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Early week prices were sharply higher in all locations. As the week progressed larger sizes were unchanged and medium prices trended higher in most areas. The market tone was generally steady. Demand into all channels was mixed, usually moderate to good. Supplies ranged adequate to tight for present trade needs. Breaking stock prices for nest run were unchanged to one cent higher. Checks and undergrades prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand very light as most breakers reduce current schedules and work from regular commitments. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules part-time to full-time. Trade sentiment steady. Light type fowl offerings were adequate to fully adequate.

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 1 cent higher for mediums. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies usually adequate to well balanced. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand very light as most breakers reduce current schedules and work from regular commitments. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules part-time to full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	70-77	72-74
LARGE	68-76	70-74
MEDIUM	58-64	61-64

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, although mediums were trending slightly higher. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to at times good. Supplies were closely balanced to occasionally tight for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were limited for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for the light to fair demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	73-87	76-80
LARGE	69-84	74-78
MEDIUM	60-75	65-67

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Jan-03 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	69.50	64.50	56.00
SOUTHEAST	65.50	63.50	50.00
MIDWEST	58.00	57.00	45.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	66.00	50.75
COMBINED REGIONAL	65.21	62.90	50.54

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JAN 20, 2003

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.9	15.3	5.0	9.1	9.7	48.0
	Change	2.8	2.7	-0.5	-1.2	-0.7	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.9	33.7	9.8	17.1	25.2	107.7
	Change	1.4	4.4	-1.8	-1.8	3.4	5%
Large	Curr Wk	40.1	86.2	36.3	64.8	64.3	291.7
	Change	6.6	6.8	-3.4	1.7	1.0	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	38.9	12.4	15.5	20.7	100.1
	Change	1.5	8.8	-6.5	1.7	1.8	8%
Small	Curr Wk	3.9	8.0	3.3	7.3	3.5	26.0
	Change	-0.4	0.2	-2.8	-2.4	-0.9	-20%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	20.8	7.1	14.5	8.0	56.1
	Change	-1.1	2.2	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.0	41.9	16.4	29.7	24.0	129.0
	Change	-6.7	-14.2	4.9	-0.4	-3.7	-13%
Total	Curr Wk	110.1	244.8	90.3	158.0	155.4	758.6
Percent	Change	4%	5%	-10%	-2%	1%	0%
TOTAL			Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg			758.6		0%		175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/			310.9		-1%		38
Total Shell Egg			1069.5		0%		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

	01-21-03	01-14-03	01-22-02
Large	53-57	40-44	46-49
Medium	41-45	26-30	39-43

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 18-Jan-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,124,446	26,439	10,550	5,851	3,179	4,093
PW	1,212,923	27,997	11,648	6,546	2,883	4,448
LY	1,110,938	25,123	11,180	5,823	3,120	4,189
% CHG PW	-7	-6	-9	-11	10	-8
% CHG LY	1	5	-6	0	2	-2
2003	3,413,004	79,091	32,798	18,256	9,108	12,625
2002	3,374,534	73,644	35,476	18,831	9,602	12,777
% CHG YTD	1	7	-8	-3	-5	-1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.74	41.75	41.69
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.10	38.08	37.92

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Jan 11	Jan 18	Jan 11	Jan 18
	Thousand			
AL	27,934	27,516	21,069	20,995
AR	30,267	31,023	24,081	24,397
DE	3,379	3,582	*5,324	5,458
FL	1,572	1,555	1,502	1,555
GA	*30,668	30,888	*24,309	25,170
KY	6,517	6,537	5,392	4,981
MD	*9,964	9,676	*5,566	5,513
MS	*19,015	18,829	*15,285	15,873
NC	18,287	18,697	14,309	14,091
OK	6,420	6,408	4,218	4,066
PA	*3,337	3,519	*2,519	2,630
SC	4,756	4,792	3,589	4,341
TX	14,709	14,485	11,636	11,769
VA	6,357	6,387	5,161	5,154
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,370	19,614	*18,324	17,731

