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Prices were sharply higher throughout the week. Trade sentiment was firm. Demand was good to very good. Supplies were sufficient to tight and held with confidence. Nest run breaking stock supplies in the Eastern region were usually adequate to fully adequate. However, in the Midwest, breaking stock offerings were tight to short for the good demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for current processing needs.

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)	96-106	86-96	54-64
New York	75-79	73-77	59-63
Philadelphia	57.5-77	56.5-75	42-61
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	49.5-57	47.5-52	34.5-38
Jackson (1)	57-59	52-54	39-41
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	64-74	59-69	45-55
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-65	59-63	48-52
Detroit (2)	48-53	47-51	38-42
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-54	49-52	37-40
Major Wisconsin Cities	51-58	50-56	38-43
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	71-74	68-70	54-56
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	90	84	75
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 18-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	60.82	58.94	44.29
SOUTHERN	57.37	53.06	40.17
MIDWEST	49.10	47.41	36.02
WESTERN	77.76	71.97	62.59
TWELVE METRO AREAS	63.89	60.43	48.71

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

	10-22-02	10-15-02	10-23-01
Large	32-35	27-30	37-40
Medium	21-25	16-20	24-28

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM OCT 21, 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	9.5	18.0	9.5	12.9	10.9 60.8
	Change	0.4	-0.6	0.9	0.0	-0.2 1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.2	60.3	17.2	23.1	32.3 158.1
	Change	-3.1	6.6	2.4	1.5	1.5 6%
Large	Curr Wk	47.0	108.9	74.8	77.0	110.3 418.0
	Change	-2.1	-4.8	-5.5	-2.6	-18.1 -7%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.0	30.0	17.1	23.7	29.2 110.0
	Change	-2.9	-1.9	-0.3	-0.5	1.3 -4%
Small	Curr Wk	5.7	7.5	4.5	7.0	9.5 34.2
	Change	0.5	0.9	-0.4	-1.2	-2.1 -6%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.5	19.0	6.7	20.2	5.6 55.0
	Change	0.6	-0.4	-2.8	5.1	1.2 7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.2	56.1	26.4	32.6	28.6 164.9
	Change	-10.5	1.3	9.3	1.0	-3.5 -1%
Total	Curr Wk	122.1	299.8	156.2	196.5	226.4 1001.0
Percent	Change	-12%	0%	2%	2%	-8% -3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1001.0	-3%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	277.6	-6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1278.6	-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.

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 18-Oct-02

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,237,893	28,808	11,898	6,420	2,896	4,256
PW	1,285,079	28,722	12,853	6,980	3,186	4,517
LY	1,190,658	26,794	11,986	6,384	2,608	4,296
% CHG PW	-4	0	-7	-8	-9	-6
% CHG LY	4	8	-1	1	11	-1
2002	50,892,981	1,181,752	491,620	264,250	121,446	180,524
2001	48,608,838	1,102,562	488,476	261,368	107,777	173,294
% CHG YTD	5	7	1	1	13	4

(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	41.51	41.30	41.54
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	38.07	37.78	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	27,320	26,294	*21,008	21,211
AR	28,585	27,187	*23,404	21,930
DE	3,293	3,292	*4,781	4,600
FL	2,130	2,324	1,939	2,027
GA	*29,916	28,020	*24,663	23,021
KY	*5,808	5,148	*4,556	5,360
MD	9,510	9,438	*4,717	5,687
MS	17,522	16,503	14,841	14,650
NC	17,243	16,933	12,503	13,753
OK	5,498	6,249	4,049	3,584
PA	*3,490	3,418	*2,518	2,539
SC	4,480	4,641	3,636	3,575
TX	13,910	13,046	10,330	11,894
VA	5,729	5,689	4,701	5,401
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,452	17,660	*16,239	16,138

19 State Total *192,886 185,842 *153,885 155,370

Previous Year Total 196,919 189,784 162,521 163,474

Pct. of Prev. Year 98 98 95 95

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 142.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 143.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 149.1 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 115.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 58.82 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 10/17/02-10/23/02

