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Early week prices were lower for all sizes in all areas except Chicago and New York. Chicago and New York prices were unchanged at the beginning of the period. During the week prices were unchanged in all locations. Trade sentiment at the start of the period was barely steady to about steady and improved to generally steady during the week. Demand into all channels was light to at times good, especially where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available. Nest run breaking stock and check and undergrade prices were lower. Offerings were adequate to ample with demand moderate to instances good. Most breakers were willing to purchase breaking stock at current values. Floor stocks adequate. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady at best to barely steady. Light type fowl demand mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate to ample.

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
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	94-96	84-86	54-56
New York	58-62	56-60	42-46
Philadelphia	56-62.5	55-60.5	41-44.5
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	48-57.5	46-53.5	33-36.5
Jackson (1)	62-64	56-58	40-42
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	59-69	54-64	42-52
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	48-52	46-50	34-38
Detroit (2)	44-49	43-47	34-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	46-50	45-48	33-36
Major Wisconsin Cities	47-54	46-52	34-39
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	66-68	63-65	51-53
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	88	80	71
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 4-Oct-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	62.71	60.83	44.65
SOUTHERN	64.52	59.79	43.29
MIDWEST	53.67	51.99	37.78
WESTERN	85.11	78.09	64.72
TWELVE METRO AREAS	68.86	64.91	50.28

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

	10-08-02	10-01-02	10-09-01
Large	27-30	33-36	29-32
Medium	16-20	19-23	16-19

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 07, 2002
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.9	17.1	8.9	13.5	10.9	60.3
	Change	0.9	1.2	0.4	-2.2	1.0	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.1	50.4	17.0	25.9	28.5	150.9
	Change	-7.3	-5.7	-0.8	-2.5	-3.1	-11%
Large	Curr Wk	50.6	127.2	86.0	87.4	119.3	470.5
	Change	-0.1	-7.4	-1.4	-13.4	13.7	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.2	49.8	17.2	28.6	29.2	139.0
	Change	-3.4	0.9	-2.0	1.9	-9.8	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	6.7	5.9	5.6	8.8	9.6	36.6
	Change	0.5	-1.7	-0.6	-0.8	3.1	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	18.0	5.6	17.8	5.1	50.5
	Change	0.9	3.6	0.5	-2.7	0.8	7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.6	48.3	28.9	35.4	31.7	168.9
	Change	1.8	16.8	2.1	6.0	3.1	21%
Total	Curr Wk	139.1	316.7	169.2	217.4	234.3	1076.7
Percent	Change	-5%	2%	-1%	-6%	4%	-1%
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Number of			
		Cases	Change	Cooperators			
Shell Egg		1076.7	-1%	174			
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/		292.9	10%	38			
Total Shell Egg		1369.6	2%	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.

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

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 04-Oct-02

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,280,622	29,146	12,731	6,880	2,896	4,486
PW	1,255,868	29,578	13,022	6,211	2,985	4,491
LY	1,209,215	26,191	12,704	6,897	2,761	4,246
% CHG PW	2	-1	-2	11	-3	0
% CHG LY	6	11	0	0	5	6
2002	48,370,009	1,124,222	466,869	250,850	115,364	171,751
2001	46,225,822	1,048,332	464,825	248,860	102,120	164,758
% CHG YTD	5	7	1	1	13	4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.58	41.37	41.38
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.07	37.79	37.87

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Sep 28	Oct 5	Sep 28	Oct 5
	Thousand			
AL	27,425	27,660	21,738	20,473
AR	28,177	27,733	23,894	22,026
DE	3,198	3,408	*4,541	5,255
FL	2,254	2,168	2,110	2,278
GA	29,102	29,882	*26,252	23,702
KY	6,844	6,318	5,039	5,052
MD	*9,242	8,898	*5,502	4,934
MS	17,244	17,390	15,348	14,622
NC	17,018	16,611	14,070	13,357
OK	4,013	4,631	3,846	5,470
PA	*3,505	3,746	*2,779	2,636
SC	4,678	4,885	3,498	3,670
TX	*15,067	14,410	*11,883	11,822
VA	*6,104	5,751	5,204	4,937
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,756	19,079	*18,866	16,543
19 State Total	*192,627	192,570	*164,570	156,777
Previous Year Total	201,736	205,355	160,598	156,354
Pct. of Prev. Year	95	94	102	100

