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Early week prices in New York and Chicago were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged to lower on the lighter weights. As the week progressed prices in New York were lower on the larger sizes and unchanged in all other areas. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies were adequate to available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand was light for the adequate offerings. Normal sources of eggs easily satisfy current needs. Supplies of additional nest run product held with confidence. Schedules reduced this week. Floor stocks were fully adequate. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type fowl offerings fully adequate to mostly ample with heavy movement noted as producers market spent hens to a variety of end users.

PRICES TO RETAILERS

"NO LONGER ISSUED"

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA FOR WEEK ENDING 27-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	73.91	72.03	54.94
SOUTHERN	72.90	70.40	52.00
MIDWEST	62.12	60.48	43.25
WESTERN	89.40	86.03	68.79
TWELVE METRO AREAS	76.57	74.15	56.88

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

	12-31-02	12-24-02	01-02-02
Large	36-40	39-43	34-37
Medium	21-25	21-25	23-27

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM DEC 30, 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	6.1	16.4	5.9	12.8	54.0	
	Change	-0.6	-2.5	-0.4	0.1	-1.0	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	18.2	52.9	14.2	18.5	30.1	133.9
	Change	1.4	-9.4	0.9	-0.6	0.0	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	31.9	119.3	64.1	70.5	88.6	374.4
	Change	1.9	5.6	10.8	-5.0	6.2	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.5	42.9	18.6	20.8	25.8	122.6
	Change	4.4	5.1	-2.5	2.6	-1.1	7%
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	8.8	4.7	6.0	6.3	29.3
	Change	0.7	-0.1	1.8	2.2	1.4	26%
Misc	Curr Wk	8.3	21.9	7.5	18.9	8.5	65.1
	Change	3.1	0.3	-1.1	3.5	1.8	13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.5	69.8	26.4	26.8	33.4	173.9
	Change	1.2	34.5	-4.4	12.2	-3.5	30%
Total	Curr Wk	100.0	332.0	141.4	174.3	205.5	953.2
	Percent Change	14%	11%	4%	9%	2%	8%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	953.2	8%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	328.0	20%	38
Total Shell Egg	1281.2	11%	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 28-Dec-02

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,016,048	24,757	8,959	4,884	2,973	3,616
PW	1,185,381	29,075	10,643	5,737	2,595	4,260
LY	988,416	21,439	10,240	5,654	2,651	3,641
% CHG PW	-14	-15	-16	-15	15	-15
% CHG LY	3	15	-13	-14	12	-1
2002	62,503,153	1,465,932	594,295	319,444	144,323	221,819
2001	60,283,464	1,368,786	604,530	322,894	135,063	215,621
% CHG YTD	4	7	-2	-1	7	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.55	41.94	41.45
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.99	38.35	37.77

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in</u> 19 Selected States		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed</u> in 19 Selected States	
	Dec 21	Dec 28	Dec 21	Dec 28
	Thousand			
AL	27,883	27,892	21,620	21,683
AR	30,054	29,685	*23,254	23,721
DE	3,399	3,484	*5,313	4,512
FL	*1,572	1,564	*1,754	1,607
GA	*29,982	30,744	*24,746	24,493
KY	*6,460	6,1961	*5,119	5,316
MD	9,834	9,750	*5,805	6,495
MS	18,627	18,897	15,907	15,161
NC	18,219	17,743	*14,273	13,978
OK	6,363	6,027	4,647	4,388
PA	3,677	3,605	2,558	2,465
SC	*4,868	4,863	*3,831	3,939
TX	14,756	14,887	11,822	11,730
VA	6,226	6,233	*5,890	5,281
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,039	19,540	*18,045	18,005
19 State Total	*200,959	201,110	*164,584	162,774
Previous Year Total	208,836	207,192	170,266	166,034
Pct. of Prev. Year	96	97	97	98