CURRENT LDS 59.75 FUTURE LDS 64.00 TOTAL LDS 123.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	38.25	44.64	36.75	37.33	44.50	46.00	24.00
GNR W 2	—	44.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	27.00	—	—	34.00	36.00	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	43.00	48.67	—	—	4.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.00	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	—	48.75	51.87	49.70	—	33.25
GL W LG	—	51.50	45.00	50.50	49.53	46.89	24.50
GL W MD	28.00	45.00	31.83	33.50	38.00	39.75	16.25
GL W SM	—	—	20.00	21.25	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	42.50	38.81	19.25
NRBS - 39	—	—	17.00	19.00	—	26.50	2.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 19-Oct-2002

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT	CHG LY
ATLANTA	21.5	21.6	0	16
BOSTON	3.6	3.0	20	-8
CHICAGO	41.3	44.9	-8	-1
DETROIT	33.2	34.8	-5	4
KANSAS CITY	4.4	5.4	-19	52
LOS ANGELES	80.5	84.4	-5	-30
NEW ORLEANS	6.8	7.0	-3	-14
NEW YORK	34.0	32.2	6	-10
ST. LOUIS	20.9	16.0	31	51
SAN FRANCISCO	20.8	19.3	8	5
TOTAL	267.0	268.6	-1	-10
4 WK MVG AVG	263.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 19-Oct-2002

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG TOMS		OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS					
HEAD	1,597	2,969	70	25		4,661
AVG WT	15.36	34.95	24.62	29.63		28.05
LAST WEEK	1,631	2,926	93	15		4,665
SAME WK YR AGO	2,089	3,013	50	47		5,199
AVG WT	16.09	33.85	25.39	28.21		26.57
TO-DATE/2002	77,002	115,016	2,246	384		194,648
TO-DATE/2001	84,152	115,794	1,890	492		202,328

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 19-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	791	2	22.14	(A)	796	22.14
SATL	842	7	28.24	(A)	847	28.24
N CENT	2,146	-5	31.74	(A)	2,151	31.74
S CENT	437	13	23.36	(A)	442	23.36
WEST	420	-4	24.81	(A)	425	24.81
U.S. TOTAL	4,636 (B)	0	28.05	25	4,661	28.05
TO-DATE						
2002	194,264 (B)			384	194,648	
TO-DATE						
2001	201,836 (B)			492	202,328	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 70,000 for the year 2,246,000; last year to date 1,890,00.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 19-Oct-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	155,053	1,822	1,603	3,425	414
AVG WT	5.05	3.30	7.90	5.45	6.65
LAST WEEK	158,073	1,754	1,536	3,290	412
SAME WK YR AGO	156,885	1,697	1,519	3,216	503
AVG WT	5.12	3.43	7.98	5.58	7.08
TO-DATE/2002	6,530,121	73,819	59,223	133,042	17,723
TO-DATE/2001	6,473,574	74,913	58,165	133,078	21,202

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.9 million head or -0.2 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 26-Oct-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/26/02(1)	10/19/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	165,303(2)	160,844
LT HENS	2,003	1,986
HVY HENS	1,584	1,659
TOTAL	168,890	164,489

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 26-Oct-02 is 157.2 million head compared to 158.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.6 million head or 8.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 02-Nov-02 the estimated available is 156.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
SEPTEMBER 14	160.9	158.6	101%	5.05
21	162.7	159.0	102%	5.18
28	159.2	158.0	101%	5.13
OCTOBER 5	161.0	157.8	102%	5.09
12	160.0	157.3	102%	5.11
19	156.9	157.1	100%	5.05
YEAR TO DATE	6608.3	6650.8	99%	
OCTOBER 26		157.2		
NOVEMBER 2		156.2		

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 10/21/02-10/26/02

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	LDS
Chicago	40.00-43.00	43.99	45	46.07
Los Angeles	68.00	64.88	69	61.54
New York	44.00-46.00	45.39	23	48.16