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 16-Nov-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 147.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.3 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 151.8 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 156.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.30 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 10/03/02-10/09/02

CURRENT LDS 153.50 FUTURE LDS 47.00 TOTAL LDS 200.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.00	35.33	28.75	30.50	39.00	41.00	9.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	37.00	39.50	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	54.25	47.88	—	5.50
GL W XL	—	—	40.80	42.70	38.30	36.12	60.25
GL W LG	36.00	42.00	—	38.00	35.83	33.78	48.75
GL W MD	—	29.00	26.42	25.25	26.87	29.67	17.00
GL W SM	22.13	23.75	18.67	20.94	—	—	6.75
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	—	.25
NRBS - 48	28.50	30.00	—	33.00	37.50	34.58	36.50
NRBS - 45	31.50	—	—	—	—	31.20	10.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	25.17	10.25
NRBS - 36	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 05-Oct-2002

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	21.9	19.0	15	-11
BOSTON	3.3	3.6	-8	-11
CHICAGO	53.2	47.1	13	-8
DETROIT	26.2	25.4	3	-7
KANSAS CITY	3.8	4.1	-7	3
LOS ANGELES	83.8	84.5	-1	-28
NEW ORLEANS	7.1	5.9	20	1
NEW YORK	31.9	29.9	7	-8
ST. LOUIS	18.5	16.2	14	11
SAN FRANCISCO	25.5	21.3	20	21
TOTAL	275.2	257.0	7	-12
4 WK MVG AVG	264.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-2002

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG TOMS		OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	1,770	2,910	27	20		4,727
AVG WT	15.30	34.15	27.77	30.71		27.03
LAST WEEK	1,939	2,915	73	14		4,941
SAME WK YR AGO	2,052	3,010	81	10		5,153
AVG WT	15.48	33.03	24.69	25.67		25.90
TO-DATE/2002	73,774	109,121	2,083	344		185,322
TO-DATE/2001	80,111	109,694	1,792	439		192,036

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-2002

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

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		HEAD-	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT		THOUSAND	AVG
N EAST	759	-4	22.75	(A)	763	22.75
SATL	890	8	25.30	(A)	894	25.30
N CENT	2,301	-1	30.67	(A)	2,305	30.67
S CENT	446	-10	20.50	(A)	450	20.50
WEST	311	-37	24.79	(A)	315	24.79
U.S. TOTAL	4,707(B)	-4	27.03		4,727	27.03
TO-DATE						
2002	184,978(B)				344	185,322
TO-DATE						
2001	191,597(B)				439	192,036

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 27,000; for the year 2,083,000; last year to date 1,792,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 05-Oct-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	159,097	1,892	1,622	3,514	391
AVG WT	5.11	3.64	7.94	5.62	6.50
LAST WEEK	157,307	1,832	1,556	3,388	400
SAME WK YR AGO	157,688	1,950	1,320	3,270	504
AVG WT	5.10	3.60	8.06	5.44	6.59
TO-DATE/2002	6,216,995	70,243	56,084	126,327	16,897
TO-DATE/2001	6,160,217	71,227	55,200	126,427	20,137

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.8 million head Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 161 million head or 3.2 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/12/02(1)	10/05/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	163,699(2)	161,681
LT HENS	1,912	2,062
HVY HENS	1,590	1,678
TOTAL	167,201	165,421

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Oct-02 is 157.3 million head compared to 158.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.0 million head or 6.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 19-Oct-02 the estimated available is 157.1 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
AUGUST 31	167.6	157.2	107% 4.90
SEPTEMBER 7	141.7	157.0	90% 5.05
14	160.9	158.6	101% 5.18
21	162.7	159.0	102% 5.13
28	159.2	158.0	101% 5.09
OCTOBER 5	161.0	157.8	102% 5.09
YEAR TO DATE	6291.4	6336.4	99%
OCTOBER 12		157.3	
19		157.1	

