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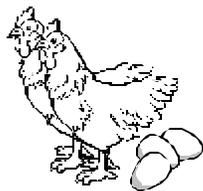
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Early week prices were lower in all areas except Chicago where prices were unchanged. As the week progressed in most locations prices were lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was mixed and ranged light to good, with the best movement centered on features. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock prices were lower. Many breakers bid lower prices for heavy nest runs with low expectations of purchasing additional spot loads. Offerings continued mostly ample with demand generally light. Schedules vary from processor to processor for next week. Floor stocks at least adequate to instances ample with most breakers working from current inventories. Trade sentiment weak. Light type fowl offerings were fully adequate to ample for the current light to moderate demand.

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.

Effective January 2, 2003, this report will no longer be issued due to a change in egg price reporting procedures.

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	118-124	109-115	75-77
New York	74-78	72-76	53-57
Philadelphia	72-82	71-80	52-61
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	70-74	68-71	49-53
Jackson (1)	77-79	75-77	60-62
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	78-88	76-86	56-67
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	65-69	63-67	45-49
Detroit (2)	65-70	64-69	46-53
Major Ohio Cities (2)	67-71	66-69	48-51
Major Wisconsin Cities	68-75	67-73	49-53
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	86-88	83-86	64-66
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	106	101	84

(1) - Prices reported weekly
(2) - Delivered Warehouse
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 13-Dec-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	81.69	79.82	60.88
SOUTHERN	78.06	75.49	59.08
MIDWEST	69.70	68.12	51.92
WESTERN	96.28	92.90	77.60
TWELVE METRO AREAS	83.79	81.38	64.69

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

	12-17-02	12-10-02	12-18-01
Large	46-50	46-50	34-37
Medium	28-32	30-34	18-22

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 16, 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	10.7	20.1	7.8	15.3	11.2	65.1
	Change	0.4	-2.0	-1.5	-1.7	-0.6	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.9	61.8	16.3	24.7	33.0	162.7
	Change	-2.1	-9.0	0.5	-2.7	0.0	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	49.2	127.5	91.0	111.1	108.6	487.4
	Change	-2.9	-6.1	-5.2	8.2	-23.1	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.1	49.3	24.0	18.1	27.6	134.1
	Change	0.6	-6.2	-0.1	-1.1	-4.0	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	8.0	3.7	5.3	4.0	24.0
	Change	0.1	-0.4	-1.9	1.6	-1.7	-9%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	22.8	8.4	19.4	5.7	60.3
	Change	-0.7	-1.8	0.3	-0.6	-1.6	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.3	32.1	32.9	28.6	46.1	168.0
	Change	-9.3	-10.7	0.0	-3.0	5.3	-10%
Total	Curr Wk	137.2	321.6	184.1	222.5	236.2	1101.6
	Change	-9%	-10%	-4%	0%	-10%	-7%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1101.6	-7%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	289.1	3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1390.7	-5%	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.

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 14-Dec-02

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,194,289	29,017	10,563	5,760	2,471	4,213
PW	1,249,520	29,869	11,504	6,386	2,443	4,472
LY	1,219,871	27,010	12,716	6,786	3,073	4,395
% CHG PW	-4	-3	-8	-10	1	-6
% CHG LY	-2	7	-17	-15	-20	-4
2002	60,301,724	1,412,100	574,693	308,823	138,755	213,943
2001	58,130,272	1,320,555	582,851	311,484	128,973	207,592
% CHG YTD	4	7	-1	-1	8	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.49	41.80	41.73
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.96	38.22	38.13

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Dec 07	Dec 14	Dec 07	Dec 14
	Thousand			
AL	27,958	27,883	20,953	21,362
AR	29,336	30,240	23,291	24,762
DE	3,415	3,389	*5,392	5,115
FL	1,582	1,592	2,091	1,696
GA	30,627	30,540	25,115	24,719
KY	6,636	6,741	5,443	5,378
MD	*9,933	9,925	*5,221	5,475
MS	18,505	18,826	15,125	15,285
NC	*18,207	18,605	*13,614	14,344
OK	6,386	6,243	4,525	3,957
PA	*3,599	3,643	*2,299	2,566
SC	4,526	4,676	3,440	3,225
TX	14,875	15,131	11,711	12,084
VA	5,984	6,230	4,861	5,221
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,275	20,179	18,823	17,556

