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Early week prices were mixed, trending unchanged to slightly lower. As the week progressed prices in Chicago increased 1 cent on mediums, while remaining unchanged on the balance. Prices in New York were 2 cents higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to mostly fully steady with mediums in the strongest position. Demand was light to good, best where features were in progress. Supplies were mixed, but usually ranged sufficient to close with mediums in the tightest position. Breaking stock prices for nest run advanced 1 to 2 cents with checks and undergrades also increasing 1 cent. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good with offerings continuing adequate to tight. Floor stocks varied from plant to plant from in close balance to fully adequate with many breakers concerned over raw costs and attempting to wait for higher values on liquid whole egg and whites. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady. Light type fowl offerings fully adequate to ample for the current fair demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were up 1 cent for mediums. All other prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady with mediums in the strongest position. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was light to instances moderate. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was moderate to at times fairly good for the adequate to tight offerings. Floor stocks varied and were usually in close balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady to fully steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	53-60	55-57
LARGE	51-59	53-57
MEDIUM	38-44	41-43

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending higher. The market tone ranged steady to mostly fully steady. Demand into all outlets was light to good, best into feature activity. Large eggs were advertised as two 18-packs for \$3. Supplies were mixed, but were usually adequate to closely balanced for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Light type hens were at least sufficient for slaughter needs.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	59-78	66-72
LARGE	55-75	62-66
MEDIUM	41-56	46-48

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-12 METRO AREA SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR WEEK ENDING 3-Jan-03 FEDERAL-STATE AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	69.00	64.00	47.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	47.00
MIDWEST	56.00	55.00	42.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	64.50	63.00	45.75
COMBINED REGIONAL	63.50	61.19	45.43

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 06, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.1	14.7	6.3	12.3	10.0	50.4
	Change	1.0	-1.7	0.4	-0.5	-2.8	-7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.6	49.8	18.8	19.5	26.2	135.9
	Change	3.4	-3.1	4.6	1.0	-3.9	1%
Large	Curr Wk	31.3	99.7	58.3	68.9	93.1	351.3
	Change	-0.6	-19.6	-5.8	-1.6	4.5	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	40.1	16.8	17.0	25.7	111.3
	Change	-2.8	-2.8	-1.8	-3.8	-0.1	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	8.8	6.3	8.3	7.5	35.6
	Change	1.2	0.0	1.6	2.3	1.2	22%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.9	19.3	7.4	20.2	9.3	63.1
	Change	-1.4	-2.6	-0.1	1.3	0.8	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.1	89.1	21.8	27.1	35.4	200.5
	Change	9.6	19.3	-4.6	0.3	2.0	15%
Total	Curr Wk	110.4	321.5	135.7	173.3	207.2	948.1
Percent	Change	10%	-3%	-4%	-1%	1%	-1%
TOTAL			Number of	Percent	Number of		
			Cases	Change	Cooperators		
Shell Egg			948.1	-1%	175		
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/			349.9	7%	38		
Total Shell Egg			1298.0	1%	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.

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	01-07-03	12-31-02	01-08-02
Large	33-36	36-40	33-36
Medium	23-27	21-25	23-27

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	1,075,635	24,655	10,600	5,859	3,046	4,084
PW	1,016,048	24,757	8,959	4,884	2,973	3,616
LY	1,028,223	21,576	11,152	6,140	3,155	4,065
% CHG PW	6	0	18	20	2	13
% CHG LY	5	14	-5	-5	-3	0
2003	1,075,635	24,655	10,600	5,859	3,046	4,084
2002	1,028,223	21,576	11,152	6,140	3,155	4,065
% CHG YTD	5	14	-5	-5	-3	0

(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	42.02	41.55	41.75
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	38.22	37.99	37.80