19 State Total	*202,552	203,508	*162,284	163,724
Previous Year Total	204,606	205,220	168,883	168,359
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	96	97

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 1-Mar-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 150.5 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.06 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 01/16/03-01/22/03

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	64.00	—	—	58.50	—	5.00
GNR W 1	54.80	64.17	55.67	56.83	59.26	60.50	52.00
GNR W 2	—	—	55.00	—	57.29	58.50	8.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	42.00	40.00	44.00	3.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	74.15	—	3.50
GL W XL	—	76.00	68.29	71.23	69.18	—	36.50
GL W LG	—	79.42	67.33	69.75	68.00	74.35	60.00
GL W MD	—	64.00	62.00	63.82	58.83	—	16.00
GL W SM	33.38	36.00	33.25	35.75	—	—	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	40.00	40.00	42.33	26.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	31.50	2.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 18-Jan-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	24.1	23.7	2	3
BOSTON	3.8	3.8	0	3
CHICAGO	44.2	54.4	-19	-11
DETROIT	26.2	31.0	-15	-20
KANSAS CITY	4.0	4.4	-9	-7
LOS ANGELES	87.1	98.3	-11	-26
NEW ORLEANS	12.9	12.2	6	12
NEW YORK	34.6	34.1	1	-1
ST. LOUIS	18.7	17.1	9	9
SAN FRANCISCO	22.9	24.9	-8	0
TOTAL	278.5	303.9	-8	-16
4 WK MVG AVG	295.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 18-Jan-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,717	2,681	69	9	4,476
AVG WT	15.61	38.16	24.52	26.66	29.28
LAST WEEK	1,774	2,609	76	19	4,478
SAME WK YR AGO	1,660	2,594	32	10	4,296
AVG WT	16.31	38.28	29.15	35.99	29.71
TO-DATE/2003	4,756	7,277	163	37	12,233
TO-DATE/2002	4,762	7,262	99	12	12,135

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTSBY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 18-Jan-2003
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	--YOUNG TURKEYS--			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND HEAD	PCT PW	CHG LIVE WT		THOUSAND HEAD-	AVG LIVE WT
N EAST	804	-4	22.73	(A)	806	22.73
SATL	774	-2	32.27	(A)	776	32.27
N CENT	2,068	2	33.41	(A)	2,070	33.41
S CENT	445	2	21.88	(A)	447	21.88
WEST	376	2	23.17	(A)	377	23.17
U.S. TOTAL	4,467 (B)	0	29.28	9	4,476	29.28
TO-DATE						
2003	12,196 (B)			37	12,233	
TO-DATE						
2002	12,123 (B)			12	12,135	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 69,000 for the year 163,000; last year to date 99,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 18-Jan-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,150	1,841	1,505	3,346	410
AVG WT	5.14	3.30	7.84	5.34	6.48
LAST WEEK	152,541	1,736	1,413	3,149	421
SAME WK YR AGO	158,580	1,881	1,298	3,179	461
AVG WT	5.24	3.62	7.73	5.30	7.12
TO-DATE/2003	432,484	4,756	4,045	8,801	1,219
TO-DATE/2002	436,423	5,291	3,847	9,138	1,344

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 152.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 155 million head or 2.6 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Jan-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	01/25/03(1)	01/18/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	147,964(2)	158,963
LT HENS	1,899	2,056
HVY HENS	1,338	1,558
TOTAL	151,201	162,577

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Jan-03 is 152.9 million head compared to 158.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 148.3 million head or 4.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 01-Feb-03 the estimated available is 154.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
DECEMBER 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
11	154.4	149.1	104%	5.11
18	155.0	152.4	102%	5.14
YEAR TO DATE	437.7	443.9	99%	
JANUARY 25		152.9		
FEBRUARY 1		154.2		

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 01/20/03-01/25/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.51	39	57.98	77	
Los Angeles	67.00	65.87	63	64.07	156	
New York	54.00-57.00	55.91	23	57.55	53	

