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Prices were unchanged in most locations. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels was light to moderate and best where promotions were a factor. Supplies were in close balance to fully adequate. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were limited to barely adequate. Demand continued light to moderate. Liquid white and whole egg demand was increasingly active. Schedules were full-time. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Light type fowl offerings were generally adequate for the light demand.

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. Cartoned egg sales were usually light to fairly good with planned feature activity moving some extra product. Loose egg demand was generally moderate. Supplies were usually adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were limited to barely adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	65-72	67-69
LARGE	63-71	65-69
MEDIUM	49-55	52-55

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices continued unchanged on all sizes. The market tone remained steady. Demand was light to fair.

Supplies were sufficient for trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate for a light to moderate demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate for a fair to moderate demand.

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 21-Mar-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	73.50	73.00	56.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	54.00
MIDWEST	67.00	66.00	53.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	74.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.35	70.94	55.37

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 24, 2003 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
TOTAL		Number of	Percent	Change	Number of		
		Cases	Change		Cooperators		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.2	26.1	7.4	15.7	13.4	75.8
	Change	1.5	4.3	0.7	1.5	1.2	14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	34.3	57.2	18.6	34.9	32.0	177.0
	Change	4.2	11.3	5.7	8.1	-2.6	18%
Large	Curr Wk	56.6	122.3	92.8	116.3	138.2	526.2
	Change	-2.4	35.6	10.2	0.1	18.7	13%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	41.5	19.4	25.9	28.7	127.2
	Change	-0.2	6.0	0.9	6.5	4.6	16%
Small	Curr Wk	5.1	6.3	3.6	8.1	4.0	27.1
	Change	0.3	-1.7	0.4	0.1	-0.7	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	20.5	8.2	15.4	6.6	55.0
	Change	0.1	1.8	0.5	-9.6	0.0	-12%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.2	51.2	24.4	43.0	27.0	173.8
	Change	3.3	-11.9	3.3	7.2	2.2	2%
Total	Curr Wk	153.4	325.1	174.4	259.3	249.9	1162.1
	Percent Change	5%	16%	14%	6%	10%	11%

Shell Egg	1162.1	11%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	229.4	-9%	38
Total Shell Egg	1391.5	7%	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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA		
NORTHEAST	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY		
	146.6	279.7	152.7	245.4	226.5	1050.9

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

	03-25-03	03-18-03	03-26-02
Large	48-52	47-51	53-56
Medium	32-36	32-36	28-32

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,103,928	27,636	9,365	5,209	1,917	3,966
PW	1,119,153	28,986	9,562	5,182	1,823	4,118
LY	1,073,968	25,510	10,128	5,653	1,363	3,876
% CHG PW	-1	-5	-2	1	5	-4
% CHG LY	3	8	-8	-8	41	2
2003	13,362,923	321,314	122,332	67,794	29,940	49,548
2002	13,301,000	304,069	133,380	71,267	32,097	48,645
% CHG YTD	0	6	-8	-5	-7	2

(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	42.75	42.38	42.17
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	39.07	38.70	38.45

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 15	Mar 22
	Thousand			
AL	28,229	28,227	21,479	21,568
AR	29,371	29,982	23,738	23,7948
DE	3,765	3,711	4,570	5,061
FL	1,532	1,634	1,668	1,566
GA	30,759	30,862	24,918	25,720
KY	6,200	6,380	*5,265	5,298
MD	10,053	9,480	6,260	6,012
MS	*18,882	19,110	*15,850	16,374
NC	18,588	18,680	14,729	15,064
OK	6,672	6,562	4,458	4,825
PA	3,592	3,526	2,373	2,519
SC	4,842	4,903	4,430	3,800
TX	14,743	14,495	12,373	12,399
VA	6,632	6,637	5,334	5,258
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,492	20,713	*19,980	19,756
19 State Total	*204,352	204,902	*167,425	169,014
Previous Year Total	208,001	208,762	172,382	171,346
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	97	99

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 3-May-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.9 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 160.5 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 53.84 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/20/03-03/26/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 59.75		FUTURE LDS 52.50		TOTAL LDS 112.25		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	
GNR W 1	—	52.50	—	—	52.00	—	17.00
GNR W 2	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	60.42	—	4.75
GL W XL	60.17	62.80	—	64.72	62.45	—	32.75
GL W LG	59.17	62.80	—	65.91	63.35	59.00	33.25
GL W MD	—	49.00	42.00	—	45.18	—	11.25
GL W SM	—	—	32.00	33.75	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	39.00	44.50	44.42	24.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	31.50	6.75

