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Early week prices were higher in Chicago for all sizes. In all other locations, prices were unchanged to slightly higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. During the week prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels mostly fairly good to good. Supplies ranged adequate to instances ample. Checks and undergrades prices were higher. Offerings were adequate to about adequate. Demand was light to mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Light type fowl offerings were usually adequate to occasionally tight with demand light to instances good.

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 moderate to good with feature activity providing a fair share of extra movement. Loose egg sales were moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to usually in balance for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Offerings were adequate to about adequate. Demand was light to mostly moderate with more producers holding with increased confidence. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment fully 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 generally steady. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available with the larger sizes in the longest position. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the light demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for processing 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 7-Mar-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	73.50	73.00	56.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	54.00
MIDWEST	66.00	65.00	52.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	74.50	72.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	71.52	70.11	55.13

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 10, 2003 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

TOTAL		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
		Number of	Percent	Change	Number of	Cooperators	
		Cases	Change		Cooperators		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.8	24.3	7.4	14.3	12.1	68.9
	Change	1.4	4.9	-1.0	-0.4	-0.5	7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.4	46.0	14.4	22.7	27.5	134.0
	Change	4.1	3.7	-4.0	1.0	-2.1	2%
Large	Curr Wk	52.7	91.0	77.9	97.4	100.1	419.1
	Change	21.2	-2.1	2.5	7.8	-10.0	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.5	33.4	14.6	24.2	20.1	105.8
	Change	0.9	-9.6	-1.4	2.3	-1.9	-8%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	9.1	1.7	7.6	3.2	25.9
	Change	-0.1	-0.7	0.3	0.1	-1.3	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	19.2	7.3	13.1	7.7	52.5
	Change	1.4	-2.5	-0.1	-6.4	1.0	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.4	53.0	19.8	38.6	23.2	152.0
	Change	3.4	-12.8	6.0	2.7	-3.8	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	127.3	276.0	143.1	217.9	193.9	958.2
	Percent Change	34%	-6%	2%	3%	-9%	0%

Shell Egg	958.2	0%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	267.8	-5%	38
Total Shell Egg	1226.0	-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.

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

	03-11-03	03-04-03	03-12-02
Large	46-50	46-50	43-46
Medium	31-35	31-35	20-24

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 07-Mar-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,092,767	27,580	9,310	5,396	2,094	4,029
PW	1,081,456	27,512	9,276	4,894	1,927	4,093
LY	1,083,058	26,560	9,840	5,318	1,878	3,950
% CHG PW	1	0	0	10	9	-2
% CHG LY	1	4	-5	1	12	2
2003	11,139,842	266,098	103,405	57,403	26,200	41,464
2002	11,167,606	253,042	113,249	60,398	29,048	40,829
% CHG YTD	0	5	-9	-5	-10	2

(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	42.38	42.33	42.17
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	38.70	38.54	38.52

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 1	Mar 8
	Thousand			
AL	27,458	27,920	20,287	21,816
AR	30,603	30,133	24,680	25,491
DE	3,489	3,411	*5,171	4,666
FL	1,500	1,493	1,752	1,806
GA	31,708	31,652	*25,663	24,387
KY	6,277	6,515	5,503	5,096
MD	*9,371	10,110	*5,692	5,233
MS	18,884	19,097	15,534	15,579
NC	19,091	18,634	*14,332	14,199
OK	6,373	6,465	4,840	3,634
PA	*3,425	3,403	*2,442	2,505
SC	4,857	4,816	*3,134	4,812
TX	*14,810	14,750	11,657	11,952
VA	6,720	6,711	5,847	5,854
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,606	20,480	*16,980	16,708
19 State Total	*205,172	205,590	*163,514	163,738
Previous Year Total	210,211	209,711	169,215	171,686
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	97	95

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 150.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 151.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 159.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.4 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.09 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

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

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	
GNR W 1	50.00	52.00	51.00	56.18	58.67	—	31.00
GNR W 2	—	53.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	88.00	1.00
GL W J	—	66.00	—	—	60.68	—	7.25
GL W XL	—	64.00	63.88	65.33	58.61	—	35.25
GL W LG	64.00	62.71	63.25	65.25	59.70	57.00	78.75
GL W MD	—	47.46	44.79	47.98	43.51	43.00	28.50
GL W SM	31.38	33.38	31.00	32.33	29.00	—	8.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	42.50	43.46	31.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	30.75	4.00