19 State Total *200,844 203,843 *161,904 162,745

Previous Year Total 204,465 207,067 167,382 166,079

Pct. of Prev. Year 98 98 97 98

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 25-Jan-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 149.5 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.98 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/12/02-12/18/02

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	48.50	55.00	49.25	50.67	—	46.00	21.00
GNR W 3	—	40.00	—	—	—	36.00	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	92.00	—	106.00	2.50
GL W XL	—	62.11	62.00	62.85	44.41	—	47.50
GL W LG	—	60.93	60.75	62.48	43.32	—	34.75
GL W MD	—	48.92	36.69	36.89	34.00	—	10.75
GL W SM	—	—	27.75	29.25	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	34.50	35.89	30.89	34.10	54.25
NRBS - 42	—	27.00	23.50	—	23.67	26.80	6.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.00	16.00	—	26.00	3.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 14-Dec-2002

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	26.3	23.2	13	2
BOSTON	3.1	4.2	-26	-21
CHICAGO	65.7	51.3	28	11
DETROIT	38.2	24.4	57	-25
KANSAS CITY	4.2	3.9	8	-62
LOS ANGELES	107.7	88.5	22	-7
NEW ORLEANS	14.0	13.5	4	25
NEW YORK	36.1	31.9	13	-10
ST. LOUIS	18.2	16.3	12	-7
SAN FRANCISCO	24.3	21.7	12	3
TOTAL	337.8	278.9	21	-5
4 WK MVG AVG	320.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 14Dec-2002

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG TOMS		OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,089	2,780	51	20		4,940
AVG WT	15.35	36.90	26.02	25.63		27.63
LAST WEEK	2,053	2,863	58	40		5,014
SAME WK YR AGO	2,062	2,687	49	11		4,809
AVG WT	16.56	35.97	25.16	28.52		27.50
TO-DATE/2002	93,276	138,355	2,682	660		234,973
TO-DATE/2001	101,397	138,157	2,290	570		242,414

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 14-Dec-2002

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

	-YOUNG TURKEYS-			OLD BANDIED		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT	CHG	THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT				
N EAST	809	-6	23.26	(A)	813	23.26	
SATL	913	2	28.75	(A)	917	28.75	
N CENT	2,221	-4	31.60	(A)	2,225	31.60	
S CENT	423	-1	19.97	(A)	427	19.97	
WEST	554	17	22.16	(A)	558	22.16	
U.S. TOTAL	4,920 (B)	-1	27.63		20	4,940	27.63

TO-DATE

2002 234,313 (B)

660 234,973

TO-DATE

2001 241,844 (B)

570 242,414

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 51,000 for the year 2,682,000; last year to date 2,290,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 14-Dec-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	DUCKS
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	154,894	1,829	1,342	3,171	461
AVG WT	5.09	3.47	7.95	5.37	6.80
LAST WEEK	151,980	1,739	1,425	3,164	408
SAME WK YR AGO	154,764	1,945	1,403	3,348	479
AVG WT	5.08	3.59	7.86	5.38	6.85
TO-DATE/2002	7,725,795	86,691	70,695	157,386	20,817
TO-DATE/2001	7,674,977	89,036	69,241	158,277	25,220

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 146.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 156.8 million head or 10.1 million head more than or 107% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Dec-02

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/21/02 (1)	12/14/02
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	158,055(2)	159,275
LT HENS	1,942	1,991
HVY HENS	1,491	1,388
TOTAL	161,488	162,654

