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Early week prices were unchanged in Chicago and New York while elsewhere, prices ranged unchanged to lower. During the week prices were higher on all sizes in most locations. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to good and best where features stimulated additional interest. Supplies were sufficient to available and held with confidence. Nest run breaking stock with check and undergrade prices were unchanged to higher. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings were tight to adequate with producers beginning to hold with increased confidence. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady to instances fully steady. Light type fowl demand was light to moderate.

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) | 94-97 | 84-87 | 54-56 |
| New York | 61-65 | 59-63 | 44-48 |
| Philadelphia | 56-63 | 55-61 | 41-46 |
| SOUTHERN CITIES | | | |
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 48-54 | 46-49 | 33-36 |
| Jackson (1) | 62-64 | 56-58 | 39-41 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 59-69 | 54-64 | 42-52 |
| MIDWEST CITIES | | | |
| Chicago | 50-54 | 48-52 | 36-40 |
| 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 11-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 | 59.82 | 57.94 | 43.70 |
| SOUTHERN | 58.25 | 54.19 | 40.38 |
| MIDWEST | 48.71 | 47.02 | 35.63 |
| WESTERN | 77.76 | 71.97 | 62.59 |
| TWELVE METRO AREAS | 63.54 | 60.10 | 48.45 |

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

| | 10-15-02 | 10-08-02 | 10-16-01 |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Large | 27-30 | 27-30 | 34-37 |
| Medium | 16-20 | 16-20 | 21-25 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 14, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

| | | NO | | SO | | 5-Area | |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|-------|---------|--------|--------|
| | | Cent | Cent | Atl | Pacific | | |
| Jumbo | Curr Wk | 9.1 | 18.6 | 8.6 | 12.9 | 11.1 | 60.3 |
| | Change | -0.8 | 1.5 | -0.3 | -0.6 | 0.2 | 0% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 28.3 | 53.7 | 14.8 | 21.6 | 30.8 | 149.2 |
| | Change | -0.8 | 3.3 | -2.2 | -4.3 | 2.3 | -1% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 49.1 | 113.7 | 80.3 | 79.6 | 128.4 | 451.1 |
| | Change | -1.5 | -13.5 | -5.7 | -7.8 | 9.1 | -4% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 12.9 | 31.9 | 17.4 | 24.2 | 27.9 | 114.3 |
| | Change | -1.3 | -17.9 | 0.2 | -4.4 | -1.3 | -18% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 5.2 | 6.6 | 4.9 | 8.2 | 11.6 | 36.5 |
| | Change | -1.5 | 0.7 | -0.7 | -0.6 | 2.0 | 0% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 2.9 | 19.4 | 7.4 | 15.1 | 4.4 | 49.2 |
| | Change | -1.1 | 1.4 | 0.7 | -2.7 | -0.7 | -5% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 31.7 | 54.8 | 26.2 | 31.6 | 32.1 | 176.4 |
| | Change | 7.1 | 6.5 | 3.0 | -3.8 | 0.4 | 8% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 139.2 | 298.7 | 159.6 | 193.2 | 246.3 | 1037.0 |
| | Change | 0% | -6% | -3% | -11% | 5% | -3% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 1037.0 | -3% | 174 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/ | 296.2 | 1% | 38 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1333.2 | -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.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-02

| | (LBS IN THOUSANDS) | | (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS) | | | |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED | INED |
| CW | 1,285,079 | 28,722 | 12,853 | 6,980 | 3,186 | 4,517 |
| PW | 1,280,622 | 29,146 | 12,731 | 6,880 | 2,896 | 4,486 |
| LY | 1,192,358 | 27,436 | 11,665 | 6,124 | 3,049 | 4,240 |
| % CHG PW | 0 | -1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 1 |
| % CHG LY | 8 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 4 | 7 |
| 2002 | 49,655,088 | 1,152,944 | 479,722 | 257,830 | 118,550 | 176,268 |
| 2001 | 47,418,180 | 1,075,768 | 476,490 | 254,984 | 105,169 | 168,998 |
| % CHG YTD | 5 | 7 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 4 |

