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Early week prices were mixed, unchanged to higher. During the week prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to at times fully steady. Demand into all channels ranged from light to good. Supplies were closely balanced to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Checks and undergrades prices were one cent higher. Offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate. Schedules were usually part-time as breakers were satisfied with regular commitments with very little interest in outside business. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type fowl demand was moderate with adequate offerings.

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 steady to fully steady. Retail demand was fair to good with planned feature activity providing extra interest. Loose egg sales were usually slow to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to in balance for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate for the light demand. Floor stocks in balance to fully adequate. Schedules usually part-time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	63-70	65-67
LARGE	61-69	63-67
MEDIUM	48-54	51-54

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices remained unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for current trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least sufficient for current trade needs.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75
LARGE	66-81	71-75
MEDIUM	53-65	55-57

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL FOR W/E 28-Feb-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	70.00	68.00	53.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	54.00
MIDWEST	63.00	62.00	51.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	72.50	71.00	55.75
COMBINED REGIONAL	69.39	67.77	53.67

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 03, 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	9.4	19.4	8.4	14.7	12.6	64.5
	Change	-1.4	0.3	1.2	1.0	-0.4	1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.3	42.3	18.4	21.7	29.6	131.3
	Change	-3.2	-1.1	1.8	-2.5	3.7	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	31.5	93.1	75.4	89.6	110.1	399.7
	Change	-2.5	10.2	12.9	-2.8	12.3	8%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	43.0	16.0	21.9	22.0	115.5
	Change	-1.6	1.8	-1.0	1.2	1.7	2%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	9.8	1.4	7.5	4.5	27.6
	Change	0.9	1.9	0.2	-0.5	-0.3	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.8	21.7	7.4	19.5	6.7	59.1
	Change	-0.1	-1.5	-2.3	8.4	0.7	10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.0	65.8	13.8	35.9	27.0	156.5
	Change	-7.4	3.7	-6.8	0.7	-3.3	-8%
Total	Curr Wk	95.0	295.1	140.8	210.8	212.5	954.2
Percent	Change	-14%	5%	4%	3%	7%	3%
TOTAL			Number of	Percent	Number of		
			Cases	Change	Cooperators		

Shell Egg	954.2	3%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	281.3	3%	38

Total Shell Egg	1235.5	3%	213
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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.

The five inventory areas are identified as:
Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

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

	03-04-03	02-25-03	03-05-02
Large	46-50	43-47	39-42
Medium	31-35	30-34	20-24

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 28-Feb-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,081,456	27,512	9,276	4,894	1,927	4,093
PW	1,072,373	26,564	9,555	5,234	2,254	3,971
LY	1,109,377	26,321	10,833	5,755	2,623	3,984
% CHG PW	1	4	-3	-6	-15	3
% CHG LY	-3	5	-14	-15	-27	3
2003	10,047,075	238,518	94,095	52,007	24,106	37,435
2002	10,084,548	226,482	103,409	55,008	27,170	36,879
% CHG YTD	0	5	-9	-6	-11	+2

(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	42.33	42.27	42.27
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	38.54	38.56	38.68

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Feb 22	Mar 1	Feb 22	Mar 1
	Thousand			
AL	27,533	27,458	21,200	20,287
AR	30,762	30,603	*24,509	24,680
DE	3,295	3,489	5,114	5,044
FL	1,598	1,500	1,740	1,752
GA	*31,321	31,708	*25,415	25,701
KY	6,188	6,277	5,491	5,503
MD	9,351	9,370	5,732	5,823
MS	18,447	18,884	15,727	15,500
NC	18,754	19,091	*14,011	13,987
OK	6,632	6,373	*4,091	4,840
PA	*3,137	3,494	*2,544	2,461
SC	4,823	4,857	3,708	3,428
TX	14,807	14,816	11,872	11,660
VA	6,562	6,720	5,286	5,847
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	20,143	20,565	*18,429	17,836

