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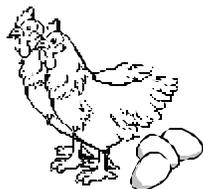
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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Early week prices were mixed ranging unchanged to higher. During the week prices in Chicago were unchanged and elsewhere lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand into all channels was light to moderate, slightly better where limited features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to ample. Nest run breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate and held with less confidence as the week progressed. Demand was mostly moderate with the majority of breakers attempting to stay out of the spot market and work from company owned production or contractual agreements. Breakers in need of additional product were bidding slightly lower prices. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

**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.**

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	101-103	91-94	56-60
New York	65-69	63-67	45-49
Philadelphia	63-68	62-66	44-49
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	56.5-63	54.5-58	38-41
Jackson (1)	62-64	56-58	40-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	67-78	63-73	50-60
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	56-60	54-58	39-43
Detroit (2)	52-57	51-55	39-43
Major Ohio Cities (2)	54-58	53-56	37-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	55-62	54-60	39-44
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	75-77	72-74	59-61
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	96	88	74
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Sep-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	66.26	64.39	48.39
SOUTHERN	62.59	58.48	44.29
MIDWEST	54.18	52.49	40.49
WESTERN	83.50	77.09	65.08
TWELVE METRO AREAS	69.33	65.65	52.31

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

	09-24-02	09-17-02	09-25-01
Large	35-38	32-35	25-28
Medium	21-25	21-25	6-9

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM SEP 23, 2002**  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.4	11.2	7.9	13.5	10.2	51.2
	Change	0.5	-0.7	0.0	0.2	-0.3	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.4	47.7	17.8	24.4	28.7	149.0
	Change	2.6	6.0	-0.1	1.9	5.3	12%
Large	Curr Wk	38.3	115.3	78.0	83.3	91.8	406.7
	Change	-1.1	6.4	15.7	14.3	-1.6	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.8	46.1	17.6	22.4	40.2	144.1
	Change	1.0	1.7	2.3	-3.5	6.7	6%
Small	Curr Wk	7.0	8.1	6.9	7.3	3.5	32.8
	Change	-0.2	-0.6	0.5	1.2	-1.5	-2%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.5	18.6	6.0	17.7	7.1	52.9
	Change	-0.2	-0.2	-0.6	-1.0	0.5	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.2	44.1	30.8	27.3	28.3	153.7
	Change	-3.8	-1.9	0.5	-3.7	2.4	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	128.6	291.1	165.0	195.9	209.8	990.4
Percent	Change	-1%	4%	12%	5%	6%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	990.4	5%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	258.3	-2%	38
Total Shell Egg	1248.7	4%	212

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 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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**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 20-Sep-02

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,250,922	28,580	12,157	6,458	3,094	4,304
PW	1,291,183	30,177	12,317	6,861	3,040	4,702
LY	1,271,236	28,739	12,758	6,725	2,811	4,207
% CHG PW	-3	-5	-1	-6	2	-8
% CHG LY	-2	-1	-5	-4	10	2
2002	45,833,519	1,065,555	442,411	237,759	109,483	162,774
2001	43,763,207	994,198	439,375	235,208	96,107	156,067
% CHG YTD	5	7	1	1	14	4

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.17	41.87	41.24
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.73	38.22	37.93

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Sep 14	Sep 21	Sep 14	Sep 21
	Thousand			
AL	28,010	28,121	21,866	21,523
AR	28,216	29,050	24,824	24,206
DE	*3,351	3,256	*4,889	5,599
FL	2,166	2,192	1,938	2,228
GA	*29,350	30,228	*25,937	25,688
KY	*6,382	5,918	*5,508	5,269
MD	*9,061	8,711	*6,187	5,780
MS	17,683	17,540	15,372	15,340
NC	17,001	15,966	14,308	14,240
OK	6,652	5,975	4,136	4,623
PA	*3,548	3,514	*2,796	2,742
SC	4,937	4,833	4,111	4,096
TX	14,687	13,236	10,575	11,177
VA	5,809	4,987	5,422	4,938
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,799	17,148	*18,643	17,993