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Dec 28	Jan 04	Dec 28	Jan 04
	Thousand			
AL	27,892	28,561	21,683	21,079
AR	29,685	31,253	23,721	24,244
DE	*3,450	3,602	*4,454	4,908
FL	1,564	1,562	1,607	1,557
GA	*30,767	30,896	*24,543	24,579
KY	*6,096	6,172	*5,314	5,466
MD	*9,768	9,670	*6,383	6,078
MS	18,897	18,823	15,161	15,540
NC	17,743	18,590	13,978	14,491
OK	6,027	6,364	4,388	4,491
PA	*3,592	3,528	*2,482	2,581
SC	4,863	4,729	3,939	4,105
TX	*14,890	14,559	*11,729	11,914
VA	*6,294	6,355	*5,444	5,337
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,296	19,725	*17,691	18,251
19 State Total	*200,824	204,389	*162,517	164,621
Previous Year Total	207,192	206,952	166,034	169,020
Pct. of Prev. Year	97	99	98	97

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.7 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.2 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.11 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 01/02/03-01/08/03

CURRENT LDS 83.25 FUTURE LDS 103.25 TOTAL LDS 186.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	40.33	46.29	40.83	44.14	45.00	43.00	69.00
GNR W 2	—	26.00	44.00	45.00	35.00	—	3.00
GNR W 3	—	—	29.00	30.00	32.50	—	6.00
GL W XL	—	55.14	52.67	54.24	51.08	—	42.00
GL W LG	—	53.48	48.75	51.07	49.26	—	36.00
GL W MD	—	—	37.40	38.60	35.00	32.50	22.00
GL W SM	—	—	29.75	31.75	—	—	2.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	29.00	32.83	32.50	32.50	25.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	20.50	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 04-Jan-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	23.7	25.5	-7	-11
BOSTON	3.6	3.4	6	-8
CHICAGO	50.6	59.3	-15	8
DETROIT	34.8	33.5	4	26
KANSAS CITY	4.4	4.8	-8	-15
LOS ANGELES	87.8	88.1	0	-27
NEW ORLEANS	11.5	11.8	-3	-6
NEW YORK	40.3	36.8	10	1
ST. LOUIS	16.3	16.1	1	-23
SAN FRANCISCO	24.1	23.8	1	4
TOTAL	297.1	303.1	-2	-7
4 WK MVG AVG	319.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 04-Jan-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,265	1,987	18	9	3,279
AVG WT	15.43	38.84	26.63	31.41	29.73
LAST WEEK	1,122	1,667	17	4	2,810
SAME WK YR AGO	1,262	1,878	33	0	3,173
AVG WT	16.70	36.79	26.04	0.00	28.69
TO-DATE/2003	1,265	1,987	18	9	3,279
TO-DATE/2002	1,262	1,878	33	0	3,173

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 04-Jan-2003

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

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	573	22	24.03	(A)	575	24.03
SATL	494	21	35.09	(A)	496	35.09
N CENT	1,507	22	33.81	(A)	1,509	33.81
S CENT	407	54	21.20	(A)	409	21.20
WEST	289	-33	22.49	(A)	290	22.49
U.S. TOTAL	3,270 (B)	17	29.72	9	3,279	29.72
TO-DATE						
2003	3,270 (B)			9	3,279	
TO-DATE						
2002	3,173 (B)			0	3,173	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 18,000 for the year 18,000; last year to date 33,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 04-Jan-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	126,793	1,179	1,127	2,306	388
AVG WT	5.15	3.39	7.83	5.56	6.57
LAST WEEK	107,976	967	678	1,645	296
SAME WK YR AGO	118,269	1,436	1,171	2,607	392
AVG WT	5.20	3.42	7.92	5.44	6.69
TO-DATE/2003	126,793	1,179	1,127	2,306	388
TO-DATE/2002	118,269	1,436	1,171	2,607	392

The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 142.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 128.3 million head or 14.1 million head less than or 90% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Jan-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	01/11/03(1)	01/04/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	159,376(2)	131,001
LT HENS	1,891	1,318
HVY HENS	1,462	1,187
TOTAL	162,729	133,506

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Jan-03 is 142.4 million head compared to 119.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.7 million head or 17.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 18-Jan-03 the estimated available is 149.1 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 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
JANUARY 4	128.3	142.4	90%	5.15
YEAR TO DATE	128.3	142.4	90%	
JANUARY 11		149.1		
18		152.4		