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Dec-02 is 144.4 million head compared to 161.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.4 million head or 14.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 28-Dec-02 the estimated available is 140.8 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	
NOVEMBER 9	157.5	155.3	5.13
16	156.0	151.3	5.29
23	151.5	146.2	5.16
30	116.9	145.5	4.98
DECEMBER 7	153.8	146.7	5.13
14	156.8	146.7	5.09
YEAR TO DATE	7818.5	7855.9	100%
DECEMBER 21		144.4	
28		140.8	

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 12/16/02-12/21/02

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	41.00-44.00	44.87	44	46.45
Los Angeles	66.00	65.10	52	61.27
New York	49.00-52.00	50.61	23	50.10

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

	Change from			
	16-Dec-02	9-Dec-02	9-Dec-02	17-Dec-01
	53.89	0.16	53.73	55.25

NUMBER OF LOADS 579

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/	65-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	58-61	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	59-61	-	-	-

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	12/16/02	1,655	109,515	80,345
AM	12/01/02	2,669	112,050	77,481
CHG		-1014	-2535	2864
PCT CHG		-38%	-2%	4%

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 12/16/02

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7.75-8.5	8.05
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.75-10 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.30

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 12/13/02

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

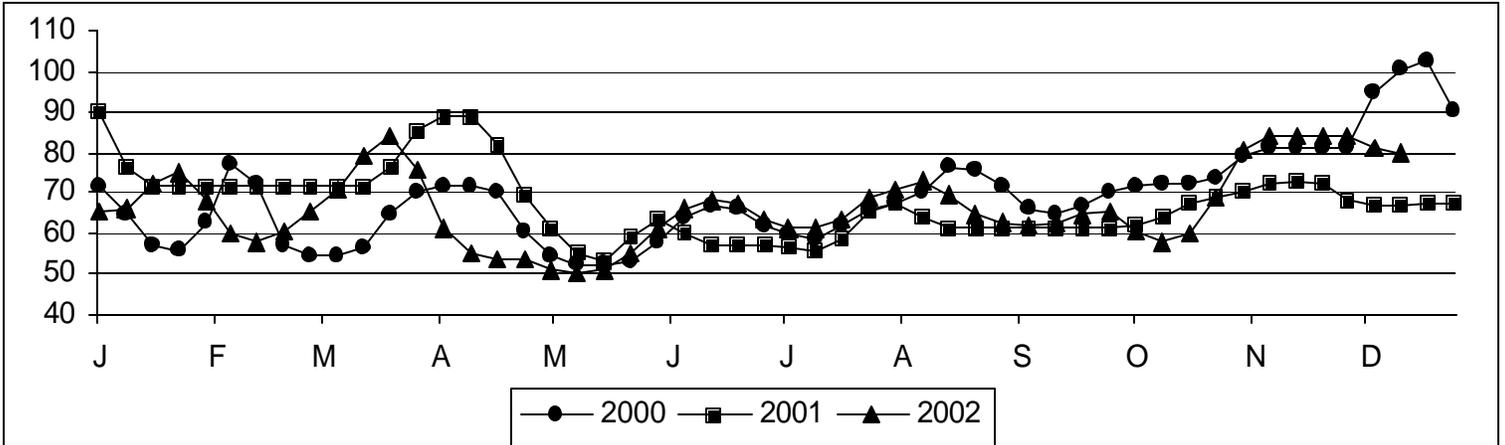
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W/E 14-Dec-02