(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

| | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|--------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - | 41.30 | 41.58 | 41.49 |
| AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - | 37.78 | 38.07 | 37.93 |

BROILER HATCHERY

| STATE | Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States | | Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States | |
|----------------------|---|--------|--|--------|
| | Oct 5 | Oct 12 | Oct 5 | Oct 12 |
| | Thousand | | | |
| AL | 27,660 | 27,320 | 20,473 | 20,950 |
| AR | *27,703 | 28,585 | 22,026 | 23,237 |
| DE | 3,408 | 3,293 | 5,255 | 4,794 |
| FL | 2,168 | 2,130 | 2,278 | 1,939 |
| GA | 29,882 | 29,779 | *23,634 | 24,806 |
| KY | 6,318 | 5,936 | 5,052 | 4,571 |
| MD | 8,898 | 9,510 | 4,934 | 4,678 |
| MS | 17,390 | 17,522 | 14,622 | 14,841 |
| NC | 16,611 | 17,243 | 13,357 | 12,503 |
| OK | 4,631 | 5,498 | 5,470 | 4,049 |
| PA | 3,746 | 3,359 | 2,636 | 2,500 |
| SC | 4,885 | 4,480 | 3,670 | 3,636 |
| TX | 14,410 | 13,910 | 11,822 | 10,330 |
| VA | 5,751 | 5,729 | 4,937 | 4,701 |
| CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV | *18,962 | 18,654 | *16,990 | 16,718 |

19 State Total *192,423 192,948 *157,156 154,253

Previous Year Total 205,355 196,919 156,354 162,521

Pct. of Prev. Year 94 98 101 95

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 23-Nov-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 143.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 147.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 148.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.26 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 10/10/02-10/16/02

CURRENT LDS 123.50 FUTURE LDS 35.25 TOTAL LDS 158.75

| CLASS | SE | | NE | | MW | | LOADS |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | |
| GNR W 1 | 30.00 | 36.75 | 30.83 | 32.00 | 40.00 | 41.50 | 18.00 |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | — | — | 43.00 | 45.25 | 1.00 |
| GL W J | — | — | — | 58.00 | 43.50 | 44.00 | 2.50 |
| GL W XL | — | 42.00 | 42.00 | 43.89 | 37.09 | 40.67 | 42.50 |
| GL W LG | — | 40.00 | 37.33 | 45.00 | 38.00 | 40.00 | 21.25 |
| GL W MD | — | 29.00 | 29.29 | 27.00 | 28.00 | 30.89 | 10.00 |
| GL W SM | — | — | 19.00 | 20.94 | — | 18.00 | 2.50 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | 38.50 | 36.50 | 25.00 |
| NRBS - 45 | 30.00 | — | — | — | — | 33.00 | 2.00 |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | 15.00 | 17.00 | — | 24.67 | 5.00 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 12-Oct-2002

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW THOUSANDS | PW THOUSANDS | PCT PW | CHG LY |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| ATLANTA | 21.6 | 21.9 | -1 | -6 |
| BOSTON | 3.0 | 3.3 | -9 | -21 |
| CHICAGO | 44.9 | 53.2 | -16 | 2 |
| DETROIT | 34.8 | 26.2 | 33 | 22 |
| KANSAS CITY | 5.4 | 3.8 | 42 | -51 |
| LOS ANGELES | 84.4 | 83.8 | 1 | -26 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 7.0 | 7.1 | -1 | -20 |
| NEW YORK | 32.2 | 31.9 | 1 | -7 |
| ST. LOUIS | 16.0 | 18.5 | -14 | -11 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 19.3 | 25.5 | -24 | -5 |
| TOTAL | 268.6 | 275.2 | -2 | -12 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 265.5 | | | |

