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Early week prices for the larger sizes were unchanged to lower and unchanged for mediums in most locations. As the week progressed prices in Chicago fell on the larger sizes with mediums unchanged. In most other locations, prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was unsettled and ranged cautiously steady to weak. Demand for the Christmas holiday period was light to very good, best where severe winter weather and scattered features were factors. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged with many breakers bidding lower values and generally uninterested in spot loads of heavy nest runs. Most sellers lacked confidence and were considering bids close to but lower than the current quoted mostly value. Offerings fully adequate to ample. Breaking schedules reduced next week. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment mostly weak. Light type fowl offerings were adequate to ample for the fair 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) | 117-124 | 108-115 | 75-77 |
| New York | 71-75 | 69-73 | 53-57 |
| Philadelphia | 69-79 | 68-77 | 52-57.5 |
| SOUTHERN CITIES | | | |
| Atlanta (1) (2) | 64-74 | 62-70 | 44-51 |
| Jackson (1) | 75-77 | 73-75 | 56-58 |
| Major Louisiana Cities (1) | 72-82 | 70-80 | 51-62 |
| MIDWEST CITIES | | | |
| Chicago | 59-63 | 57-61 | 42-46 |
| Detroit (2) | 58-63 | 57-62 | 39-46 |
| Major Ohio Cities (2) | 60-64 | 59-62 | 41-44 |
| Major Wisconsin Cities | 61-68 | 60-65 | 42-46 |
| WESTERN CITIES | | | |
| Houston (1) | 80-82 | 77-80 | 58-61 |
| California (Grade AA)(1)(3) | 99 | 94 | 77 |

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

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Dec-02
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

Effective January 3, 2003, this report will be replaced by the Weekly Combined Regional report. This change is necessitated by the change in egg price reporting procedures.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|--------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 78.71 | 76.83 | 57.65 |
| SOUTHERN | 77.09 | 69.05 | 56.17 |
| MIDWEST | 68.68 | 67.10 | 49.21 |
| WESTERN | 96.28 | 92.90 | 76.30 |
| TWELVE METRO AREAS | 82.56 | 79.79 | 62.33 |

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

| | 12-24-02 | 12-17-02 | 12-26-01 |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Large | 39-43 | 46-50 | 34-37 |
| Medium | 21-25 | 28-32 | 22-26 |

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 23, 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 | 6.7 | 18.9 | 6.3 | 12.7 | 13.8 | 58.4 |
| | Change | -4.0 | -1.2 | -1.5 | -2.6 | 2.6 | -10% |
| Ex Lge | Curr Wk | 16.8 | 62.3 | 13.3 | 19.1 | 30.1 | 141.6 |
| | Change | -10.1 | 0.5 | -3.0 | -5.6 | -2.9 | -13% |
| Large | Curr Wk | 30.0 | 113.7 | 53.3 | 75.5 | 82.4 | 354.9 |
| | Change | -19.2 | -13.8 | -37.7 | -35.6 | -26.2 | -27% |
| Medium | Curr Wk | 10.1 | 37.8 | 21.1 | 18.2 | 26.9 | 114.1 |
| | Change | -5.0 | -11.5 | -2.9 | 0.1 | -0.7 | -15% |
| Small | Curr Wk | 2.8 | 8.9 | 2.9 | 3.8 | 4.9 | 23.3 |
| | Change | -0.2 | 0.9 | -0.8 | -1.5 | 0.9 | -3% |
| Misc | Curr Wk | 5.2 | 21.6 | 8.6 | 15.4 | 6.7 | 57.5 |
| | Change | 1.2 | -1.2 | -0.8 | -4.0 | 1.0 | -6% |
| Ungraded | Curr Wk | 16.3 | 35.3 | 30.8 | 14.6 | 36.9 | 133.9 |
| | Change | -12.0 | 3.2 | -1.1 | -14.0 | -9.2 | -20% |
| Total | Curr Wk | 87.9 | 298.5 | 136.3 | 159.3 | 201.7 | 883.7 |
| | Change | -36% | -7% | -26% | -28% | -15% | -20% |