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 22-Mar-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
ATLANTA	21.2	19.6	8	-17
BOSTON	3.8	3.5	9	12
CHICAGO	43.9	53.7	-18	-38
DETROIT	31.2	28.0	11	-17
KANSAS CITY	3.8	4.1	-7	-45
LOS ANGELES	82.6	86.9	-5	-30
NEW ORLEANS	12.7	12.7	0	12
NEW YORK	31.5	32.1	-2	-8
ST. LOUIS	17.7	17.0	4	6
SAN FRANCISCO	22.3	22.1	1	-20
TOTAL	270.7	279.7	-3	-23
4 WK MVG AVG	277.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,777	2,744	43	28	592
AVG WT	15.79	36.29	25.25	28.94	28.21
LAST WEEK	1,736	2,757	46	25	4,564
SAME WK YR AGO	1,795	2,682	52	10	4,539
AVG WT	16.13	35.30	24.61	29.46	27.58
TO-DATE/2003	20,231	31,013	681	183	52,108
TO-DATE/2002	20,783	31,346	511	104	52,744

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-2003

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

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	858	-1	21.98	(A)	864	21.98
SATL	827	1	28.41	(A)	833	28.41
N CENT	2,128	-3	32.70	(A)	2,134	32.70
S CENT	361	12	23.30	(A)	366	23.30
WEST	390	21	21.43	(A)	395	21.43
U.S. TOTAL	4,564(B)	1	28.21	28	4,592	28.21
TO-DATE						
2003	51,925(B)				183	52,108
TO-DATE						
2002	52,640(B)				104	52,744

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 43,000 for the year 681,000; last year to date 511,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	153,022	1,597	1,280	2,877	411
AVG WT	5.09	3.40	7.89	5.40	6.32
LAST WEEK	151,337	1,558	1,356	2,914	425
SAME WK YR AGO	151,624	1,812	1,360	3,172	545
AVG WT	5.13	3.37	7.80	5.27	6.72
TO-DATE/2003	1,781,825	19,403	16,051	35,454	5,003
TO-DATE/2002	1,830,776	21,342	15,508	36,850	5,392

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.9 million head or 1 million head less than or 99% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	03/29/03(1)	03/22/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	158,032(2)	151,312
LT HENS	1,684	1,735
HVY HENS	1,476	1,324
TOTAL	161,192	154,371

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Mar-03 is 155.7 million head compared to 147.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.3 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 05-Apr-03 the estimated available is 155.4 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 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
15	153.2	156.5	98%	5.23
YEAR TO DATE	1648.6	1677.2	98%	
MARCH 22		155.9		
29		155.7		

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 03/24/03-03/29/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	48.00-51.00	51.12	43	53.53	86	
Los Angeles	69.00	67.66	61	64.09	169	
New York	50.00-53.00	51.41	22	54.72	50	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
	24-Mar-03	17-Mar-03	17-Mar-03	25-Mar-02
	58.01	-2.88	60.89	54.18

NUMBER OF LOADS 630

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 03/24/03		2,756	185,901	62,110
AM 03/01/03		2,772	174,509	68,879
CHG		-16	11392	-6769
PCT CHG		-1%	7%	-10%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 24-Mar-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8.5	7.92
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	7.5-8.5	8.32

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

LIGHT TYPE 21-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	5-6
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-8	6-8

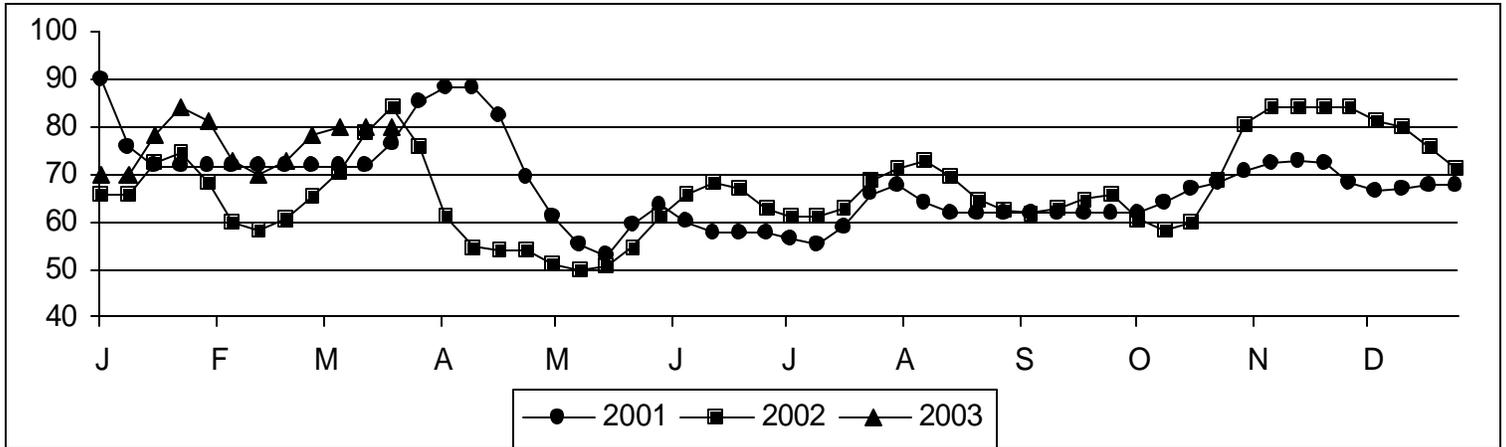
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W/E 22-Mar-03

