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Early week prices were unchanged in New York but lower on all sizes in other locations. As the week progressed prices in New York were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. Elsewhere prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fairly good, best where items were featured. Supplies were adequate to available and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Checks and undergrades were unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate with offerings tight to just adequate. Incoming shipments of gradeable shell eggs into breaking channels had slightly decreased as shell egg producers hold with more confidence. Schedules were full-time to part-time. Floor stocks balanced to bulky adequate. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type fowl demand was mostly moderate with offerings ample.

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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Retail demand was light to good. Food service movement was slow to mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available and held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to at times moderate for the tight to just adequate offerings. Schedules full-time to reduced. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-62	57-59
LARGE	53-61	55-59
MEDIUM	45-51	48-51

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 the larger sizes were trending slightly higher. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Large eggs were advertised for 79 cents per dozen, restrictions apply. Supplies were adequate to available and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock supplies were generally sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-74	64-67
LARGE	56-71	62-65
MEDIUM	46-61	51-53

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 7-Feb-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	74.00	72.00	63.00
SOUTHEAST	75.50	73.50	63.00
MIDWEST	67.00	66.00	60.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	74.50	73.00	60.75
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.80	71.19	61.74

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 10, 2003

See note regarding Inventory for 2/17/03

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

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.9	17.0	6.5	15.0	13.9	64.3
	Change	2.3	-2.7	0.5	1.7	-2.0	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.3	49.3	14.0	27.3	34.6	148.5
	Change	0.1	-11.5	1.9	3.0	0.6	-4%
Large	Curr Wk	41.8	107.4	54.0	85.5	106.4	395.1
	Change	-3.5	0.4	-9.7	1.3	-6.6	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.1	42.9	22.5	20.7	22.6	123.8
	Change	-0.6	2.2	3.6	-0.3	2.2	6%
Small	Curr Wk	2.1	7.5	1.7	8.6	5.3	25.2
	Change	-2.7	-1.5	0.2	0.5	-0.7	-14%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.5	19.2	6.5	10.8	5.8	46.8
	Change	0.9	1.9	-1.8	-2.8	-1.3	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.2	79.8	18.4	30.6	33.7	180.7
	Change	-3.8	27.0	-0.9	-1.3	2.5	15%
Total	Curr Wk	116.9	323.1	123.6	198.5	222.3	984.4
	Change	-6%	5%	-5%	1%	-2%	0%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	984.4	0%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	292.5	4%	38
Total Shell Egg	1276.9	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.

On Monday, February 17, this report will be released without the Pacific Region and the 5-Area Summary. These numbers will be unavailable due to holiday closings. The report will be released in its entirety on February 18.

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

	02-11-03	02-04-03	02-12-02
Large	38-42	47-51	28-31
Medium	28-32	37-41	19-23

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 07-Feb-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,124,687	26,376	10,950	6,085	2,893	4,147
PW	1,131,969	25,475	11,463	6,386	2,587	4,286
LY	1,166,071	25,676	12,315	6,674	3,426	4,162
% CHG PW	-1	4	-4	-5	12	-3
% CHG LY	-4	3	-11	-9	-16	0
2003	6,760,008	157,257	64,911	36,143	17,269	25,222
2002	6,661,535	146,877	69,576	37,034	18,432	24,640
% CHG YTD	1	7	-7	-2	-6	2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.29	42.06	41.87
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.60	38.27	38.30

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States</u>	
	Feb 01	Feb 08	Feb 01	Feb 08
	Thousand			
AL	27,755	26,987	21,231	21,390
AR	30,468	30,994	23,524	25,475
DE	3,607	3,4897	5,018	5,029
FL	1,587	1,609	1,754	1,393
GA	31,175	30,864	*25,094	25,327
KY	*6,516	6,429	*5,566	5,315
MD	9,935	9,897	6,274	6,271
MS	18,885	18,501	15,968	15,479
NC	18,167	17,938	14,262	14,439
OK	6,554	6,432	5,623	4,259
PA	3,650	3,370	2,487	2,559
SC	4,946	4,820	4,209	4,054
TX	*14,729	14,417	*12,276	11,905
VA	6,515	6,520	5,287	5,200
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,586	19,670	*17,856	17,182

19 State Total *204,075 201,937 *166,429 165,277

Previous Year Total 208,754 208,199 164,318 165,373

Pct. of Prev. Year 98 97 101 100

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 152.7 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 153.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 155.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 155.1 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE 55.22 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/06/03-02/12/03