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 8-FEB-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.4 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.9 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.67 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 12/26/02-01/01/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 115.75		FUTURE LDS 64.50		TOTAL LDS 180.25		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	40.33	44.86	40.75	42.33	—	—	22.00
GNR W 2	—	42.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	34.00	30.00	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.00	—	1.50
GL W XL	—	53.50	53.33	54.58	45.96	—	50.00
GL W LG	—	53.10	39.00	43.14	42.86	47.00	56.25
GL W MD	—	—	35.50	37.00	33.61	32.33	20.50
GL W SM	—	—	27.92	29.25	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	30.33	31.65	29.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	14.00	16.00	—	20.50	6.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 28-Dec-2002

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	25.5	29.5	-14	0
BOSTON	3.4	3.9	-13	-24
CHICAGO	59.3	56.3	5	14
DETROIT	33.5	33.6	0	12
KANSAS CITY	4.8	3.6	33	-14
LOS ANGELES	88.1	102.2	-14	-22
NEW ORLEANS	11.8	17.2	-31	24
NEW YORK	36.8	43.9	-16	-8
ST. LOUIS	16.1	20.8	-23	10
SAN FRANCISCO	23.8	28.0	-15	1
TOTAL	303.1	339.0	-11	-4
4 WK MVG AVG	314.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 28-Dec-2002

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,122	1,667	17	4	2,810
AVG WT	15.11	38.24	26.12	33.23	28.93
LAST WEEK	1,827	2,903	38	1	4,769
SAME WK YR AGO	1,000	1,639	22	16	2,677
AVG WT	15.73	37.61	25.97	27.92	29.28
TO-DATE/2002	96,225	142,925	2,737	665	242,552
TO-DATE/2001	104,254	142,615	2,366	598	249,833

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 28-Dec-2002
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		THOUSAND	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	469	-40	23.06	(A)	470	23.06
SATL	407	-53	32.41	(A)	408	32.41
N CENT	1,232	-42	33.16	(A)	1,233	33.16
S CENT	264	-39	23.00	(A)	265	23.00
WEST	434	-21	23.60	(A)	434	23.60
U.S. TOTAL	2,806(B)	-41	28.93	4	2,810	28.93
TO-DATE						
2002	241,887(B)			665	242,552	
TO-DATE						
2001	249,235(B)			598	249,833	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 17,000 for the year 2,737,000; last year to date 2,366,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 28-Dec-2002 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	107,976	967	678	1,645	296
AVG WT	5.10	3.23	7.94	5.17	6.91
LAST WEEK	152,854	1,782	1,442	3,224	434
SAME WK YR AGO	115,281	1,176	818	1,994	378
AVG WT	5.23	3.46	7.98	5.31	6.73
TO-DATE/2002	7,986,625	89,440	72,815	162,255	21,547
TO-DATE/2001	7,949,708	92,154	71,478	163,632	26,090

The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier week 140.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 109.3 million head or 31.5 million head less than or 78% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Jan-02

CLASS	CW 01/04/02(1)	PW 12/28/02
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	131,001(2)	111,777
LT HENS	1,318	948
HVY HENS	1,187	757
TOTAL	133,506	113,482

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Jan-03 is 140.8 million head compared to 116.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 131.3 million head or 9.5 million less than estimated available. For week of 11-Jan-03 the estimated available is 142.4 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 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
28	109.3	140.8	78%	5.10
YEAR TO DATE	8082.5	8141.1	99%	
JANUARY 4		142.4		
11		149.1		

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 12/30/02-01/04/02

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	50.00-53.00	52.46	39	54.20
Los Angeles	67.00	66.04	57	64.19
New York	54.00-57.00	55.22	23	54.02

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

	Change from		
30-Dec-02	23-Dec-02	23-Dec-02	31-Dec-01
58.22	1.10	57.12	55.66
NUMBER OF LOADS	548		

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

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
DECEMBER	54.74	2,416.20

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

OCTOBER-DECEMBER	53.68	7,470.20
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YEARLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

2002	55.52	30,349.60
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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)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	60-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-63	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	57-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57-58	-	-	-

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 12/30/02		1,935	128,502	79,091
AM 12/01/02		2,669	112,050	77,481
CHG		-734	16452	1610
PCT CHG		-28%	15%	2%

HEN MARKETS Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 12/30/02

HEAVY TYPE	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.07
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	7.75-8.5	8.18

Effective January 3, 2003, the Eastern, South Central and North Central Light Live Hen Reports will no longer report light live hen prices in cents per pound, generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. The report will reflect producer costs in cents per bird for light type hen removal. The change is in response to request from egg producers, hen buyers, transporters and processors to reflect current industry hen removal practices.