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 01/06/03-01/11/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	54.00-57.00	56.44	44	57.88
Los Angeles	67.00	66.16	61	64.77
New York	59.00-61.00	59.68	22	59.22

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

	Change from		
	30-Dec-02	30-Dec-02	7-Jan-02
6-Jan-03	61.08	2.86	56.85

NUMBER OF LOADS 609

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/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-61	-	-	-
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 - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 01/06/03	2,044	134,279	79,029
AM 01/01/03	2,669	112,050	77,481
CHG	-625	22,229	1,548
PCT CHG	-23%	20%	2%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30 2002 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	3 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	331 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	804 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 06-Jan-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	7.98
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	4-10 CENTS/LB.	6.5-8	8.20

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

LIGHT TYPE 03-JAN-03

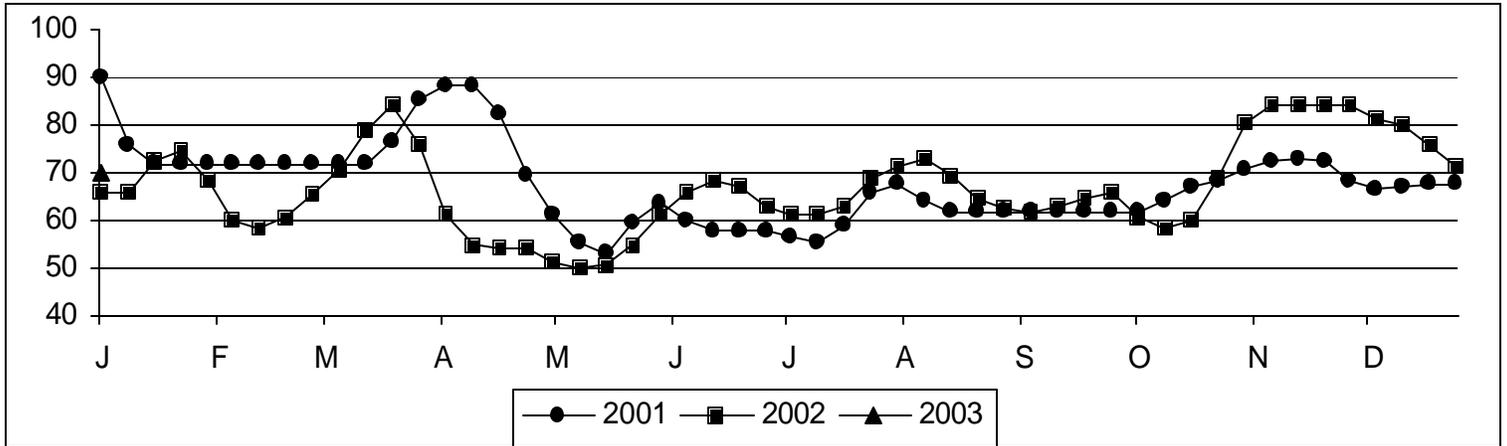
Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-7	3-5
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-5	2-3

