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Early week prices were lower on all sizes. As the week progressed prices in Chicago and New York were decreased on all sizes while in other locations, prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was usually weak. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate at best. Supplies were in a full range, close to ample for trade requirements. Breaking stock nest run along with checks and undergrades prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light and selective. Many breakers were discouraged with lack of interest in liquid whole egg and yolk and opted to slow production. Liquid white demand was very good with offerings short as many breakers refuse to separate as yolk sales are poor. Most breakers continue to shy away from spot load of shell eggs and have currently shortened orders on regular commitments. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment mixed, about steady to weak. Light type fowl offerings were 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 lower for medium and large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Retail demand was slow to moderate at best. Food service movement was mostly light. Supplies were adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were light and selective. Most breakers were not interested in additional spot loads of shell eggs and have shortened loads on regular commitments. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment mixed, about steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-71	66-68
LARGE	62-70	64-68
MEDIUM	56-62	59-62

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, but trending sharply lower on all sizes. The market tone was weak. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Supplies were available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient to close for the light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-83	72-76
LARGE	65-80	70-74
MEDIUM	57-72	62-64

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 31-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	79.00	77.00	70.00
SOUTHEAST	81.50	79.50	70.00
MIDWEST	74.00	73.00	66.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	81.50	80.00	69.75
COMBINED REGIONAL	79.10	77.49	69.08

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 03, 2003

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.6	19.7	6.0	13.3	15.9	64.5
	Change	0.3	1.1	0.2	-1.0	3.9	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	60.8	12.1	24.3	34.0	154.4
	Change	-1.1	5.7	1.7	2.5	3.0	8%
Large	Curr Wk	45.3	107.0	63.7	84.2	113.0	413.2
	Change	4.5	16.2	17.4	4.4	18.3	17%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.7	40.7	18.9	21.0	20.4	116.7
	Change	1.7	7.3	3.3	4.4	-1.5	15%
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	9.0	1.5	8.1	6.0	29.4
	Change	0.7	0.8	-0.2	1.3	1.9	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.6	17.3	8.3	13.6	7.1	49.9
	Change	-0.6	-17.0	0.5	-2.7	1.0	-27%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.0	52.8	19.3	31.9	31.2	157.2
	Change	2.4	21.5	2.1	0.1	2.2	22%
Total	Curr Wk	124.2	307.3	129.8	196.4	227.6	985.3
	Change	7%	13%	24%	5%	14%	12%
TOTAL			Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators		
Shell Egg		985.3		12%	175		
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/		281.4		4%	38		
Total Shell Egg		1266.7		10%	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

	02-04-03	01-28-03	02-05-02
Large	47-51	54-58	33-36
Medium	37-41	45-49	26-30

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-Feb-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,131,969	25,475	11,463	6,386	2,587	4,286
PW	1,090,348	26,315	9,700	5,416	2,681	4,164
LY	1,033,632	22,839	10,930	5,707	2,784	3,625
% CHG PW	4	-3	18	18	-4	3
% CHG LY	10	12	5	12	-7	18
2003	5,635,321	130,881	53,961	30,058	14,376	21,075
2002	5,495,464	121,201	57,261	30,360	15,006	20,478
% CHG YTD	3	8	-6	-1	-4	3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.06	41.82	41.70
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.27	38.00	38.19

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Jan 25	Feb 01	Jan 25	Feb 01
	Thousand			
AL	27,573	27,755	21,608	21,231
AR	31,087	30,468	23,950	23,524
DE	3,418	3,607	*4,775	5,018
FL	1,581	1,587	*1,689	1,754
GA	31,330	31,175	*24,948	25,069
KY	*6,403	6,464	*5,153	5,424
MD	*9,883	9,935	*6,493	6,274
MS	19,241	18,885	15,937	15,968
NC	18,099	18,167	*14,290	14,262
OK	6,596	6,554	4,289	5,623
PA	*3,392	3,650	*2,555	2,487
SC	4,823	4,946	4,100	4,209
TX	14,785	14,705	12,192	12,275
VA	6,629	6,515	*5,007	5,287
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	19,927	19,567	*19,177	17,851