| TOTAL | Number of Cases | Percent Change | Number of Cooperators |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Shell Egg | 883.7 | -20% | 175 |
| Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/ | 273.5 | -5% | 38 |
| Total Shell Egg | 1,157.2 | -17% | 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 -W/E 21-Dec-02
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED | INED |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| CW | 1,185,381 | 29,075 | 10,643 | 5,737 | 2,595 | 4,260 |
| PW | 1,194,289 | 29,017 | 10,563 | 5,760 | 2,471 | 4,213 |
| LY | 1,164,776 | 26,792 | 11,439 | 5,756 | 3,439 | 4,388 |
| % CHG PW | -1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| % CHG LY | 2 | 9 | -7 | 0 | -25 | -3 |

| | | | | | | |
|-----------|------------|-----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 2002 | 61,487,105 | 1,441,175 | 585,336 | 314,560 | 141,350 | 218,203 |
| 2001 | 59,295,048 | 1,347,347 | 594,290 | 317,240 | 132,412 | 211,980 |
| % CHG YTD | 4 | 7 | -2 | -1 | 7 | 3 |

| | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK | LAST YEAR |
|---|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED) | 41.94 | 41.49 | 41.53 |
| (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED) | 38.35 | 37.96 | 37.76 |

BROILER HATCHERY

| STATE | Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States | | Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States | |
|-----------------------|---|----------------|--|----------------|
| | Week Ending | | | |
| | Dec 14 2002 | Dec 21 2002 | Dec 14 2002 | Dec 21 2002 |
| | THOUSAND | | | |
| AL | 27,883 | 27,883 | 21,362 | 21,620 |
| AR | 30,240 | 30,054 | 24,762 | 23,161 |
| DE | 3,389 | 3,399 | 5,115 | 5,494 |
| FL | 1,592 | 1,594 | 1,696 | 1,720 |
| GA | *30,581 | 29,971 | *24,734 | 24,601 |
| KY | 6,741 | 6,519 | 5,378 | 5,100 |
| MD | 9,925 | 9,834 | 5,475 | 5,725 |
| MS | 18,826 | 18,627 | 15,285 | 15,907 |
| NC | 18,605 | 18,219 | 14,344 | 14,357 |
| OK | 6,243 | 6,363 | 3,957 | 4,647 |
| PA | 3,643 | 3,677 | 2,566 | 2,558 |
| SC | 4,676 | 4,698 | 3,225 | 3,518 |
| TX | 15,131 | 14,756 | 12,084 | 11,822 |
| VA | 6,230 | 6,226 | 5,221 | 5,253 |
| CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV: | 20,179 | 18,849 | 17,556 | 18,428 |
| 19 State Total | *203,884 | 200,669 | *162,760 | 163,911 |
| Previous Year Total | 207,067 | 208,836 | 166,079 | 170,266 |
| Pct. of Prev. Year | 98 | 96 | 98 | 96 |

*Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 1-Feb-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 149.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.10 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 19 - 25, 2002

CURRENT LDS 72.25 FUTURE LDS 44.00 TOTAL LDS 116.25

| CLASS | SE | | NE | | MW | | LOADS |
|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | |
| GNR W 1 | 43.00 | 48.08 | 44.50 | 45.50 | — | — | 17.00 |
| GNR W 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GNR BR 1 | — | — | 77.50 | 79.00 | — | 108.00 | 2.00 |
| GL W J | — | — | — | 76.00 | 42.83 | — | 2.50 |
| GL W XL | — | 53.75 | 56.75 | 55.21 | 40.28 | — | 32.25 |
| GL W LG | — | — | — | 54.00 | 36.18 | — | 28.50 |
| GL W MD | — | 38.40 | 30.00 | 32.00 | 30.73 | 28.00 | 18.25 |
| GL W SM | — | — | 28.00 | 29.00 | — | — | 1.00 |
| NRBS - 48 | — | — | 28.00 | 29.00 | 29.25 | 31.27 | 30.25 |
| NRBS - 39 | — | — | 14.50 | 16.00 | — | 20.83 | 7.50 |

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

| SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS | CW | | PW | | PCT CHG | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--|-----------|--|---------|-----|
| | THOUSANDS | | THOUSANDS | | PW | LY |
| ATLANTA | 29.5 | | 26.3 | | 12 | -9 |
| BOSTON | 3.9 | | 3.1 | | 26 | 30 |
| CHICAGO | 56.3 | | 65.7 | | -14 | -15 |
| DETROIT | 33.6 | | 38.2 | | -12 | -5 |
| KANSAS CITY | 3.6 | | 4.2 | | -14 | -38 |
| LOS ANGELES | 102.2 | | 107.7 | | -5 | -26 |
| NEW ORLEANS | 17.2 | | 14.0 | | 23 | 52 |
| NEW YORK | 43.9 | | 36.1 | | 22 | 7 |
| ST. LOUIS | 20.8 | | 18.2 | | 14 | -8 |
| SAN FRANCISCO | 28.0 | | 24.3 | | 15 | -7 |
| 4 WK MVG AVG | 321.0 | | | | | |

