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At the beginning of the week prices were unchanged in all areas. During the week prices were lower on mediums in New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady on large, but barely steady to weak on the balance of sizes. Demand ranged light to very good and was best where features for Thanksgiving were a factor. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower on nest run and checks and undergrades were unchanged. Demand was mostly light for spot loads of heavy nest runs. Most breakers are reporting rather brisk business on frozen and liquid as buyers secure last minute unexpected needs. Schedules full-time to part-time for this week. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment mixed from steady to instances weak. Light type fowl offerings demand mostly moderate with offerings fully adequate.

**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)	116-118	107-109	75-77
New York	84-88	82-86	70-74
Philadelphia	82-86	81-84	69-72
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	74-79	72-75	61-64
Jackson (1)	81-83	77-79	66-68
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-94	80-90	67-79
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	74-78	72-76	63-67
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-73	60-67
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	62-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	62-67
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	91-93	87-90	75-77
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	106	97
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA** FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Nov-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	85.50	83.64	71.63
SOUTHERN	81.98	78.68	67.26
MIDWEST	74.70	73.01	64.06
WESTERN	102.16	97.78	88.36
TWELVE METRO AREAS	88.69	85.83	75.62

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

	11-26-02	11-19-02	11-27-01
Large	51-55	51-55	38-41
Medium	42-46	42-46	21-25

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM NOV 25, 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	8.7	20.4	9.6	15.7	11.8	66.2
	Change	-5.4	-4.7	0.1	-0.8	-2.1	-16%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.6	50.8	11.0	23.6	31.5	140.5
	Change	-1.9	-15.7	-4.7	-3.7	-0.6	-16%
Large	Curr Wk	49.0	100.8	58.0	79.9	109.0	396.7
	Change	-9.3	-18.9	-33.2	-21.7	-12.2	-19%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.8	47.4	19.8	21.7	31.9	135.6
	Change	-2.5	0.8	3.3	-4.0	2.5	0%
Small	Curr Wk	5.4	10.1	4.8	4.8	7.7	32.8
	Change	0.3	1.3	2.7	-2.5	2.5	15%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.7	27.8	8.0	16.8	6.0	65.3
	Change	-0.1	5.3	-0.6	-0.7	0.3	7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.2	36.7	20.7	23.9	34.9	140.4
	Change	2.5	-0.5	-3.9	-1.8	-1.5	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	132.4	294.0	131.9	186.4	232.8	977.5
Percent	Change	-11%	-10%	-24%	-16%	-5%	-12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	977.5	-12%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	234.2	-3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1211.7	-10%	213

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 175 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 -**

W/E 23-Nov-2002

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,169,865	28,566	10,218	5,438	2,101	4,234
PW	1,167,122	28,063	10,885	5,521	2,016	4,124
LY	1,057,486	24,452	10,364	5,352	2,204	3,707
% CHG PW	0	2	-6	-2	4	3
% CHG LY	11	17	-1	2	-5	14
2002	56,805,391	1,326,708	543,720	292,083	131,965	201,396
2001	54,394,083	1,238,492	543,460	290,516	119,884	194,021
% CHG YTD	4	7	0	1	10	4
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -</b>		<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>PREVIOUS</b>	<b>LAST</b>		
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)		WEEK	WEEK	YEAR		
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)		41.42	41.63	41.49		
		37.80	38.10	37.98		

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002	Nov 16 2002	Nov 23 2002
	THOUSAND			
AL	27,523	27,694	19,494	19,790
AR	29,119	29,627	20,334	22,792
DE	3,397	3,376	4,245	4,917
FL	2,250	2,260	2,270	2,348
GA	*30,137	29,690	*21,534	22,781
KY	*6,578	6,381	4,505	4,812
MD	9,238	9,263	5,965	6,169
MS	17,822	17,771	13,673	13,872
NC	17,386	18,182	13,951	14,207
OK	6,391	6,407	3,895	3,269
PA	3,416	3,642	2,455	2,580
SC	4,709	4,415	3,510	3,684
TX	14,762	15,227	10,040	11,624
VA	6,105	6,224	4,297	4,444
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,203	19,354	*17,366	17,269
19 State Total	*198,036	199,513	*147,534	154,558
Previous Year Total	205,712	205,396	150,878	158,581
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	98	97