19 State Total *204,767 203,980 *166,163 166,256

Previous Year Total 206,876 208,754 167,400 164,318

Pct. of Prev. Year 99 98 99 101

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-Mar-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 153.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.7 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 157.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.70 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 01/30/03-02/05/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 96.75		FUTURE LDS 76.25		TOTAL LDS 173.00		LOADS
	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW	
ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	44.00	54.13	46.83	48.00	42.00	54.00	27.00
GNR W 2	—	49.00	—	—	42.75	—	4.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	51.47	—	8.50
GL W XL	—	—	56.00	58.16	49.02	—	47.00
GL W LG	—	67.00	50.50	58.20	47.31	60.00	37.75
GL W MD	—	54.50	42.00	47.00	50.10	50.00	18.75
GL W SM	32.88	34.38	29.67	31.00	—	31.00	6.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	35.50	41.50	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	33.00	34.00	35.00	42.27	27.25
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	—	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 01-Feb-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	23.2	21.5	8	8
BOSTON	3.4	3.2	6	6
CHICAGO	45.1	42.5	6	-9
DETROIT	30.0	27.3	10	19
KANSAS CITY	3.8	4.0	-5	-14
LOS ANGELES	84.3	84.3	0	-22
NEW ORLEANS	12.7	12.8	-1	3
NEW YORK	33.2	33.6	-1	3
ST. LOUIS	15.0	15.1	-1	-9
SAN FRANCISCO	22.1	22.2	0	-7
TOTAL	272.8	266.5	2	-12
4 WK MVG AVG	280.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 01-Feb-2003

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG TOMS		OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS					
HEAD	1,656	2,695	55	5	5	4,411
AVG WT	15.28	36.78	24.11	30.03		28.54
LAST WEEK	1,512	2,504	55	10		4,081
SAME WK YR AGO	1,860	2,717	18	20		4,615
AVG WT	16.06	37.28	25.12	37.97		28.65
TO-DATE/2003	7,924	12,476	273	52		20,725
TO-DATE/2002	8,216	12,579	174	36		21,005

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 01-Feb-2003

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

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND HEAD	PCT PW	CHG LIVE WT	THOUSAND HEAD	THOUSAND HEAD	THOUSAND HEAD	AVG LIVE WT
N EAST	703	-1	21.03	(A)	704	21.03	
SATL	807	53	30.08	(A)	808	30.08	
N CENT	2,100	2	32.98	(A)	2,101	32.98	
S CENT	430	-4	21.35	(A)	431	21.35	
WEST	366	13	22.52	(A)	367	22.52	
U.S. TOTAL	4,406 (B)	8	28.54	5	4,411	28.54	
TO-DATE							
2003	20,673 (B)			52	20,725		
TO-DATE							
2002	20,969 (B)			36	21,005		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000 for the year 273,000; last year to date 174,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-Feb-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	DUCKS
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,181	1,579	1,443	3,022	440
AVG WT	5.21	3.58	7.38	5.39	7.02
LAST WEEK	144,124	1,746	1,292	3,038	398
SAME WK YR AGO	153,992	2,032	1,325	3,357	411
AVG WT	5.22	3.51	7.82	5.21	7.27
TO-DATE/2003	727,789	8,081	6,780	14,861	2,057
TO-DATE/2002	746,636	9,107	6,404	15,511	2,209

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 154.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153 million head or 1.2 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Feb-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	02/08/03(1)	02/01/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	153,527(2)	151,807
LT HENS	1,841	1,724
HVY HENS	1,425	1,480
CHECK TOTAL	156,793	155,011

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Feb-03 is 153.8 million head compared to 157.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 153.8 million head or 0.0 million less than estimated available. For week of 15-Feb-03 the estimated available is 153.6 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
DECEMBER 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
25	145.9	152.9	95%	5.17
FEBRUARY 1	153.0	154.2	99%	5.21
YEAR TO DATE	736.6	751.0	98%	
FEBRUARY 8		153.8		
15		153.6		