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 21-Dec-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

| | YOUNG TURKEYS | | | | TOTAL TURKEYS | |
|------------|---------------|-------------|-------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| | PCT CHG | AVG LIVE | WT | OLD BANDED | WT | AVG LIVE |
| | | | | | | |
| N EAST | 786 | -3 | 23.20 | (A) | 786 | 23.20 |
| SATL | 869 | -5 | 33.87 | (A) | 869 | 33.87 |
| N CENT | 2,136 | -4 | 32.17 | (A) | 2,137 | 32.17 |
| S CENT | 430 | 2 | 21.85 | (A) | 430 | 21.85 |
| WEST | 547 | -1 | 22.45 | (A) | 547 | 22.45 |
| U.S. TOTAL | 4,768(B) | -3 | 28.96 | 1 | 4,769 | 28.96 |
| TO-DATE | | | | | | |
| 2002 | 239,081(B) | | | 661 | 239,742 | |
| TO-DATE | | | | | | |
| 2001 | 246,574(B) | | | 582 | 247,156 | |

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 38,000; for the year 2,720,000; last year to date 2,344,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

| | YOUNG | | YOUNG | | TOTAL |
|----------------|-----------|---------|----------|-------|---------|
| | HENS | TOMS | BREEDERS | OLD | |
| | THOUSANDS | | | | |
| HEAD | 1,827 | 2,903 | 38 | 1 | 4,769 |
| AVG WT | 15.21 | 37.65 | 26.87 | 28.23 | 28.96 |
| LAST WEEK | 2,089 | 2,780 | 51 | 20 | 4,940 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 1,857 | 2,819 | 54 | 12 | 4,742 |
| AVG WT | 17.01 | 34.52 | 24.74 | 31.08 | 27.54 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 95,103 | 141,258 | 2,720 | 661 | 239,742 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 103,254 | 140,976 | 2,344 | 582 | 247,156 |

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 21-Dec-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

| | YOUNG CHICKENS | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS | DUCKS |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------|
| -----THOUSANDS----- | | | | | |
| HEAD | 152,854 | 1,782 | 1,442 | 3,224 | 434 |
| AVG WT | 5.07 | 3.37 | 7.60 | 5.26 | 6.60 |
| LAST WEEK | 154,894 | 1,829 | 1,342 | 3,171 | 461 |
| SAME WK YR AGO | 159,450 | 1,942 | 1,419 | 3,361 | 492 |
| AVG WT | 4.95 | 3.23 | 7.78 | 5.15 | 6.30 |
| TO-DATE/2002 | 7,878,649 | 88,473 | 72,137 | 160,610 | 21,251 |
| TO-DATE/2001 | 7,834,427 | 90,978 | 70,660 | 161,638 | 25,712 |

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 144.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.7 million head or 10.3 million head more than or 107% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-02

| CLASS | CURRENT WEEK | PREVIOUS WEEK |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | 12/29/02 (1) | 12/21/02 |
| -----THOUSAND HEAD----- | | |
| BRO-FRY | 111,777(2) | 158,055 |
| LT HENS | 948 | 1,942 |
| HVY HENS | 757 | 1,491 |
| TOTAL | 113,482 | 161,488 |

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-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 112.0 million head or 32.4 million less than estimated available. For week of 05-Jan-03 the estimated available is 140.8 million head.

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

| WEEK ENDING | MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED | MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE | AVG WT |
|--------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| NOVEMBER 16 | 156.0 | 151.3 | 103% 5.29 |
| 23 | 151.5 | 146.2 | 104% 5.16 |
| 30 | 116.9 | 145.5 | 80% 4.98 |
| DECEMBER 7 | 153.8 | 146.7 | 105% 5.13 |
| 14 | 156.8 | 146.7 | 107% 5.09 |
| 21 | 154.7 | 144.4 | 107% 5.07 |
| YEAR TO DATE | 7973.2 | 8000.3 | 100% |
| DECEMBER 28 | | 140.8 | |
| JANUARY 4 | | 142.4 | |