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

Change from			
20-Jan-03	13-Jan-03	13-Jan-03	21-Jan-02
60.05	-1.84	61.89	56.98

NUMBER OF LOADS 633

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/ 8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
			AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	55-59	-	-	-

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	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	01/20/03	2,790	165,933	78,370
AM	01/01/03	2,000	131,968	79,054
CHG		790	33,965	-684
PCT CHG		40%	26%	-1%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 20-Jan-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.13
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	4.75-11 CENTS/LB.	7.25-8.5	8.29

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

LIGHT TYPE 17-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	2-6	2.5-4

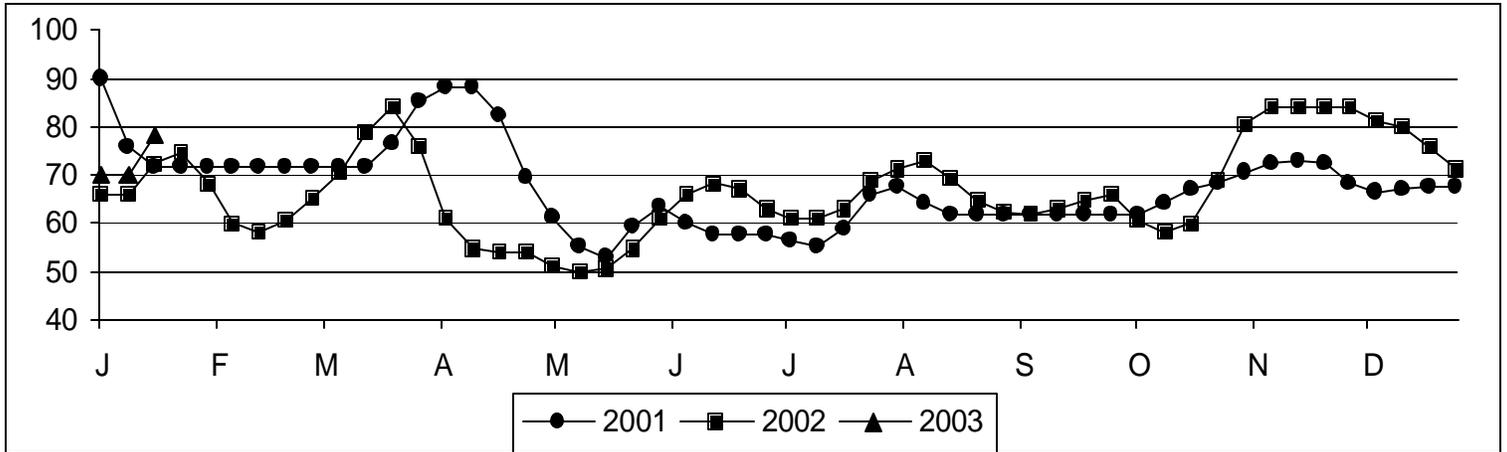
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