LIGHT TYPE

Cents Per LB, Day of Negotiation, Generally for slaughter within the next 10 days. 12/27/02

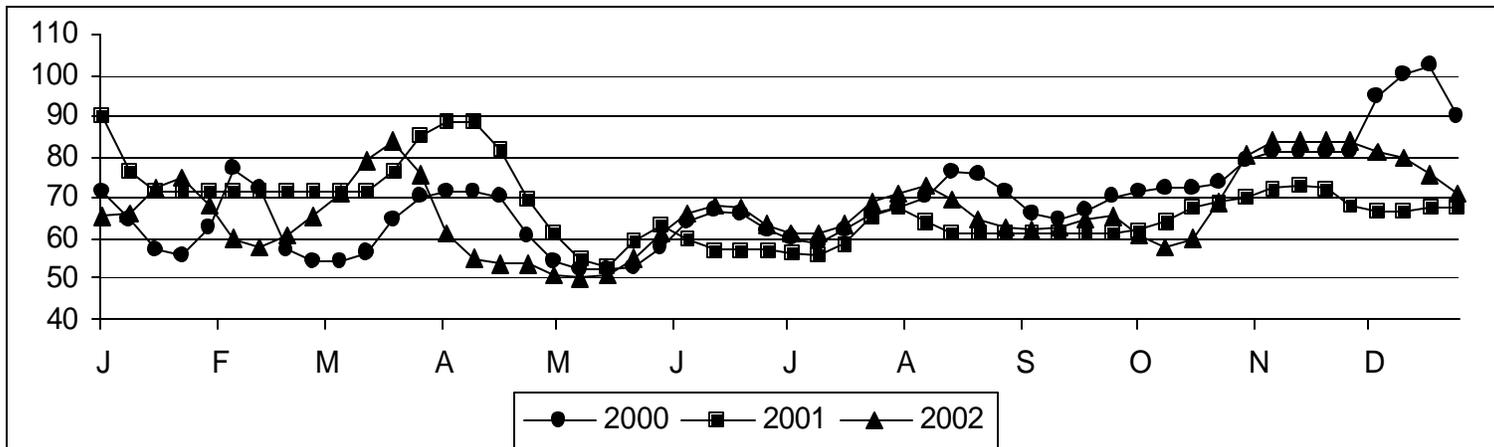
Eastern (1)	0-0
Eastern (2)	0-0
So. Central (2)	TFEWR*
No. Central (1)	TFEWR*
No. Central (2)	0