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 4-Jan-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 139.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 137.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 141.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 116.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.66 CENTS PER POUND.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 11/20/02-11/26/02

	CURRENT LDS	FUTURE LDS	TOTAL LDS				
	120.50	48.50	169.00				
	SE	NE	MW				
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	57.00	60.59	54.57	55.86	57.00	57.00	28.50
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	50.00	52.00	3.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	34.00	37.00	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	72.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	42.25	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	70.12	66.25	67.28	49.12	—	50.75
GL W LG	—	67.91	51.40	59.45	53.43	62.00	41.50
GL W MD	—	—	48.65	47.80	41.38	—	11.50
GL W SM	28.00	30.00	27.14	28.86	—	—	2.75
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	43.00	44.45	17.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	35.00	37.00	38.18	42.90	39.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	22.00	23.67	—	32.50	10.75
NRBS - 36	—	—	23.00	24.00	—	—	.25

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 23-Nov-2002

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	28.0	24.4	15	16
BOSTON	3.7	3.7	0	-5
CHICAGO	63.5	59.4	7	9
DETROIT	42.2	30.6	38	59
KANSAS CITY	3.7	3.7	0	-59
LOS ANGELES	93.6	80.2	17	-26
NEW ORLEANS	16.8	14.3	17	85
NEW YORK	35.2	32.4	9	-2
ST. LOUIS	22.8	19.6	16	15
SAN FRANCISCO	27.0	23.8	13	-1
TOTAL	336.5	292.1	15	-1
4 WK MVG AVG	300.6			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 23-Nov-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	2,045	3,336	38	65	5,484
AVG WT	15.63	34.26	25.75	23.87	27.18
LAST WEEK	2,392	3,240	64	43	5,739
SAME WK YR AGO	1,131	1,669	28	2	2,830
AVG WT	15.59	35.35	24.17	24.95	27.33
TO-DATE/2002	88,188	130,867	2,557	574	222,186
TO-DATE/2001	95,103	130,010	2,136	538	227,787

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

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS W/E 23-Nov-2002

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

	YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE	
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	941	-5	22.33	(A) 954	22.33
SATL	959	13	27.79	(A) 972	27.79
N CENT	2,302	-10	30.69	(A) 2,315	30.69
S CENT	475	-14	22.73	(A) 488	22.73
WEST	742	1	24.46	(A) 755	24.46
U.S. TOTAL	5,419(B)	-5	27.18	65	5,484
TO-DATE					
2002	221,612(B)			574	222,186
TO-DATE					
2001	227,249(B)			538	227,787

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 38,000; for the year 2,557,000; last year to date 2,136,00.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

WEEK ENDING 23-Nov-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	DUCKS
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	149,717	1,663	1,556	3,219	410
AVG WT	5.16	3.71	7.96	5.76	6.87
LAST WEEK	154,140	1,441	1,523	2,964	362
SAME WK YR AGO	113,595	1,174	931	2,105	430
AVG WT	4.98	3.41	7.71	5.31	6.77
TO-DATE/2002	7,303,467	81,900	66,918	148,818	19,636
TO-DATE/2001	7,206,169	83,258	64,735	147,993	23,589

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 151.5 million head or 5.3 million head more than or 104% of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Nov-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/30/02(1)	11/23/02
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	118,248(2)	156,087
LT HENS	1,334	1,812
HVY HENS	1,041	1,591
TOTAL	120,623	159,490

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Nov-02 is 145.5 million head compared to 159.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 118.5 million head or 27.0 million less than estimated available. For week of 07-Dec-02 the estimated available is 146.7 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	AVG WT
OCTOBER 19	156.9	157.1	100%
26	160.6	157.2	102%
NOVEMBER 2	157.1	156.2	101%
9	157.5	155.3	101%
16	156.0	151.3	103%
23	151.5	146.2	104%
YEAR TO DATE	7391.0	7417.0	100%
NOVEMBER 30		145.5	
DECEMBER 7		146.7	