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

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	21.4	23.4	-9	2
BOSTON	3.5	3.4	3	3
CHICAGO	54.5	55.2	-1	-5
DETROIT	26.0	26.7	-3	-1
KANSAS CITY	4.9	4.9	0	29
LOS ANGELES	85.4	83.6	2	-16
NEW ORLEANS	11.1	14.0	-21	56
NEW YORK	33.0	36.5	-10	1
ST. LOUIS	16.1	15.8	2	-31
SAN FRANCISCO	22.4	23.0	-3	8
TOTAL	278.3	286.5	-3	-12
4 WK MVG AVG	285.6			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,858	2,732	79	5	4,674
AVG WT	15.87	36.33	27.23	32.46	28.03
LAST WEEK	1,793	2,619	61	29	4,502
SAME WK YR AGO	1,805	2,630	53	14	4,502
AVG WT	16.32	35.98	24.85	26.66	27.94
TO-DATE/2003	16,718	25,512	592	130	42,952
TO-DATE/2002	17,216	26,044	406	89	43,755

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-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	949	17	23.32	(A)	815	23.32
SATL	817	1	27.74	(A)	815	27.74
N CENT	2,082	-1	32.54	(A)	2,107	32.54
S CENT	454	0	21.63	(A)	462	21.63
WEST	367	23	23.23	(A)	303	23.23
U.S. TOTAL	4,669 (B)	4	28.03	5	4,674	28.03
TO-DATE						
2003	42,822 (B)			130	42,952	
TO-DATE						
2002	43,666 (B)			89	43,755	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 79,000 for the year 592,000; last year to date 406,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 08-Mar-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,538	1,465	1,255	2,720	380
AVG WT	4.94	3.22	7.89	5.37	6.68
LAST WEEK	148,405	1,686	1,296	2,982	425
SAME WK YR AGO	155,103	1,634	1,319	2,953	428
AVG WT	5.21	3.82	7.62	5.52	6.53
TO-DATE/2003	1,477,466	16,248	13,415	29,663	4,167
TO-DATE/2002	1,525,923	17,894	12,785	30,679	4,325

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.4 million head or 1.8 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Mar-03

CLASS	Current Week 03/15/03(1)	Previous Week 03/08/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	163,649(2)	149,672
LT HENS	1,698	1,597
HVY HENS	1,403	1,299
TOTAL	166,750	152,568

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Mar-03 is 156.5 million head compared to 155.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.0 million head or 7.5 million more than estimated available. For week of 22-Mar-03 the estimated available is 155.9 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
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
	8	153.4	155.2	99%	4.94
YEAR TO DATE	1495.4	1520.7	98%		
MARCH	15	156.5			
	22	155.9			

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

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE			
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG	LDS
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.39	38	57.84	79		
Los Angeles	69.00	67.60	60	66.61	126		
New York	53.00-56.00	55.26	23	57.73	46		

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
	10-Mar-03	3-Mar-03	3-Mar-03	11-Mar-02
	61.12	0.29	60.83	55.70

NUMBER OF LOADS 542

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)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
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	03/10/03	2,877	184,523	64,269
AM	03/01/03	2,772	174,509	68,879
CHG		105	10014	-4610
PCT CHG		4%	6%	-7%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 10-Mar-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	8.00
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.75-10 CENTS/LB.	7.5-8.5	8.34

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

LIGHT TYPE 07-MAR-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	0-8	3-6
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-6	2-4