**19 State Total** \*193,652 190,675 \*166,512 165,442

Previous Year Total 194,686 199,865 167,537 166,119

Pct. of Prev. Year 99 95 99 100

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 2-Nov-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.8 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.37 CENTS PER POUND.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 09/19/02-09/25/02

**CURRENT LDS 95.25 FUTURE LDS 82.50 TOTAL LDS 177.75**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	38.33	40.00	39.00	43.13	46.50	44.38	22.00
GNR W 2	—	42.00	—	42.00	42.10	43.50	13.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	44.00	45.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.22	—	2.25
GL W XL	—	54.00	49.92	52.25	46.63	48.00	52.25
GL W LG	—	55.00	48.50	49.88	43.54	47.14	22.00
GL W MD	—	33.00	28.06	31.00	33.50	35.81	18.00
GL W SM	22.13	24.13	19.96	21.97	21.00	—	13.75
NRBS - 48	34.63	—	—	37.00	41.50	39.32	46.25
NRBS - 42	—	—	25.00	27.00	32.75	30.50	4.00
NRBS - 39	22.88	24.00	24.00	25.00	—	26.88	13.25

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 21-Sep-2002

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	20.2	21.6	-6	-6
BOSTON	3.6	3.3	9	-8
CHICAGO	44.3	50.3	-12	-1
DETROIT	24.2	22.2	9	-15
KANSAS CITY	5.6	4.0	40	70
LOS ANGELES	83.3	87.0	-4	-23
NEW ORLEANS	7.7	9.2	-16	-9
NEW YORK	31.5	32.1	-2	-13
ST. LOUIS	18.8	15.2	24	9
SAN FRANCISCO	22.0	20.6	7	-1
TOTAL	261.2	265.5	-2	-11
4 WK MVG AVG	265.9			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** WEEK ENDING 21-Sep-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,002	2,974	73	17	5,066
AVG WT	15.35	34.11	23.78	28.89	26.52
LAST WEEK	1,946	2,888	88	17	4,939
SAME WK YR AGO	1,969	3,057	83	6	5,115
AVG WT	15.03	32.82	24.07	26.82	25.82
TO-DATE/2002	70,065	103,296	1,983	310	175,654
TO-DATE/2001	76,084	103,534	1,666	429	181,713

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 14-Sep-2002

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

	-YOUNG TURKEYS-			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	774	-1	22.47	(A)	788	22.47
SATL	920	12	26.57	(A)	828	26.57
N CENT	2,350	2	30.02	(A)	2,303	30.02
S CENT	515	-5	20.21	(A)	545	20.21
WEST	490	4	22.68	(A)	475	22.68
U.S. TOTAL	5,049 (B)	3	26.58	17	5,066	26.52

TO-DATE

2002 175,344 (B) 310 175,654

TO-DATE

2001 181,284 (B) 429 181,713

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 73,000 for the year 1,983,000; last year to date 1,666,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 21-Sep-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	160,714	1,851	1,672	3,523	408
AVG WT	5.13	3.42	7.84	5.52	6.89
LAST WEEK	159,008	1,622	1,672	3,294	378
SAME WK YR AGO	160,816	2,004	1,438	3,442	528
AVG WT	5.16	3.44	8.36	5.50	6.72
TO-DATE/2002	5,900,591	66,519	52,906	119,425	16,106
TO-DATE/2001	5,841,919	67,340	52,477	119,817	19,084

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 159.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.7 million head or 3.7million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 28-Sep-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	09/28/02(1)	09/21/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	162,159(2)	162,990
LT HENS	1,996	2,015
HVY HENS	1,611	1,730
TOTAL	165,766	166,735

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Sep-02 is 158.0 million head compared to 162.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.5 million head or 4.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 05-Oct-02 the estimated available is 157.8 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
AUGUST 17	161.4	161.9	100%
24	162.7	160.0	102%
31	167.6	157.2	107%
SEPTEMBER 7	141.7	157.0	90%
14	160.9	158.6	101%
21	162.7	159.0	102%
YEAR TO DATE	5971.2	6020.6	99%
SEPTEMBER 28		158.0	
OCTOBER 5		157.8	