**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 11/25/02-11/30/02

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago 40.00-43.00	43.73	40	45.83	47		
Los Angeles 67.00	65.47	59	62.25	110		
New York 45.00-47.00	46.35	20	47.41	42		

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

Change from			
	25-Nov-02	18-Nov-02	26-Nov-01
	53.36	0.05	58.82
NUMBER OF LOADS	478		

**MONTHLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS**

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
NOVEMBER	53.42	2323.00

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

NOV 27, 2002 OFFERS SALES WTD LBS  
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ AVG (000)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	70-72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69-72	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
EASTERN REGION	60-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	60-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-62	-	-	-

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 11/25/02		3,065	114,250	77,372
AM 11/01/02		2,384	178,029	77,841
CHG		681	-63779	-469
PCT CHG		29%	-36%	-1%

**HEN MARKETS** Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 11/25/02

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	7-10 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.52
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
SouthCentral(1)	6.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.83

**LIGHT TYPE**

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 11/22/02

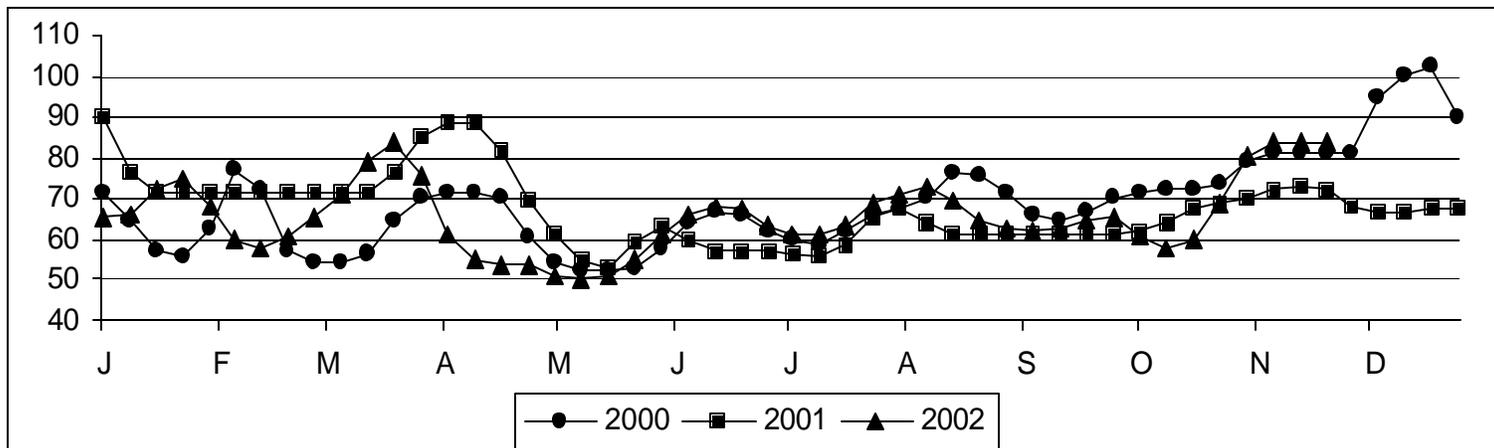
Eastern (1)	0-0
Eastern (2)	0-0
So. Central (2)	TFEWR*
No. Central (1)	TFEWR*
No. Central (2)	0

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading  
\*TFEWR - Too Few to Report