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-2002

| | YOUNG | | YOUNG | OLD | TOTAL |
|----------------|---------------------|---------|----------|-------|---------|
| | HENS | TOMS | BREEDERS | | |
| | -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | |
| HEAD | 1,631 | 2,926 | 93 | 15 | 4,665 |
| AVG WT | 15.82 | 35.23 | 24.70 | 26.48 | 28.21 |
| LAST WEEK | 1,770 | 2,910 | 27 | 20 | 4,727 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 1,952 | 3,087 | 48 | 6 | 5,093 |
| AVG WT | 15.69 | 33.30 | 24.44 | 35.34 | 26.46 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 75,405 | 112,047 | 2,176 | 359 | 189,987 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 82,063 | 112,781 | 1,840 | 445 | 197,129 |

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-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 | 778 | 3 | 22.79 | (A) | 763 | 22.79 |
| SATL | 788 | -11 | 27.17 | (A) | 894 | 27.17 |
| N CENT | 2,261 | -2 | 31.47 | (A) | 2,305 | 31.47 |
| S CENT | 386 | -13 | 23.96 | (A) | 450 | 23.96 |
| WEST | 437 | 41 | 26.64 | (A) | 315 | 26.64 |
| U.S. TOTAL | 4,650(B) | -1 | 28.21 | 15 | 4,665 | 28.21 |
| TO-DATE | | | | | | |
| 2002 | 189,628(B) | | | 359 | 189,987 | |
| TO-DATE | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 196,684(B) | | | 445 | 197,129 | |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 93,000 for the year 2,176,000; last year to date 1,840,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 12-Oct-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| HEAD | 158,073 | 1,754 | 1,536 | 3,290 | 412 |
| AVG WT | 5.08 | 3.30 | 8.14 | 5.56 | 7.03 |
| LAST WEEK | 159,097 | 1,892 | 1,622 | 3,514 | 391 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 156,472 | 1,989 | 1,446 | 3,435 | 562 |
| AVG WT | 5.04 | 3.37 | 7.96 | 5.30 | 6.60 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 6,375,068 | 71,997 | 57,620 | 129,617 | 17,309 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 6,316,689 | 73,216 | 56,646 | 129,862 | 20,699 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160 million head or 2.7 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Oct-02

| CLASS | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 10/19/02(1) | 10/12/02 |
| -----THOUSAND HEAD----- | | |
| BRO-FRY | 160,844(2) | 163,699 |
| LT HENS | 1,986 | 1,912 |
| HVY HENS | 1,659 | 1,590 |
| TOTAL | 164,489 | 167,201 |

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Oct-02 is 157.1 million head compared to 158.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.2 million head or 4.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 26-Oct-02 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

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

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | AVG WT |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 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% 5.11 |
| 12 | 160.0 | 157.3 | 102% 5.08 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 6451.4 | 6493.7 | 99% |
| OCTOBER 19 | | 157.1 | |
| 26 | | 157.2 | |

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 10/14/02-10/19/02

| | U.S. GRADE A | | | COMPOSITE | |
|----------------------|--------------|---------|-----|-----------|-----|
| | MAJ | WTD AVG | LDS | WTD AVG | LDS |
| Chicago 40.00-43.00 | | 43.33 | 40 | 45.58 | 76 |
| Los Angeles 68.00 | | 65.32 | 65 | 61.40 | 164 |
| New York 44.00-46.00 | | 45.45 | 22 | 47.32 | 45 |

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

| | Change from | | |
|-------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| | 7-Oct-02 | 7-Oct-02 | 15-Oct-01 |
| 52.70 | -0.27 | 52.97 | 60.43 |

NUMBER OF LOADS 614

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/ | 64-71 | 65-70.5 | 67.50 | 160 |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 63-71 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 63-71 | - | - | - |