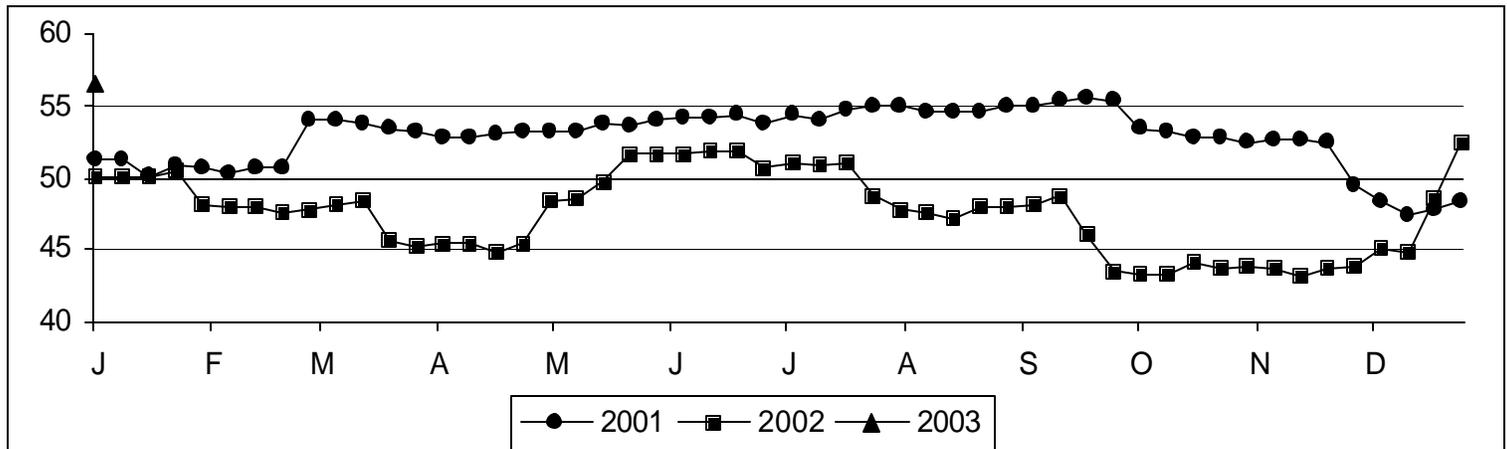
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 04-Jan-03
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	227.7	-5	0
E.N. CENTRAL	536.8	-2	5
W.N. CENTRAL	275.0	2	-3
S. ATLANTIC	198.8	0	9
S. CENTRAL	91.0	-3	29
WEST	194.6	2	-5
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

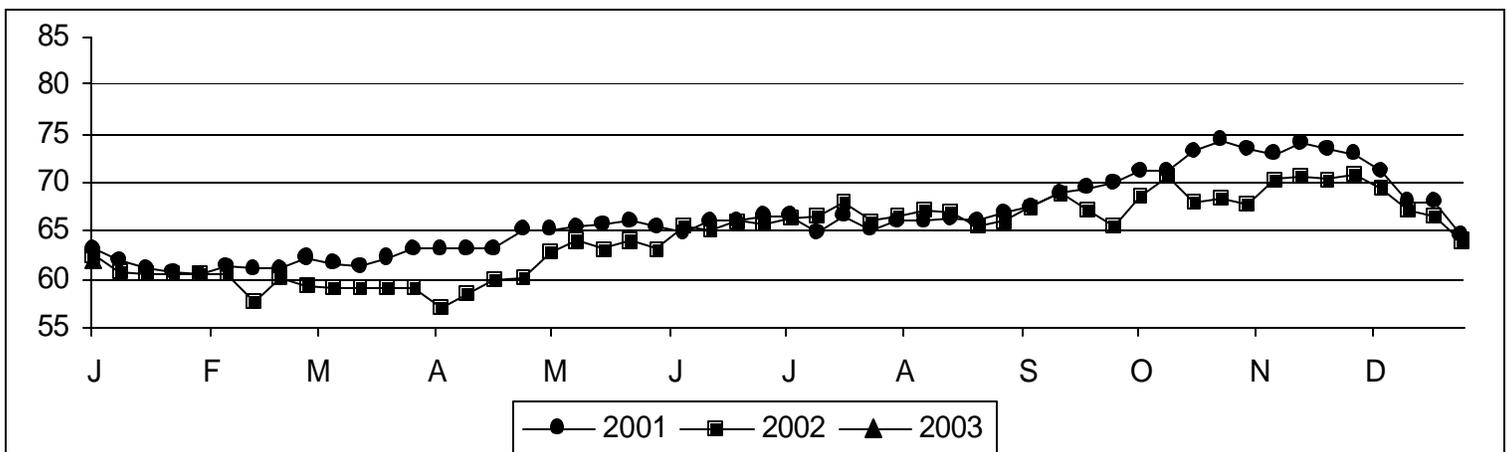
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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