19 State Total *203,353 205,205 *164,869 164,349

Previous Year Total 211,110 210,211 170,461 169,215

Pct. of Prev. Year 96 98 97 97

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 151.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.4 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 157.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 154.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.64 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 02/27/03-03/05/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 119.75		FUTURE LDS 79.25		TOTAL LDS 199.00		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	
GNR W 1	50.00	52.76	50.75	57.56	54.41	—	52.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	54.00	40.00	42.00	4.00
GNR BR 1	62.00	—	—	65.00	—	95.00	2.00
GL W J	—	66.00	74.00	75.00	58.00	—	8.25
GL W XL	—	61.50	64.30	65.33	54.98	—	36.25
GL W LG	64.00	64.00	63.20	65.19	55.13	59.21	80.50
GL W MD	45.00	49.00	47.82	45.55	42.95	44.00	23.75
GL W SM	30.50	33.00	30.50	32.00	27.00	—	3.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	107.00	—	—	1.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.00	37.00	40.60	30.75
NRBS - 39	—	—	22.33	24.00	—	29.00	8.75

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

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT	CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	23.4	21.9	7	2
BOSTON	3.4	3.3	3	-8
CHICAGO	55.2	51.8	7	24
DETROIT	26.7	34.4	-22	-3
KANSAS CITY	4.9	4.4	11	29
LOS ANGELES	83.6	88.1	-5	-24
NEW ORLEANS	14.0	14.2	-1	56
NEW YORK	36.5	34.4	6	9
ST. LOUIS	15.8	14.8	7	-12
SAN FRANCISCO	23.0	22.6	2	0
TOTAL	286.5	289.9	-1	-8
4 WK MVG AVG	288.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,793	2,619	61	29	4,502
AVG WT	15.72	36.82	24.76	26.29	28.18
LAST WEEK	1,668	2,606	76	17	4,367
SAME WK YR AGO	1,775	2,660	33	11	4,479
AVG WT	16.36	36.09	24.85	28.54	28.16
TO-DATE/2003	14,860	22,780	513	125	38,278
TO-DATE/2002	15,411	23,414	353	75	39,253

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-2003

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

	-YOUNG TURKEYS-			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT	CHG	THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	809	27	21.62	(A)	815	21.62
SATL	809	-1	29.09	(A)	815	29.09
N CENT	2,101	-3	32.56	(A)	2,107	32.56
S CENT	456	3	21.49	(A)	462	21.49
WEST	298	7	23.10	(A)	303	23.10
U.S. TOTAL	4,473(B)	3	28.18	29	4,502	28.18
TO-DATE						
2003	38,153(B)			125	38,278	
TO-DATE						
2002	39,178(B)			75	39,253	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 61,000 for the year 513,000; last year to date 353,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-Mar-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	148,405	1,686	1,296	2,982	425
AVG WT	5.12	3.34	7.86	5.30	6.56
LAST WEEK	147,355	1,534	1,450	2,984	466
SAME WK YR AGO	154,906	1,705	1,341	3,046	396
AVG WT	5.10	3.37	7.84	5.34	6.85
TO-DATE/2003	1,325,928	14,783	12,160	26,943	3,787
TO-DATE/2002	1,370,820	16,260	11,466	27,726	3,897

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 150.2 million head or 3.2 million head less than or 98% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	03/08/03(1)	03/01/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	149,672(2)	152,386
LT HENS	1,597	1,734
HVY HENS	1,299	1,584
TOTAL	152,568	155,704

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Mar-03 is 155.2 million head compared to 157.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 150.0 million head or 5.2 million less than estimated available. For week of 15-Mar-03 the estimated available is 156.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JANUARY 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
15	153.9	153.6	100%	5.15
22	149.1	153.7	97%	5.04
MARCH 1	150.2	153.4	98%	5.12
YEAR TO DATE	1342.0	1365.5	98%	
MARCH 8		155.2		
15		156.5		

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

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.49	44	57.69	82
Los Angeles	69.00	67.42	62	65.51	149
New York	53.00-56.00	55.73	22	57.49	44