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 10/07/02-10/12/02

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago 40.00-43.00		43.38	43	45.73	80	
Los Angeles 68.00		65.31	64	61.40	125	
New York 44.00-46.00		45.86	22	47.33	46	

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

	Change from		
7-Oct-02	30-Sep-02	30-Sep-02	8-Oct-01
52.97	-0.10	53.07	60.69

NUMBER OF LOADS 545

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/	65-71	67-71	70.89	1660
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	66-70	68.00	120
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-71	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	57-59	59	59.00	200
CENTRAL REGION	54-58	58	58.00	120
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-

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 10/07/02	2,328	192,997	76,734
AM 09/01/02	2,514	216,327	71,124
CHG	-186	-23330	5610
PCT CHG	-7%	-11%	8%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31, 2002 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 2002 are:

FROZEN EGGS	10 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	572 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	872 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 10/07/02

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5-10 CENTS/LB	7-9	8.36
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	4.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.59

LIGHT TYPE

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

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

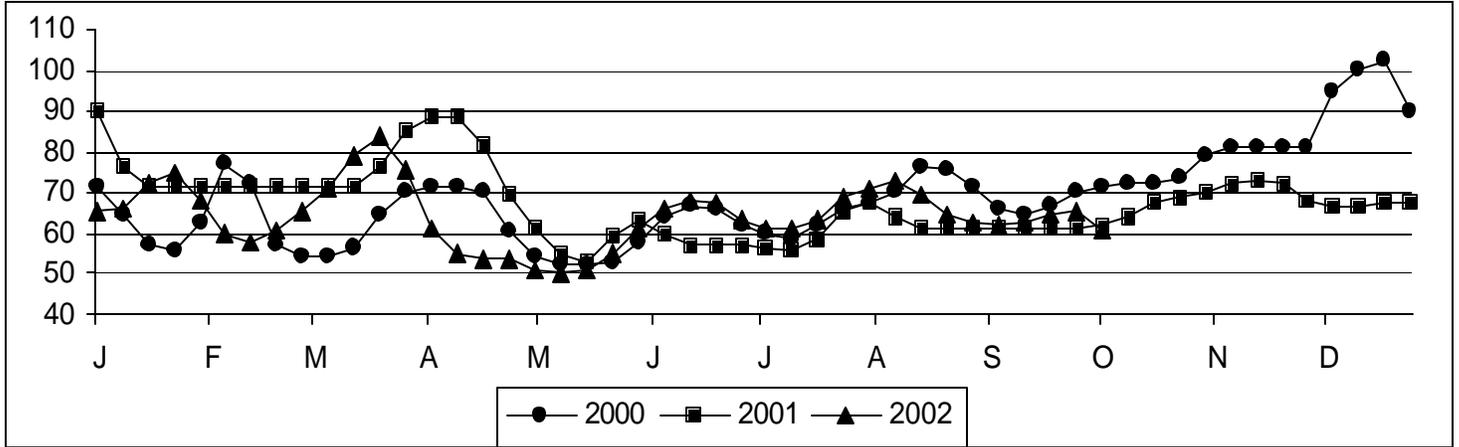
(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