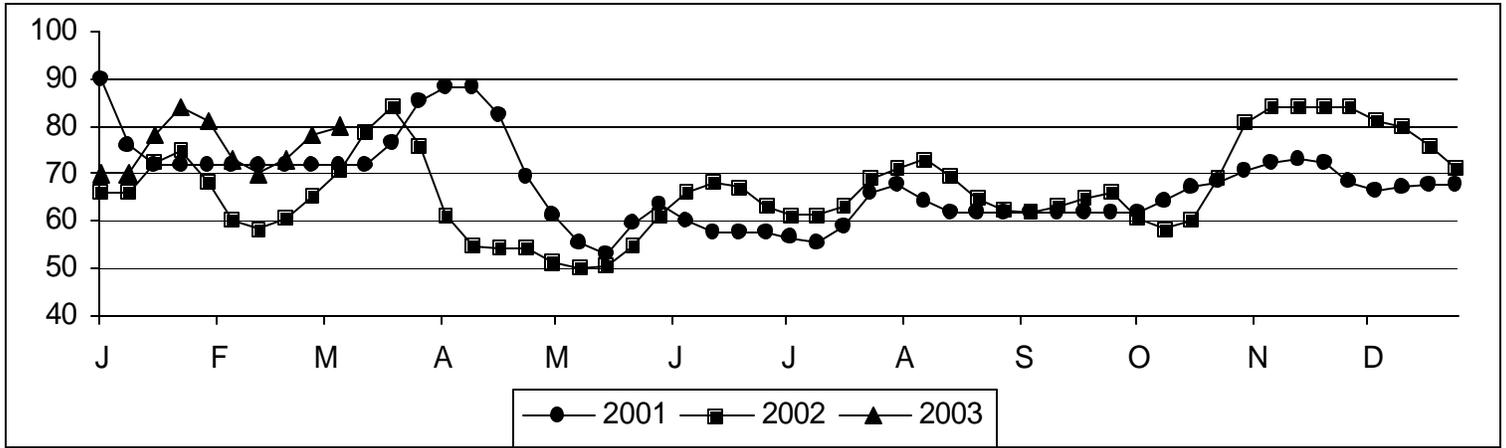
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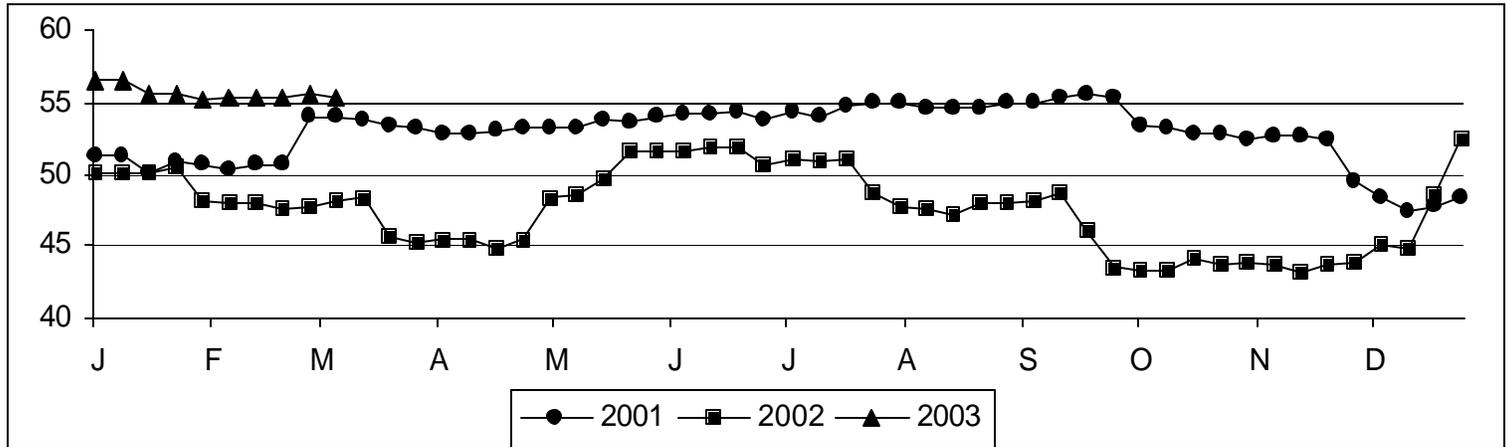
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REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.5	0	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	564.3	3	-3
W.N. CENTRAL	283.1	1	-4
S. ATLANTIC	191.8	-3	-6
S. CENTRAL	101.1	2	12
WEST	182.3	-2	-2
TOTAL	1540.1	1	-3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	85

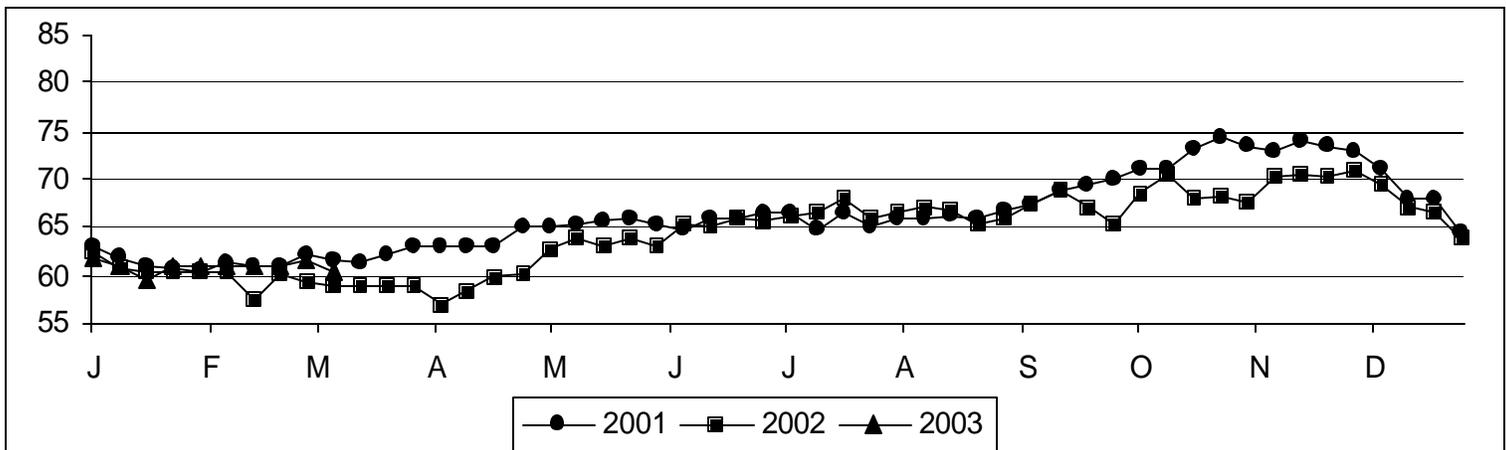
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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