**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 09/23/02-09/28/02

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	42.00-45.00	46.10	45	47.54	84
Los Angeles	69.00	66.89	65	62.27	166
New York	48.00-51.00	49.55	22	51.58	58

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

	Change from			
	23-Sep-02	16-Sep-02	16-Sep-02	24-Sep-01
	54.83	-1.86	56.69	62.02

NUMBER OF LOADS 585

**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)
<b>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/</b>				
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-70	69	69.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-69	68.25	68.25	120
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	56-60	56	56.00	120
CENTRAL REGION	55-59	57.25	57.25	120
WESTERN REGION	56-60	-	-	-

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 09/23/02	2,071	209,225	76,665
AM 09/01/02	2,514	216,327	71,124
CHG	-443	-7102	5541
PCT CHG	-18%	-3%	8%

**HEN MARKETS** Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 09/23/02

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	4-10 CENTS/LB .	7.75-9	8.07
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	4.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	8.48

**LIGHT TYPE**

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 09/20/02

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 21-Sep-02

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

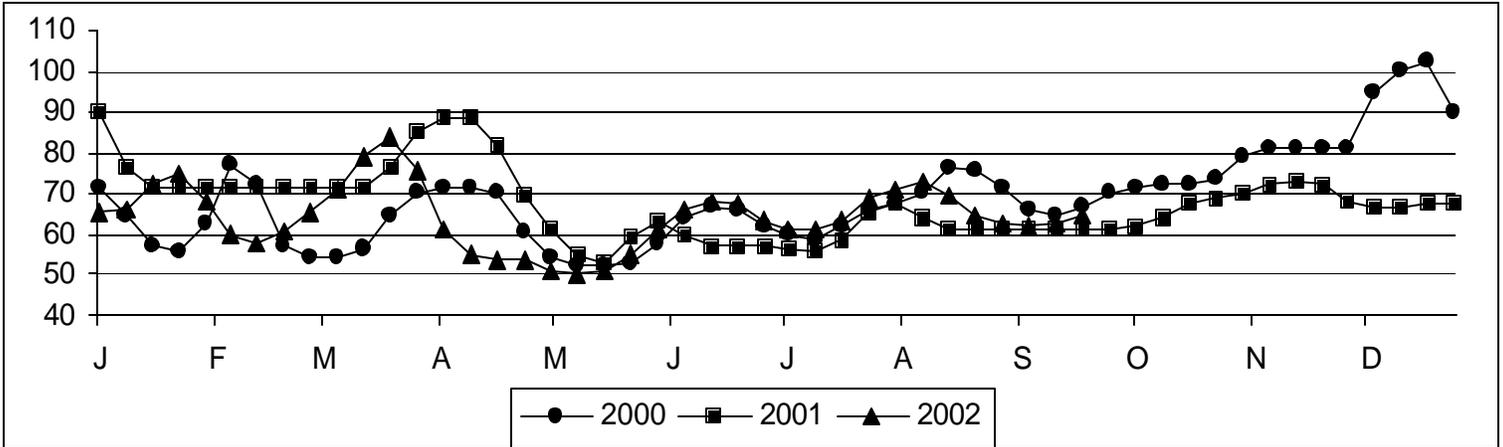
REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	221.2	1	0
E.N. CENTRAL	593.7	7	9
W.N. CENTRAL	291.5	3	0
S. ATLANTIC	189.7	-1	9
S. CENTRAL	84.5	-1	5
WEST	187.3	-5	-6
TOTAL	1567.9	3	4