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 02/03/03-02/08/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.24	40	57.79
Los Angeles	68.00	67.02	58	65.33
New York	53.00-56.00	55.48	21	57.40

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
	3-Feb-03	27-Jan-03	4-Feb-02
	60.49	0.36	60.13
NUMBER OF LOADS	598		55.67

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/	60-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	59	59.00	10
WESTERN REGION 5/	59-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	56-58	-	-	-

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	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM 02/03/03		1,717	155,703	76,443
AM 01/01/03		2,000	131,968	79,054
CHG		-283	23735	-2611
PCT CHG		-14%	18%	-3%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of December 31 2002 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on February 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	14	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	334	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	779	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	8.06
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.25-11 CENTS/LB.	7.25-8.75	8.54

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

LIGHT TYPE 31-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)

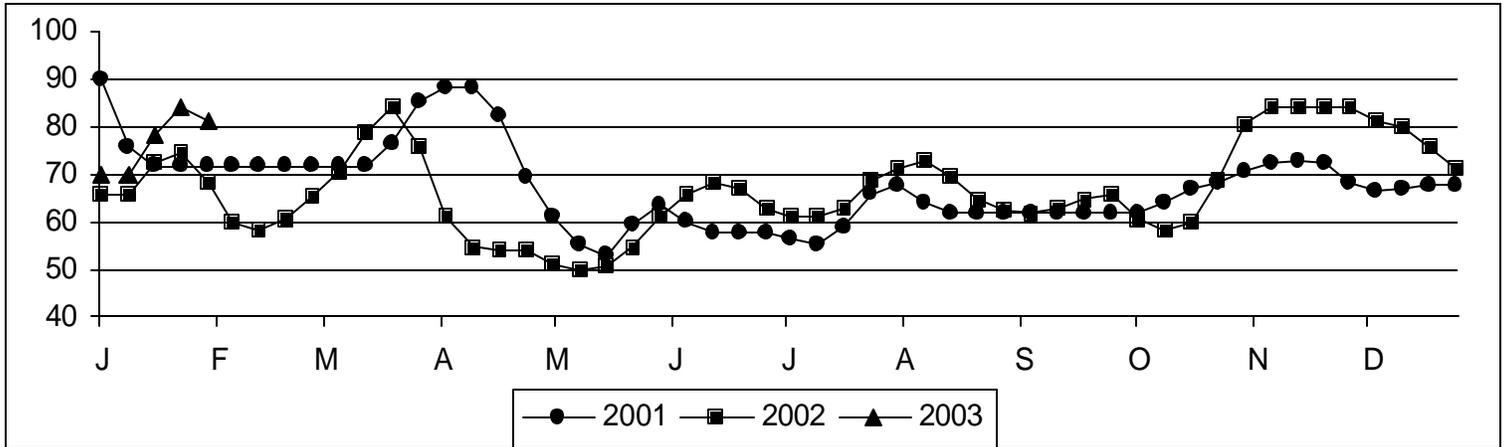
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-7	3-5
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	2-6	2.5-4