16-24 LB TOMS

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------|----|-------|----|
| EASTERN REGION | 54-59 | 54 | 54.00 | 40 |
| CENTRAL REGION | 54-58 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 57-59 | - | - | - |

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 10/14/02 | | 2,345 | 197,036 | 74,725 |
| AM 10/01/02 | | 1,984 | 187,932 | 74,844 |
| CHG | | 361 | 9104 | -119 |
| PCT CHG | | 18% | 5% | 0% |

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 10/14/02

| HEAVY TYPE | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD. AVG |
|------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| Southeast (1) | 4-10 CENTS/LB. | 8-9 | 8.43 |
| Southeast (2) | TFEWR | | |
| South Central(1) | 4.25-11.5 CENTS/LB. | 8-9 | 8.84 |

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 10/11/02

| | |
|-----------------|--------|
| 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

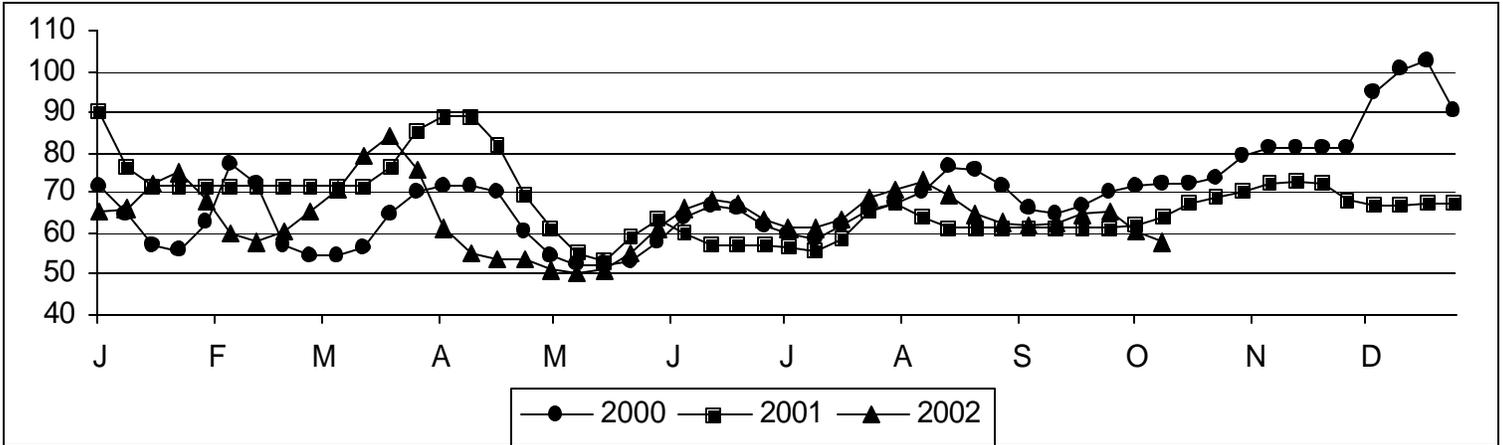
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 12-Oct-02

