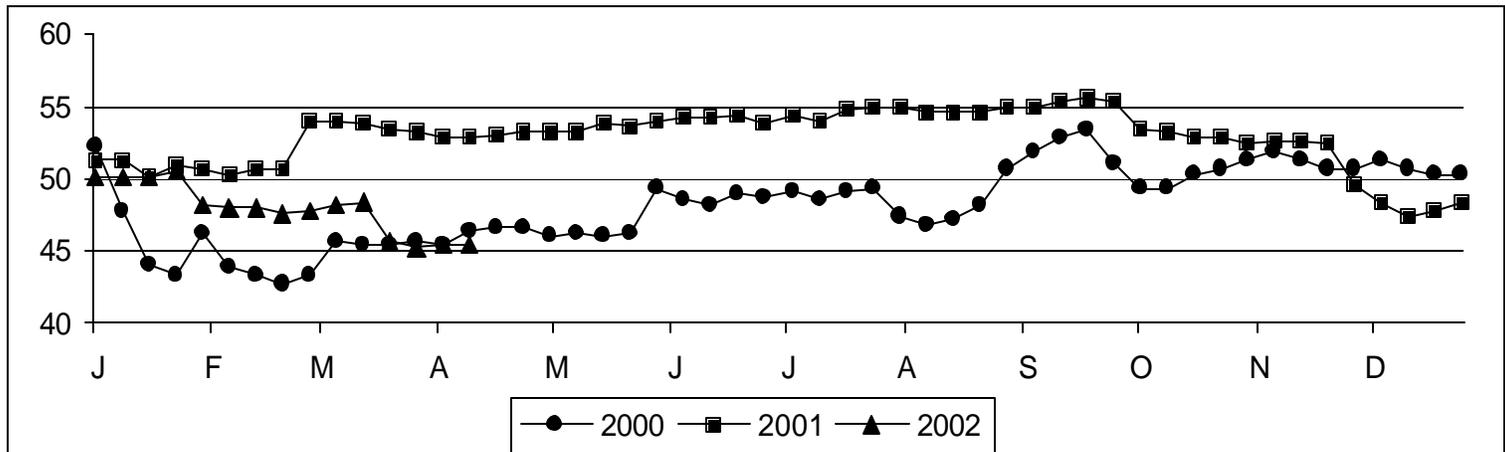
New York Large Weekly Average Price

Cents per Dozen



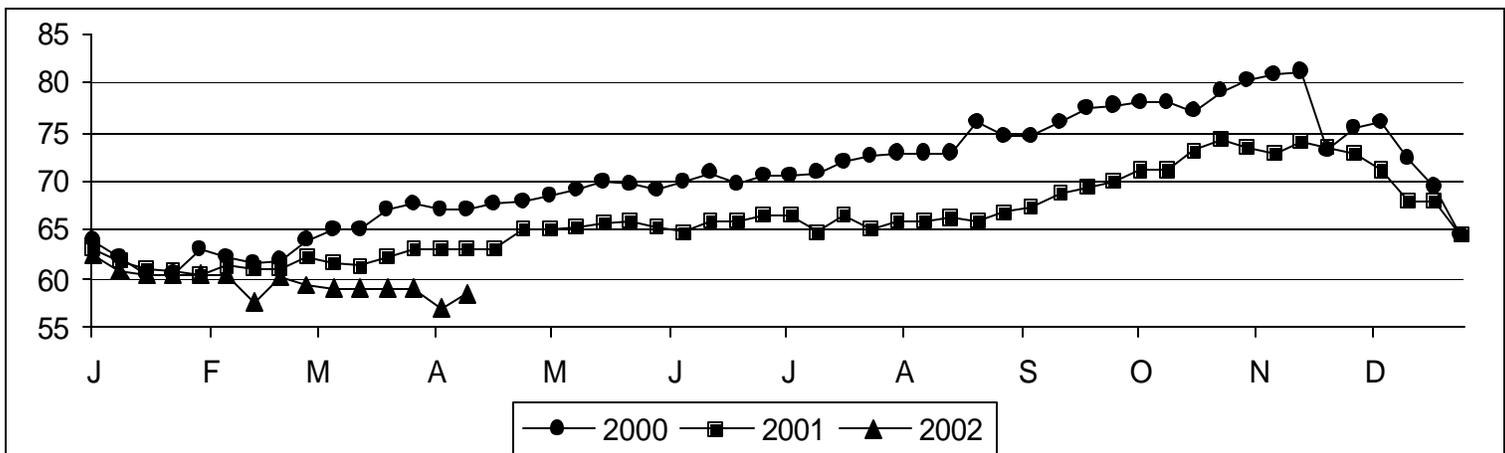
Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

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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