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

Change from			
	14-Oct-02	14-Oct-02	22-Oct-01
21-Oct-02	53.21	0.51	52.70
			59.39

NUMBER OF LOADS 596

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/	64-71	66-70	68.67	240
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-71	64-66	65.93	41.5
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-71	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	54-60	58-60	58.40	100
CENTRAL REGION	54-58	57	57.00	31
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	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	10/21/02	2,228	196,373	77,898
AM	10/01/02	1,984	187,932	74,844
CHG		244	8441	3054
PCT CHG		12%	4%	4%

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 10/21/02

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	4.75-10 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.36
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8.25-9	8.59

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 10/18/02

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

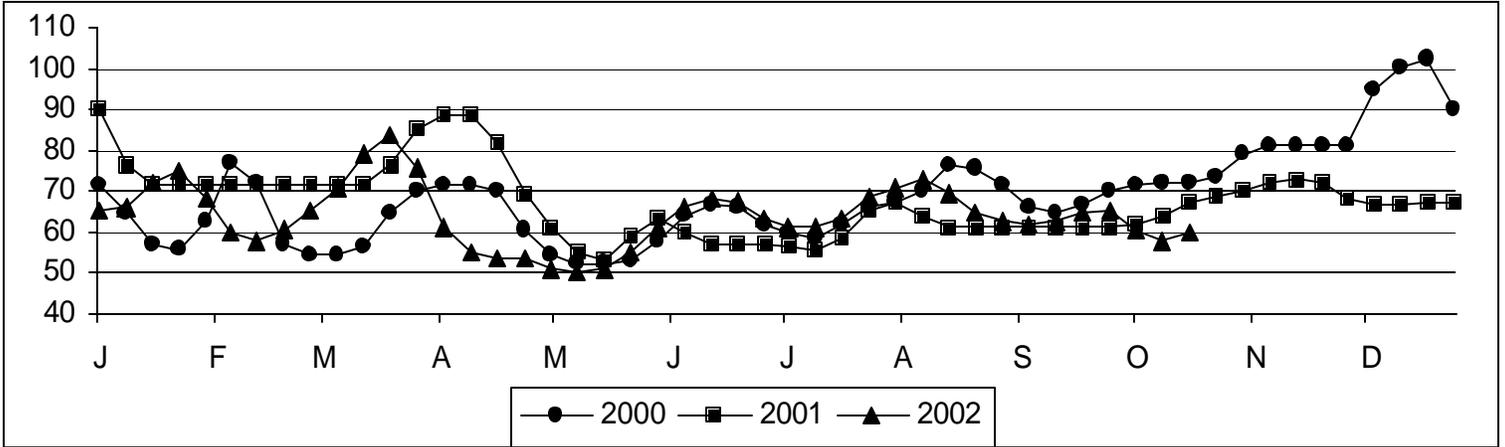
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W/E 19-Oct-02