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
	24-Feb-03	24-Feb-03	4-Mar-02
3-Mar-03	60.83	0.45	60.38
			55.39

NUMBER OF LOADS 578

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	60-61	60.47	466.5
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	60	60.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	57.5-59	57.5-59	57.97	202.2
CENTRAL REGION	58-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-

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 LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 03/03/03	2,772	174,509	68,879
AM 02/02/03	1,717	155,703	76,443
CHG	1055	18806	-7564
PCT CHG	61%	12%	-10%

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

FROZEN EGGS	15 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%
TURKEYS	436 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%
POULTRY	729 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS 5%

HEN MARKETS

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.10
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-10 CENTS/LB.	7.75-8.5	8.25

LIGHT TYPE 28-FEB-03

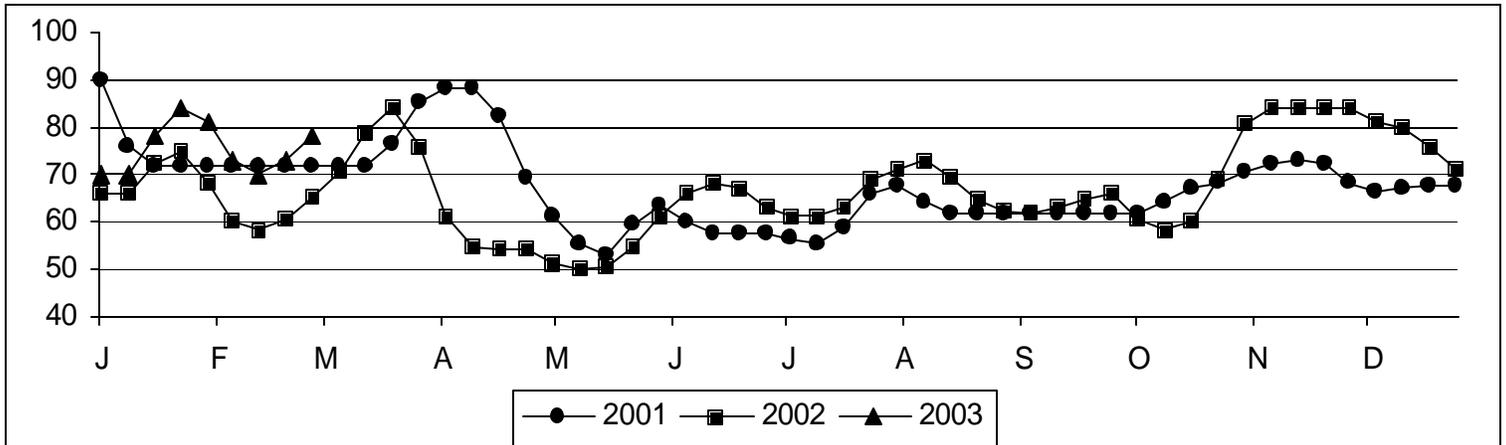
Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-7	3-6
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	2.5-6	4-4.5