CURRENT LDS 112.75 FUTURE LDS 73.25 TOTAL LDS 186.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	39.00	44.78	40.38	42.20	46.00	—	36.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	42.00	44.25	4.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	57.00	—	1.25
GL W XL	—	55.35	52.50	52.74	51.53	54.00	62.00
GL W LG	—	54.56	47.25	54.00	48.52	49.78	57.00
GL W MD	—	46.25	40.83	41.83	39.42	—	12.25
GL W SM	—	—	32.00	35.00	—	28.50	1.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	40.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	33.64	35.43	35.29	38.94	31.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	28.50	5.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 08-Feb-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	23.9	23.2	3	14
BOSTON	3.1	3.4	-9	-14
CHICAGO	47.2	45.1	5	-18
DETROIT	26.7	30.0	-11	-6
KANSAS CITY	4.7	3.8	24	21
LOS ANGELES	83.8	84.3	-1	-22
NEW ORLEANS	15.9	12.7	25	23
NEW YORK	29.8	33.2	-10	-9
ST. LOUIS	15.8	15.0	5	-10
SAN FRANCISCO	21.9	22.1	-1	6
TOTAL	272.8	272.8	0	-14
4 WK MVG AVG	272.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Feb-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,758	2,504	51	20	4,333
AVG WT	15.77	37.77	24.64	29.17	28.65
LAST WEEK	1,656	2,695	55	5	4,411
SAME WK YR AGO	1,813	2,759	38	5	4,615
AVG WT	16.24	36.85	27.48	28.87	28.67
TO-DATE/2003	9,682	14,980	324	72	25,058
TO-DATE/2002	10,029	15,338	212	41	25,620

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 08-Feb-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	705	0	21.15	(A)	709	21.15
SATL	861	7	29.53	(A)	865	29.53
N CENT	2,063	-2	32.74	(A)	2,067	32.74
S CENT	439	2	22.56	(A)	443	22.56
WEST	245	-33	23.61	(A)	249	23.61
U.S. TOTAL	4,313(B)	-2	28.65	20	4,333	28.65
TO-DATE						
2003	24,986(B)			72	25,058	
TO-DATE						
2002	25,579(B)			41	25,620	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 51,000 for the year 324,000; last year to date 212,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 08-Feb-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	DUCKS
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	150,335	1,689	1,377	3,066	421
AVG WT	5.05	3.26	7.49	5.16	6.62
LAST WEEK	151,181	1,579	1,443	3,022	440
SAME WK YR AGO	155,316	1,862	1,249	3,111	439
AVG WT	5.09	3.36	7.70	5.10	6.67
TO-DATE/2003	878,124	9,770	8,157	17,927	2,478
TO-DATE/2002	901,952	10,969	7,653	18,622	2,648

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.2 million head or 1.6 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Feb-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	02/15/03(1)	02/08/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	154,543(2)	153,527
LT HENS	1,955	1,841
HVY HENS	1,301	1,425
TOTAL	157,799	156,793

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Feb-03 is 153.6 million head compared to 159.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.9 million head or 1.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 22-Feb-03 the estimated available is 153.7 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
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
	8	152.2	153.8	99%	5.05
YEAR TO DATE		888.8	904.8	98%	
FEBRUARY	15		153.6		
	22		153.7		

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 02/10/03-02/15/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.41	41	57.79	77	
Los Angeles	68.00	66.68	62	66.74	118	
New York	53.00-56.00	54.74	23	57.33	50	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
	10-Feb-03	3-Feb-03	11-Feb-02
	60.86	0.37	60.49
			56.11

NUMBER OF LOADS 538

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	-	-	-
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	02/10/03	1,902	160,345	74,807
AM	02/01/03	1,717	155,703	76,443
CHG		185	4642	-1636
PCT CHG		11%	3%	-2%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 10-Feb-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.07
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.25-11 CENTS/LB.	7.25-8.5	8.39

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

LIGHT TYPE 07-FEB-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	2.5-6	4-4.5