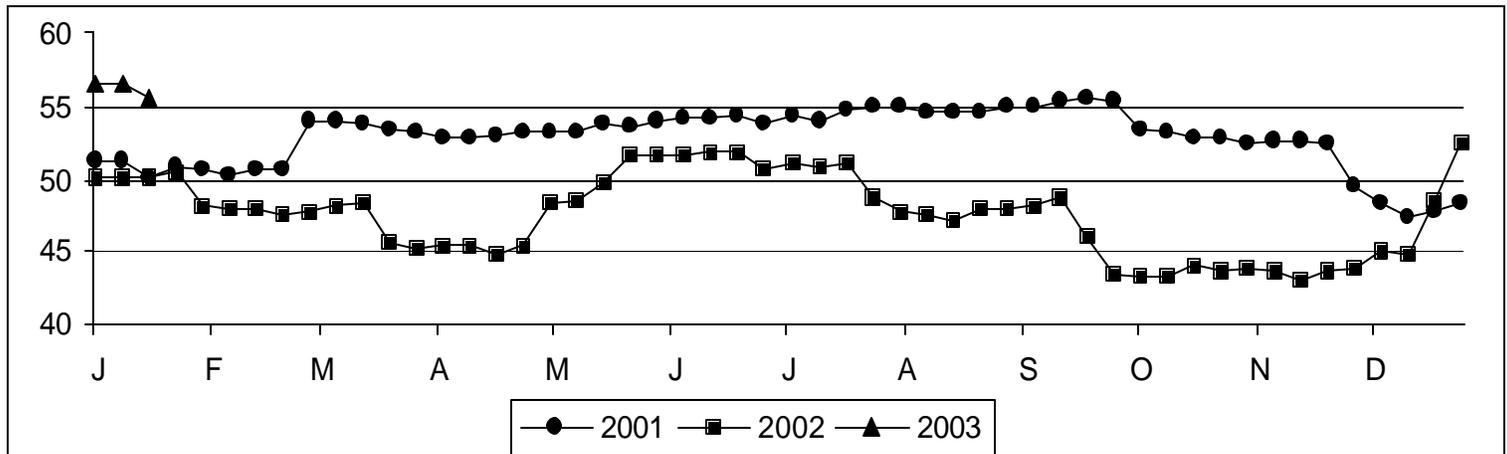
W/E 18-Jan-03

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	228.3	0	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	605.8	10	5
W.N. CENTRAL	301.8	4	-6
S. ATLANTIC	192.5	-2	8
S. CENTRAL	89.6	11	13
WEST	196.6	-1	-1
TOTAL	1614.6	5	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

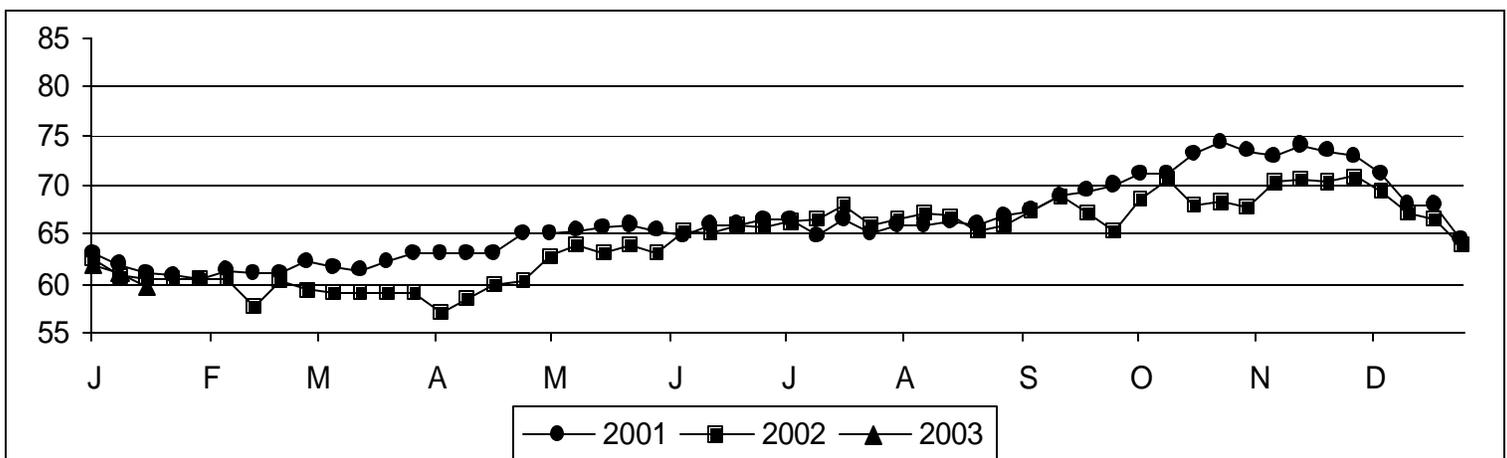
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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