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

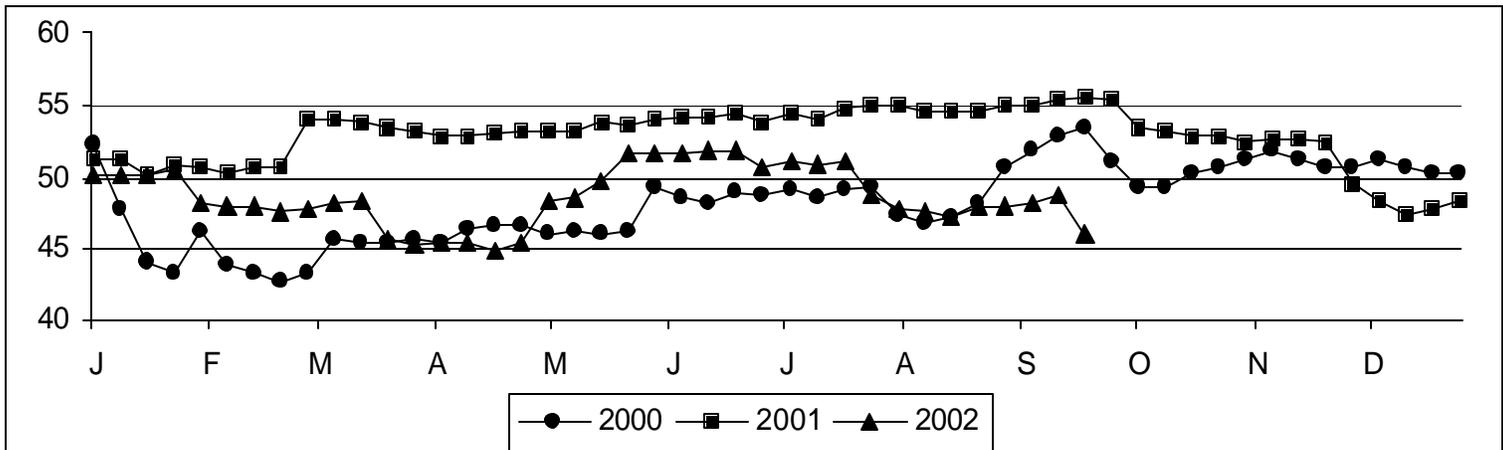
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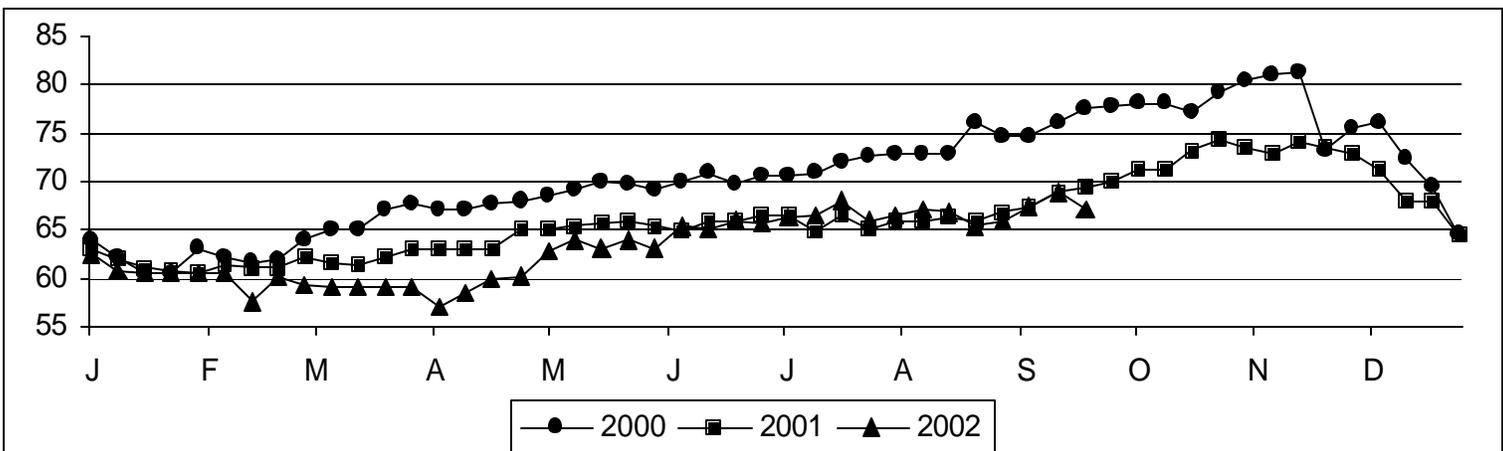
New York Large Weekly Average Price  
Cents per Dozen



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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