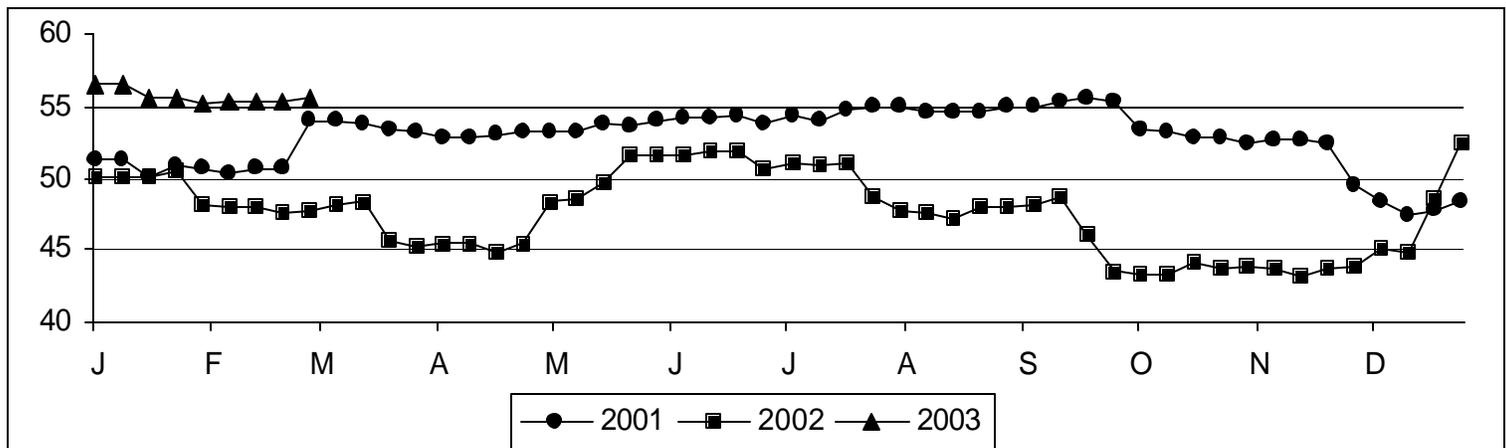
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 01-Mar-03
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY	
N. ATLANTIC	216.7	-2	-6
E.N. CENTRAL	546.5	2	1
W.N. CENTRAL	279.2	4	-7
S. ATLANTIC	197.1	1	-4
S. CENTRAL	98.8	-1	12
WEST	185.2	1	-2
TOTAL	1523.5	1	-2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	85

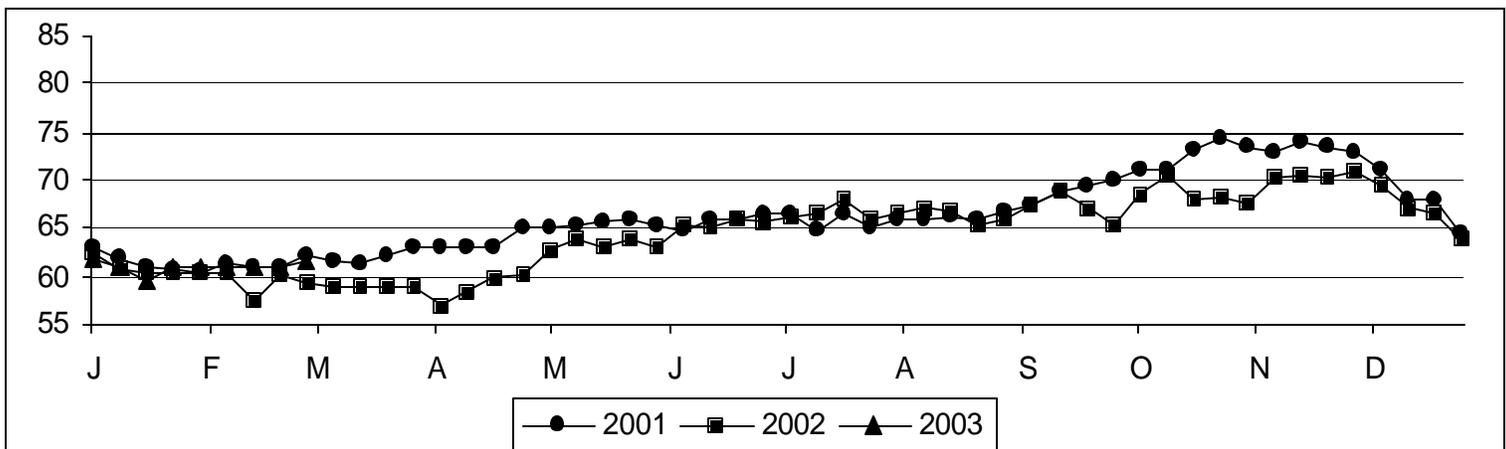
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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