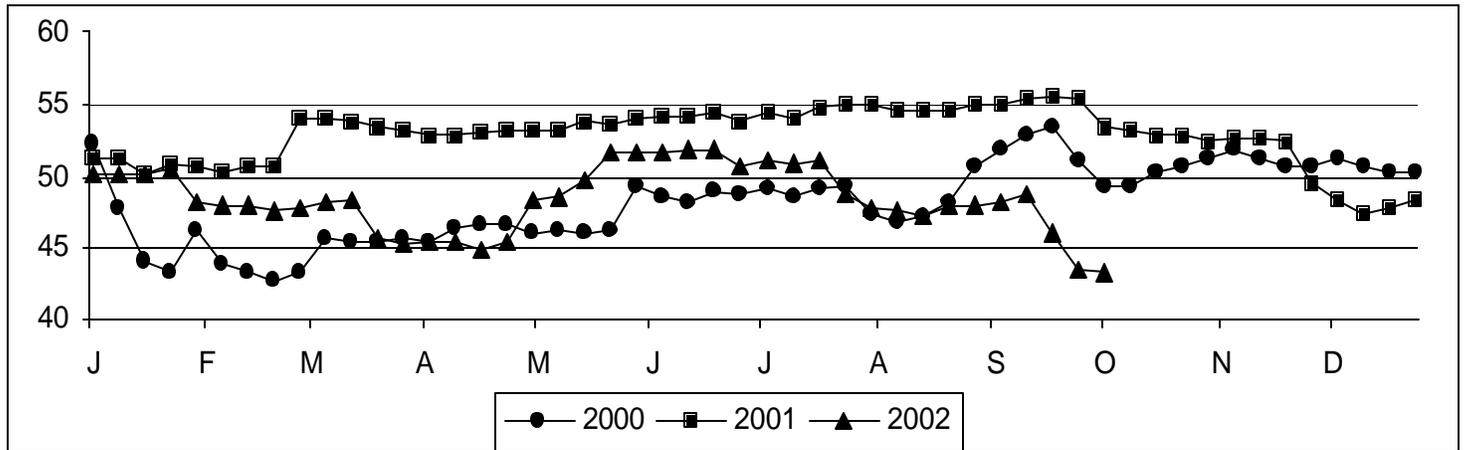
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 05-Oct-02 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	224.9	3	1
E.N. CENTRAL	574.1	12	3
W.N. CENTRAL	277.3	6	-10
S. ATLANTIC	182.3	-2	3
S. CENTRAL	88.3	2	15
WEST	198.5	6	1
TOTAL	1545.4	6	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

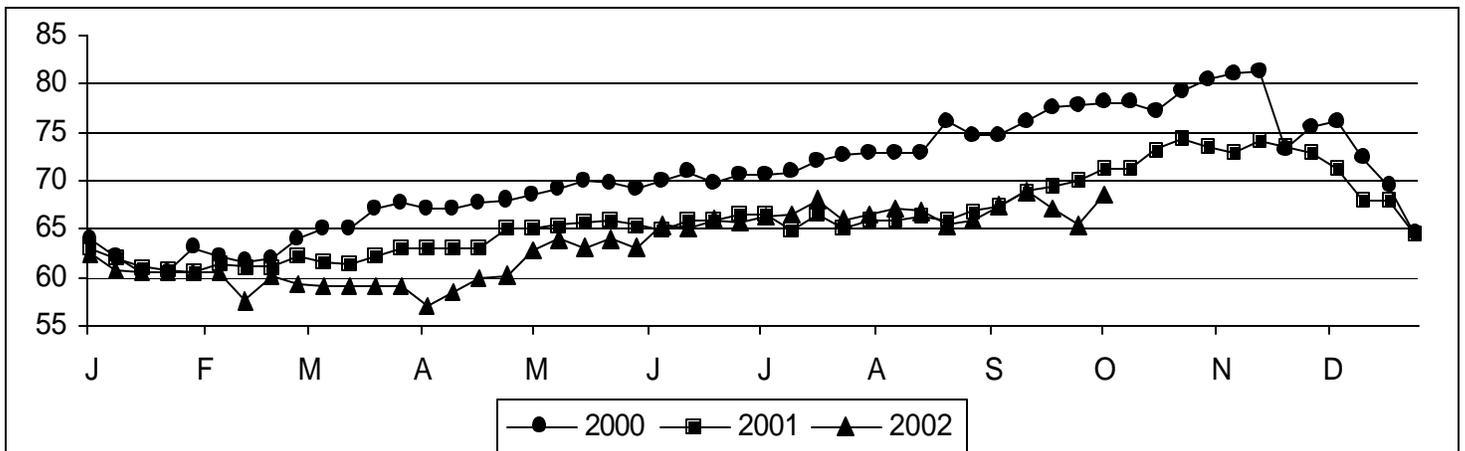
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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