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 12/23/02-12/28/02

| | U.S. GRADE A | | COMPOSITE | | |
|-------------|--------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----|
| | MAJ | WTD AVG | LDS | WTD AVG | LDS |
| Chicago | 46.00-49.00 | 48.49 | 41 | 50.43 | 75 |
| Los Angeles | 67.00 | 65.94 | 53 | 64.68 | 114 |
| New York | 51.00-54.00 | 52.29 | 21 | 54.65 | 48 |

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

| | Change from | |
|-----------|-------------|---------------------|
| | 16-Dec-02 | 16-Dec-02 24-Dec-01 |
| 23-Dec-02 | 57.12 | 3.23 53.89 55.85 |

NUMBER OF LOADS 500

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/ | 63-65 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION 4/ | 63-64 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION 5/ | 63-64 | - | - | - |
| 16-24 LB TOMS | | | | |
| EASTERN REGION | 58-61 | - | - | - |
| CENTRAL REGION | 57-61 | - | - | - |
| WESTERN REGION | 58-60 | - | - | - |

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 12/23/02 | 2,072 | 110,278 | 79,887 |
| AM 12/01/02 | 2,669 | 112,050 | 77,481 |
| CHG | -597 | -1772 | 2406 |
| PCT CHG | -22% | -2% | 3% |

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 12/23/02

| HEAVY TYPE | RANGE | MAJORITY | WTD. AVG |
|------------------|--------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Southeast (1) | 7-9.5 CENTS/LB. | 8-8.5 | 8.33 |
| Southeast (2) | TFEWR | | |
| South Central(1) | TOO FEW TO REPORT PRICES | | |

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 12/20/02

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

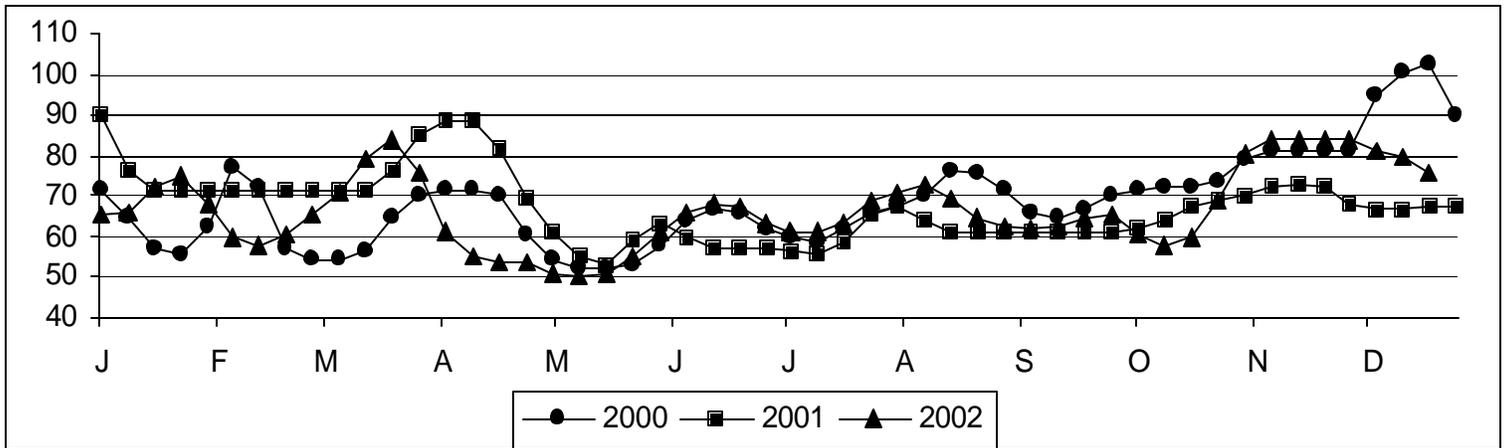
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 21-Dec-02