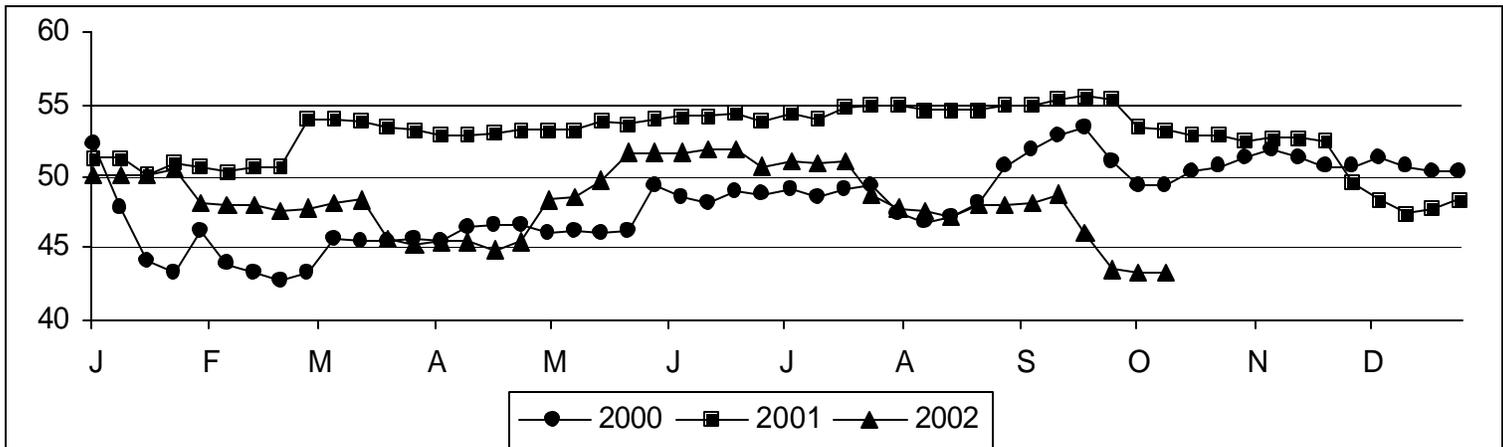
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----|
| | | PW | LY |
| N. ATLANTIC | 222.4 | -1 | 1 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 564.2 | -2 | 5 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 288.5 | 4 | 1 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 181.7 | 0 | 1 |
| S. CENTRAL | 88.9 | 1 | 14 |
| WEST | 191.2 | -4 | -4 |
| TOTAL | 1536.9 | -1 | 2 |
| MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING | | 87 | 86 |

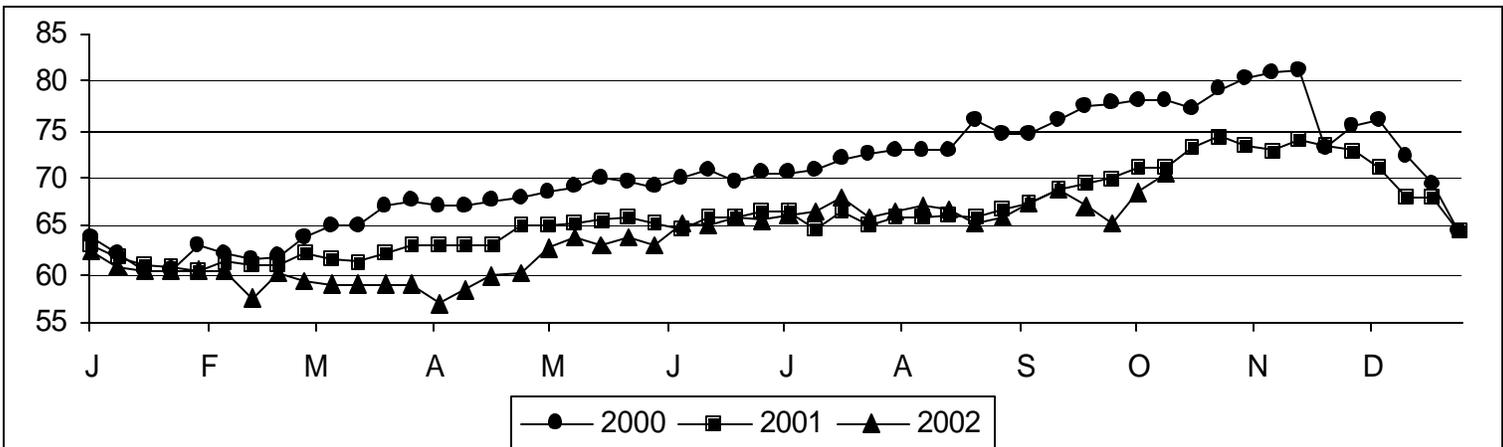
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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