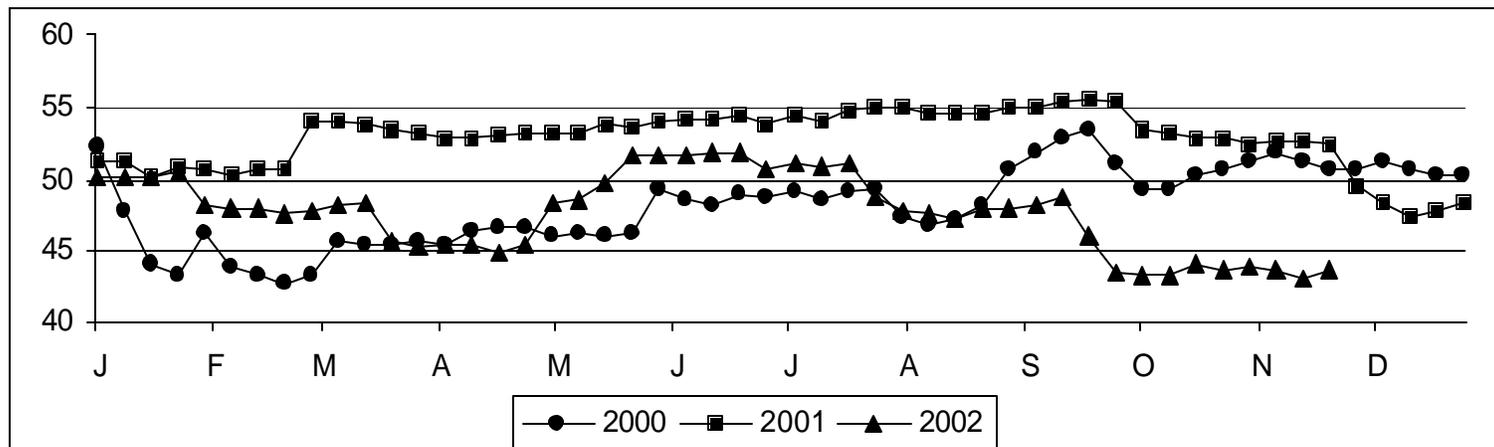
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** W/E 23-Nov-02 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	245.1	2	8
E.N. CENTRAL	610.9	3	17
W.N. CENTRAL	300.6	-1	5
S. ATLANTIC	206.0	-1	9
S. CENTRAL	98.3	4	11
WEST	209.5	6	0
TOTAL	1670.4	2	10
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

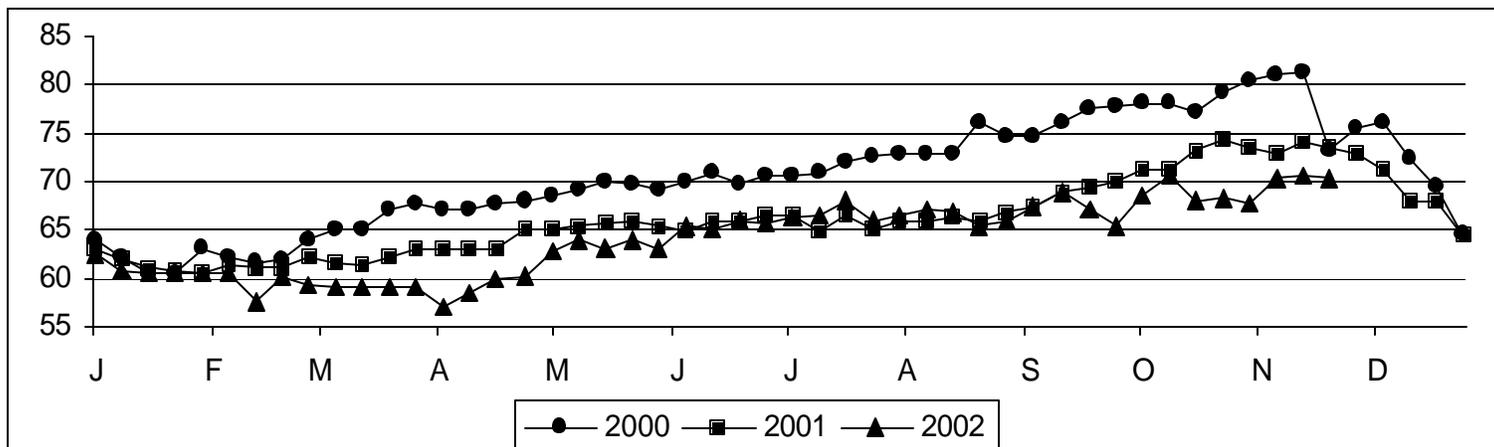
New York Large Weekly Average Price  
Cents per Dozen



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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