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 01-Feb-03

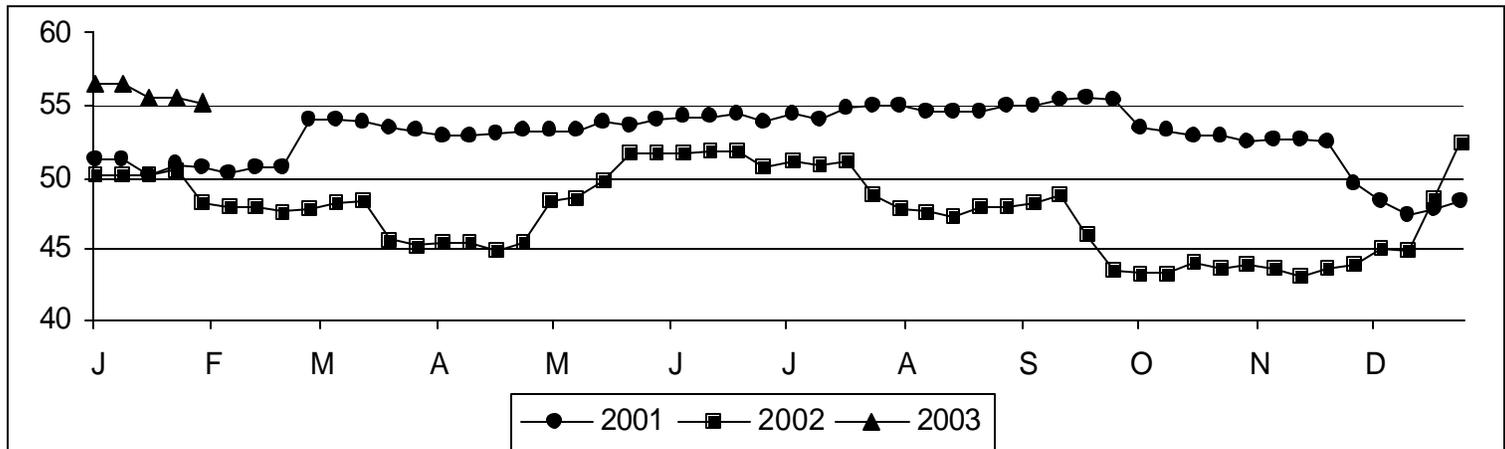
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REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	223.1	-1	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	516.7	-2	-5
W.N. CENTRAL	271.8	-1	-10
S. ATLANTIC	199.0	3	14
S. CENTRAL	93.2	3	17
WEST	184.3	0	2
TOTAL	1488.1	0	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

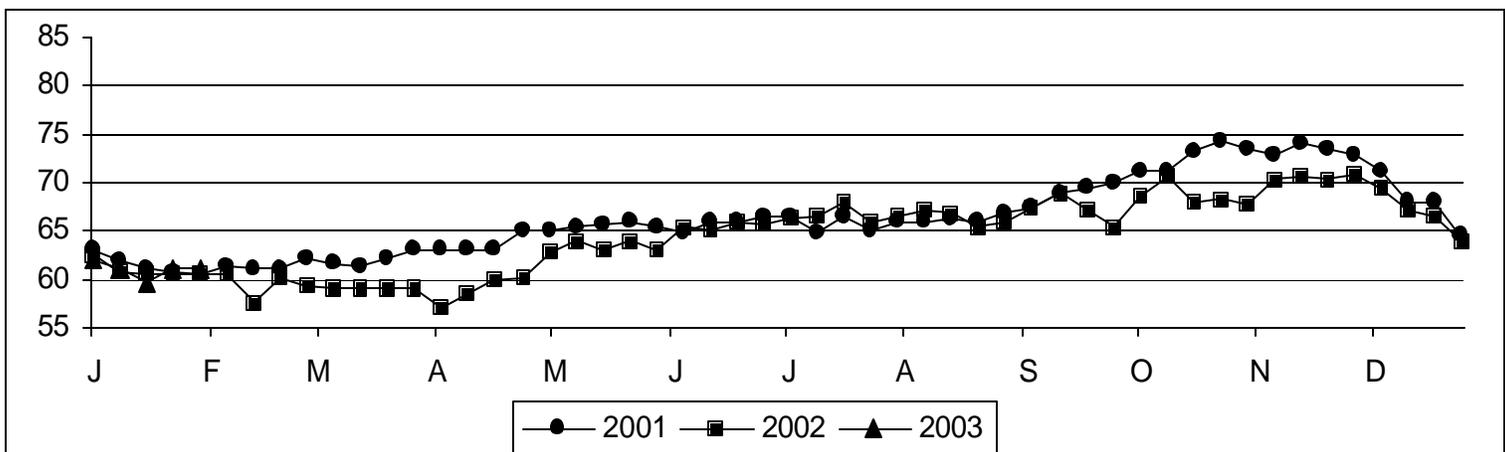
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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