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

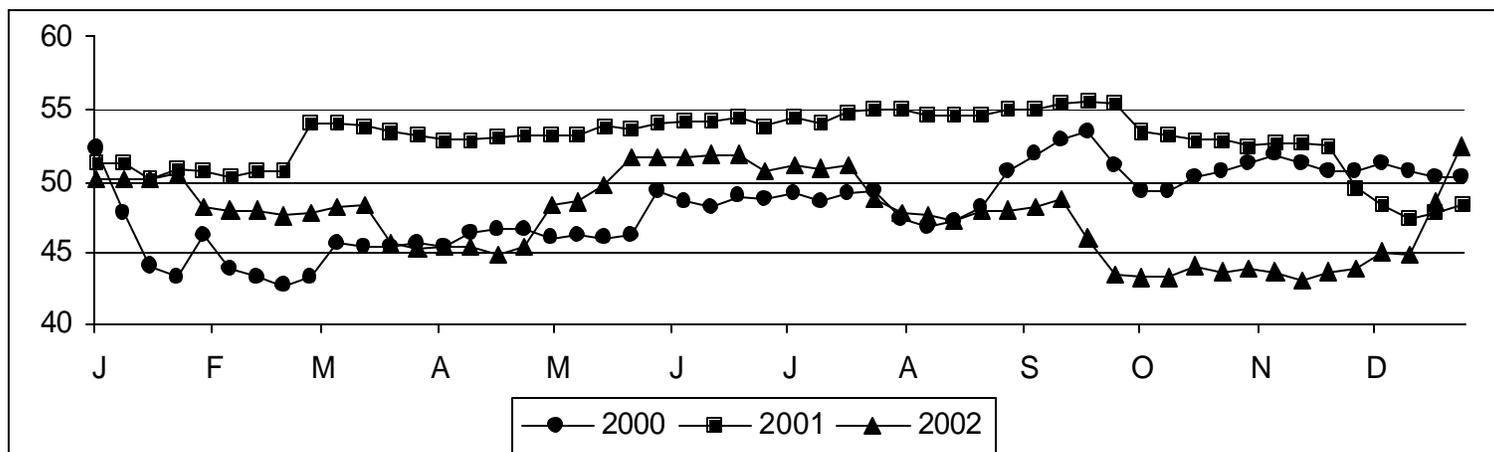
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 28-Dec-02 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	239.0	-1	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	549.5	-2	7
W.N. CENTRAL	270.2	-5	-8
S. ATLANTIC	198.3	-4	9
S. CENTRAL	93.4	-2	12
WEST	190.2	-10	-4
TOTAL	1540.6	-4	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

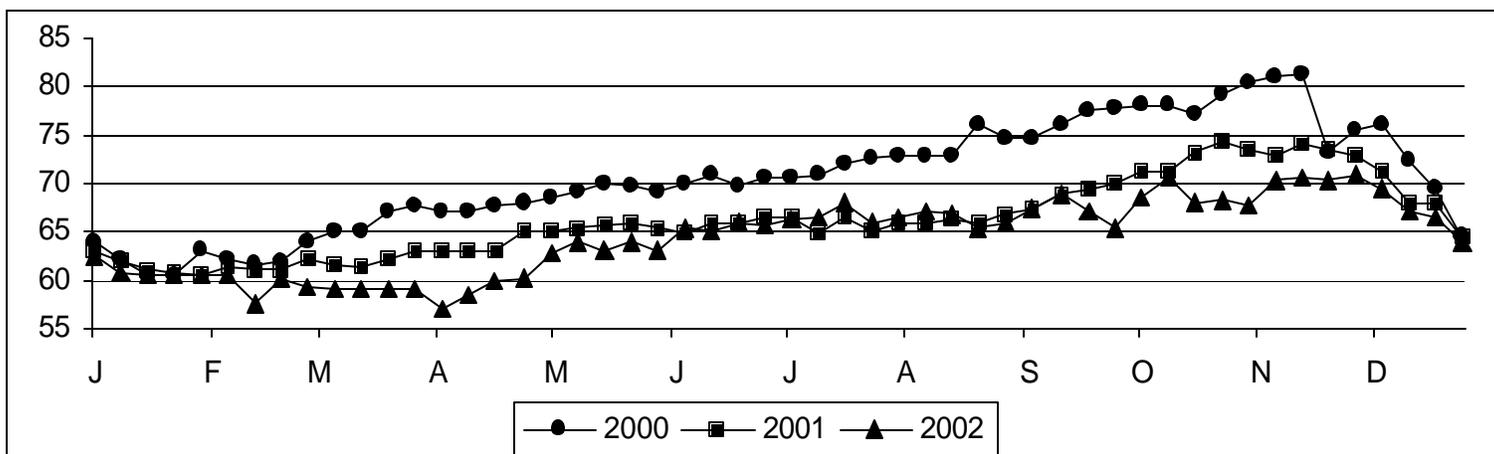
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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