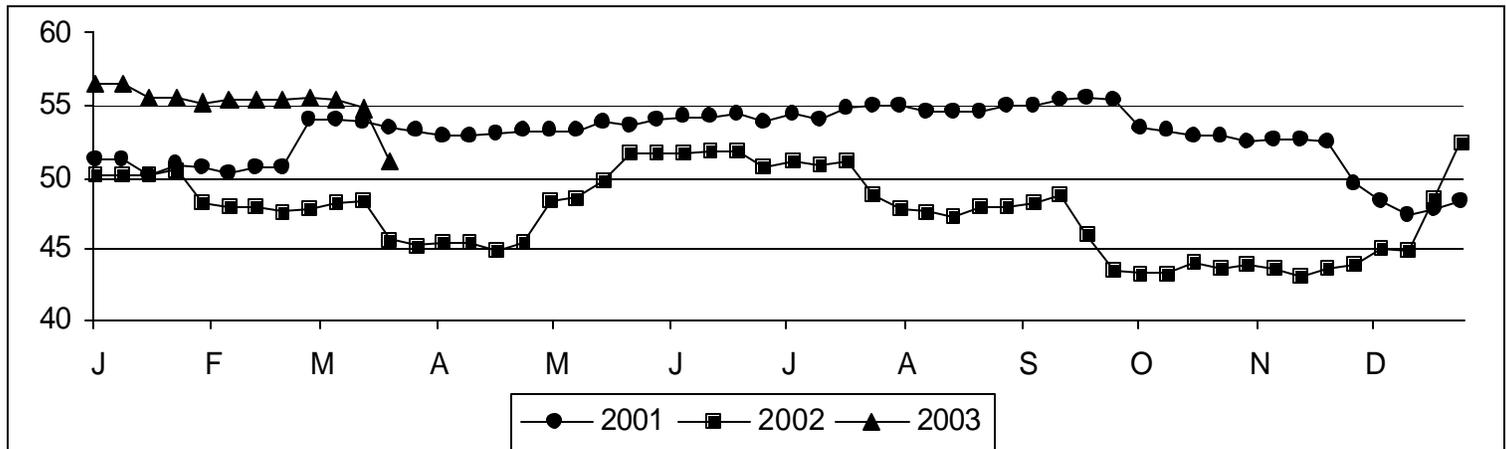
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	222.4	-1	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	568.8	-1	9
W.N. CENTRAL	292.1	2	5
S. ATLANTIC	206.3	4	-2
S. CENTRAL	100.2	0	12
WEST	181.8	-2	-15
TOTAL	1571.6	0	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	85

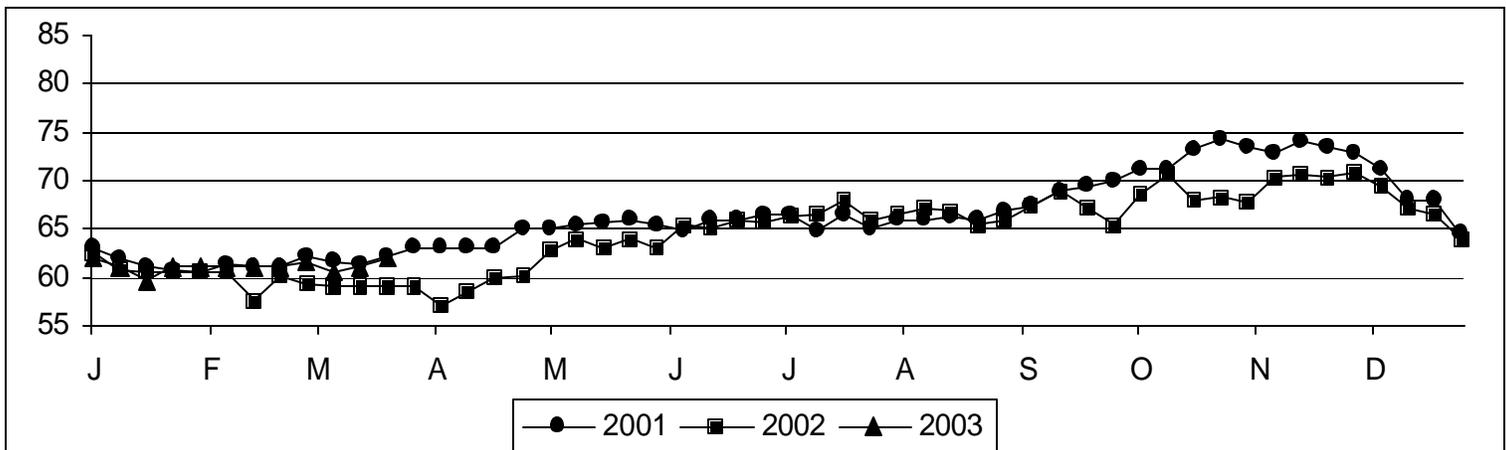
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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