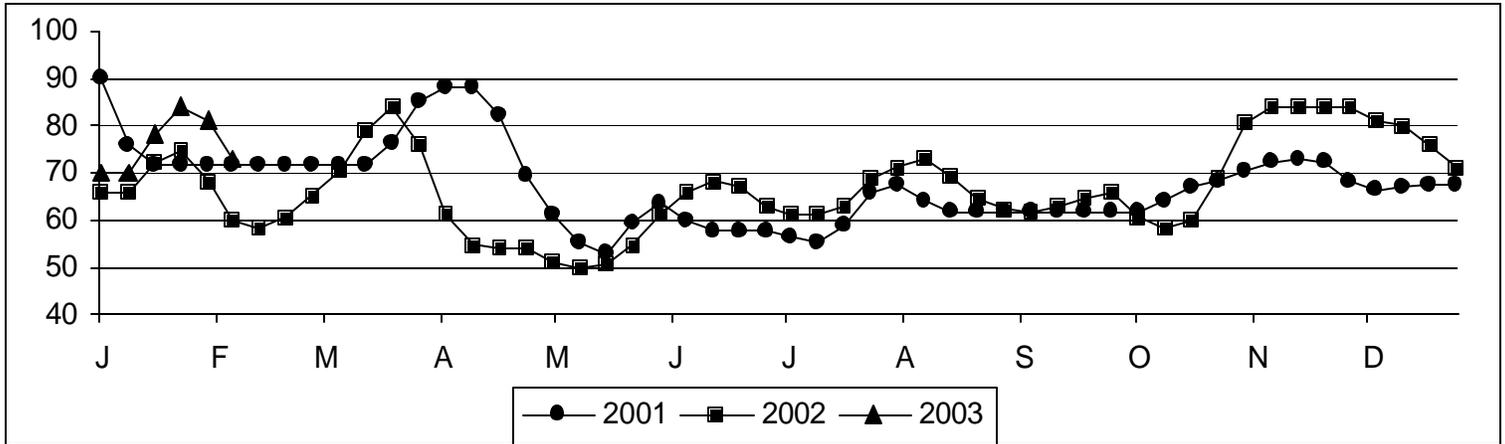
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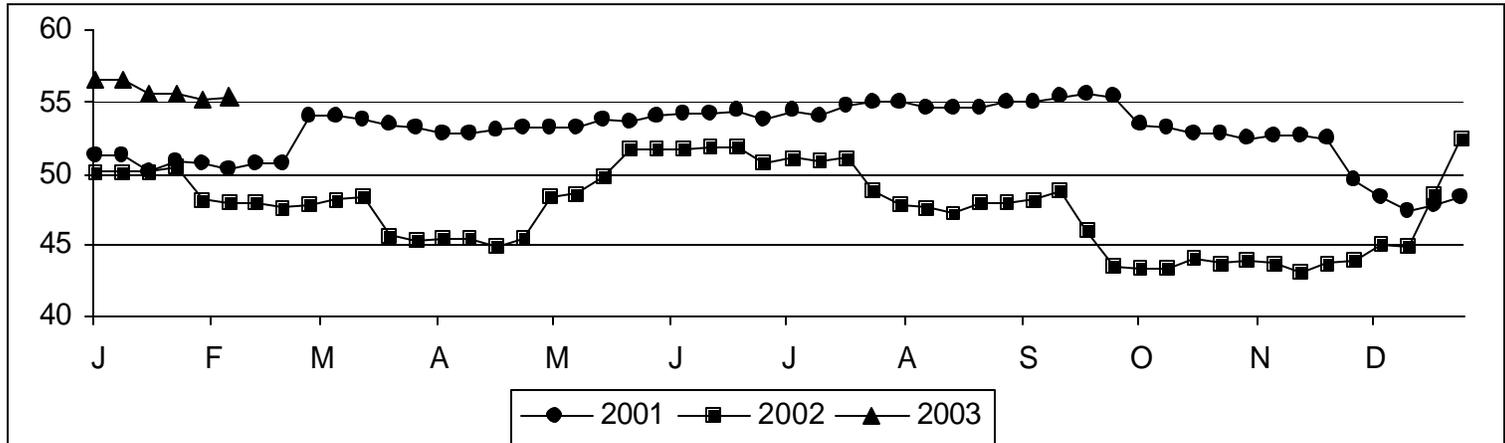
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	223.8	0	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	525.6	2	1
W.N. CENTRAL	275.9	2	-1
S. ATLANTIC	191.9	-4	11
S. CENTRAL	94.8	2	15
WEST	186.3	1	3
TOTAL	1498.3	1	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		87	86

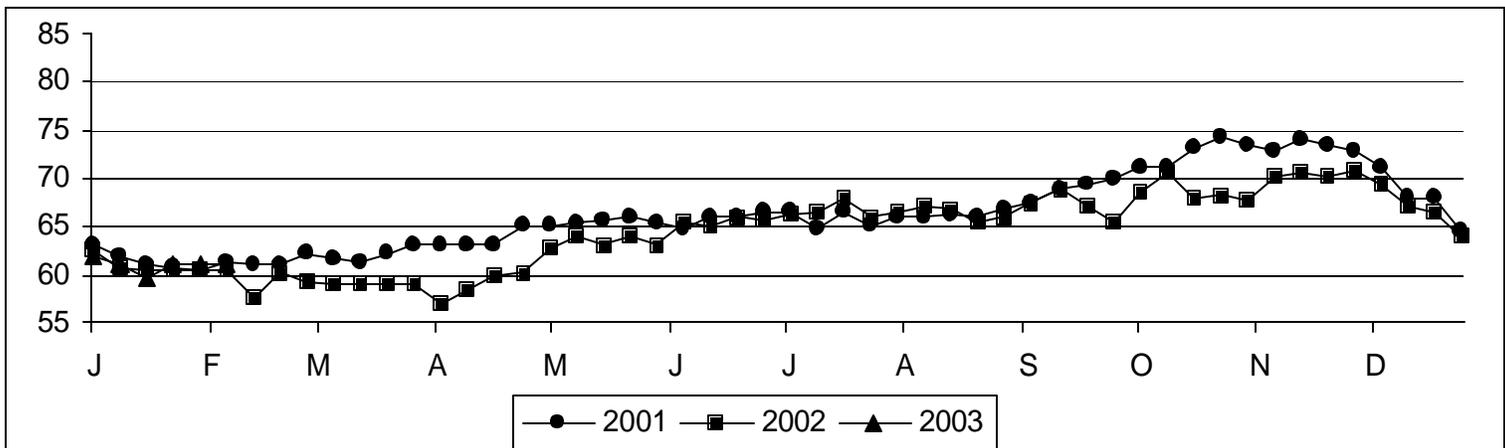
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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