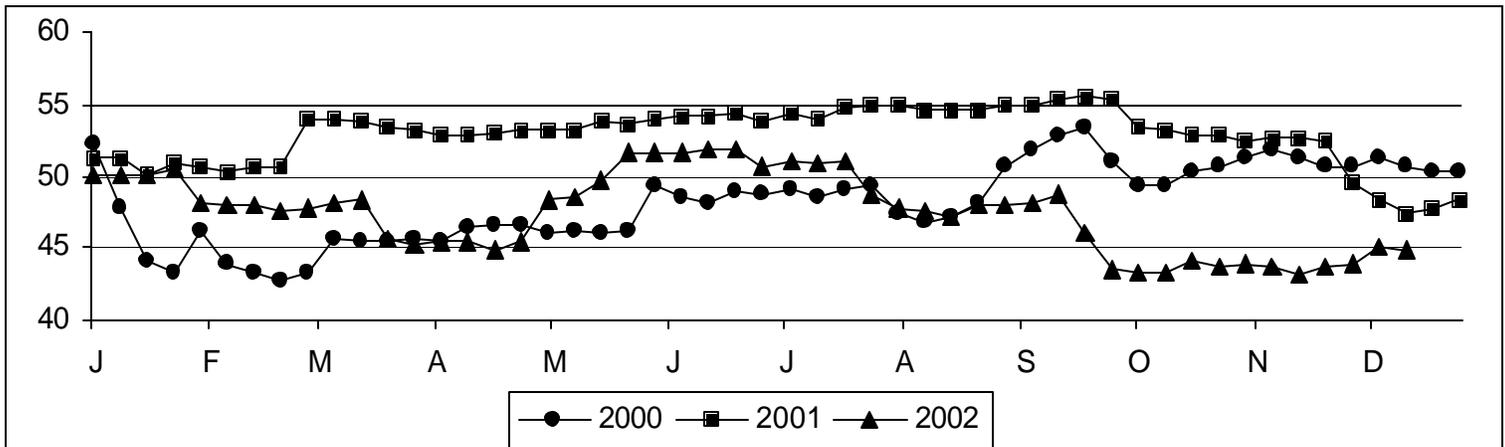
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REGIONS	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	243.2	0	3
E.N. CENTRAL	569.3	4	2
W.N. CENTRAL	290.6	4	-8
S. ATLANTIC	207.2	-2	4
S. CENTRAL	95.8	0	11
WEST	194.9	1	-6
TOTAL	1601.0	2	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

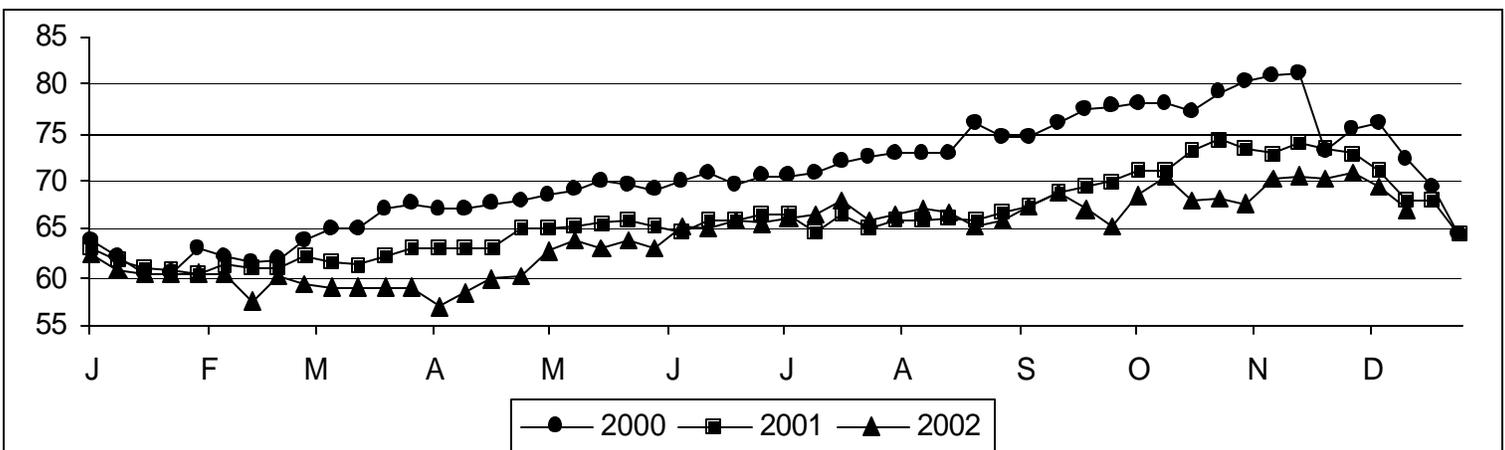
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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