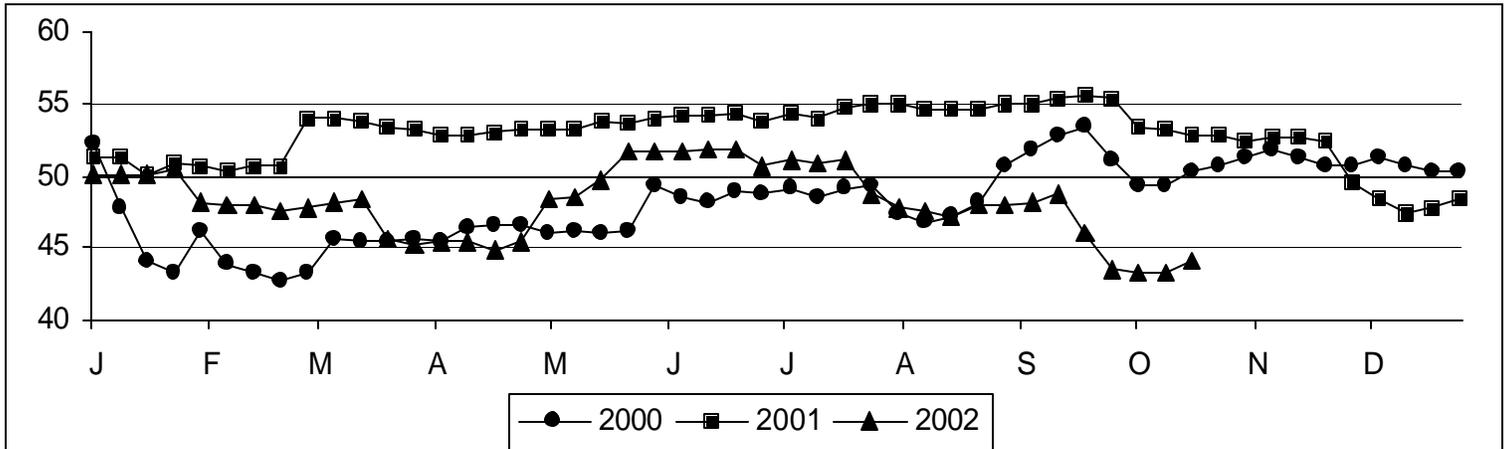
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	224.7	1	2
E.N. CENTRAL	575.3	2	6
W.N. CENTRAL	291.3	1	0
S. ATLANTIC	185.1	2	1
S. CENTRAL	88.3	-1	12
WEST	191.6	0	-5
TOTAL	1556.3	1	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

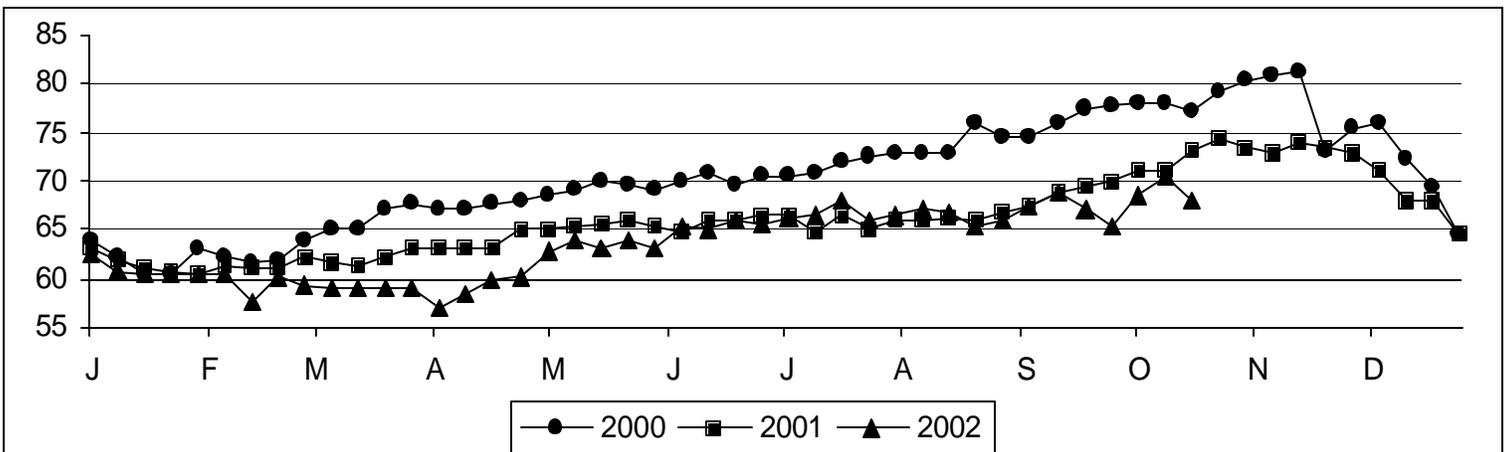
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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