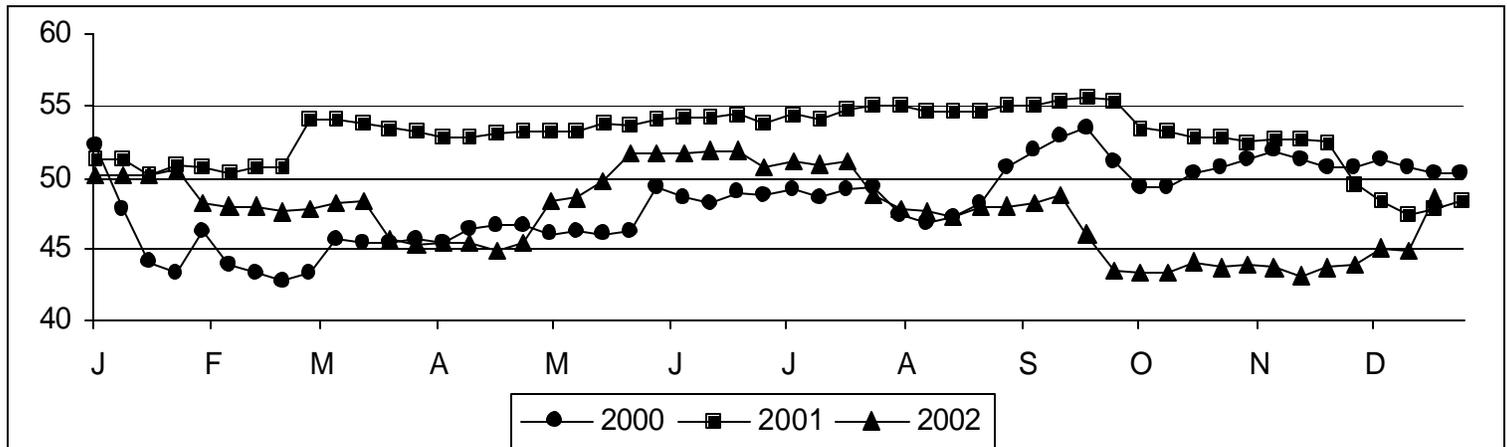
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

| REGIONS | CASES (IN THOUS) | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----|
| | | PW | LY |
| N. ATLANTIC | 240.3 | -1 | -2 |
| E.N. CENTRAL | 562.2 | -1 | 0 |
| W.N. CENTRAL | 285.9 | -2 | -9 |
| S. ATLANTIC | 206.7 | 0 | 3 |
| S. CENTRAL | 95.5 | 0 | 13 |
| WEST | 212.2 | 9 | -6 |
| TOTAL | 1602.8 | 0 | -2 |
| MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING | | 87 | 86 |

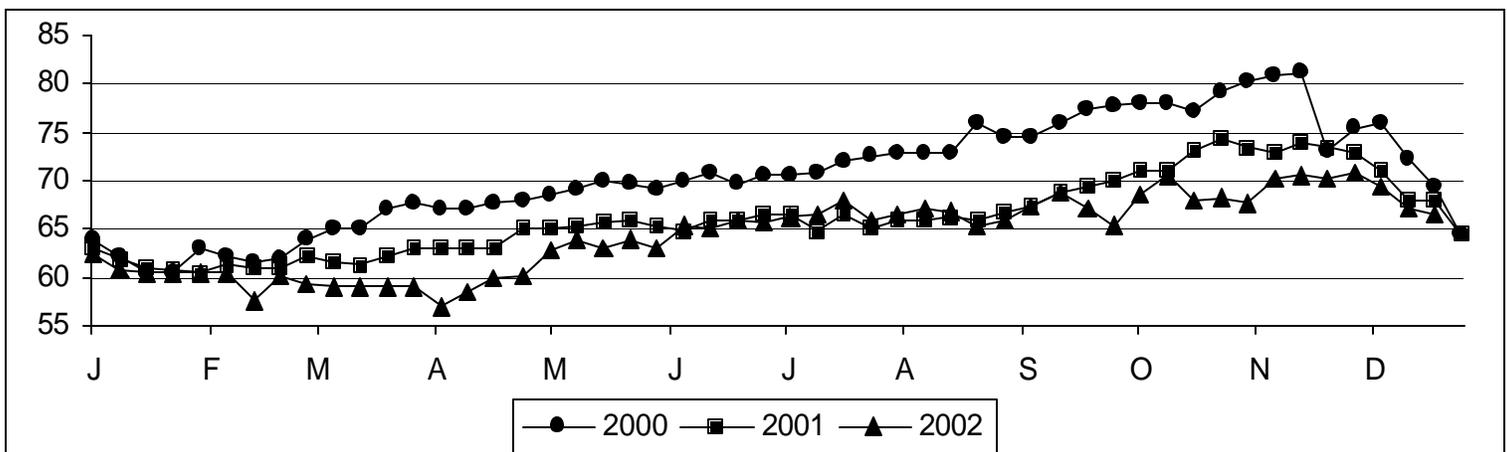
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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