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Prices in New York during the week were two cents higher on mediums but remained unchanged on all sizes in most locations. The market tone was generally steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate, slightly better where featured. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand light to moderate. Most breakers ran from regular commitments and company owned production. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks mostly adequate. Light type fowl demand was light to moderate for the 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand was light to moderate with planned feature activity the best interest. Food service movement mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to available for the light to moderate demand. Most breakers ran regular commitments and company owned production with very few interested in outside loads. Schedules full-time. Floor stocks mostly adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	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 were unchanged, however, mediums were trending higher. The market tone was generally steady on the larger sizes, but mediums were in a fully steady position. Demand ranged light to moderate, best where featured. Large eggs were advertised at 89 cents a dozen. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings from regular suppliers were short to about adequate for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were usually sufficient for slaughter requirements.

	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-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	68.00	67.00	53.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	75.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.88	71.48	55.37

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

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

	04-01-03	03-25-03	04-02-02
Large	48-52	48-52	37-40
Medium	32-36	32-36	24-28

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 31, 2003

On the March 24 National Shell Egg Inventory the shell egg breaking stock should have been 239.6 - down 5 percent

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					
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.5	26.4	7.1	15.9	15.5	78.4
	Change	0.3	0.3	-0.3	0.2	2.1	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	36.6	64.6	14.9	32.3	40.9	189.3
	Change	2.3	7.4	-3.7	-2.6	8.9	7%
Large	Curr Wk	74.1	154.7	109.3	120.6	148.3	607.0
	Change	17.5	32.4	16.5	4.3	10.1	15%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.2	38.1	15.8	28.6	32.2	130.9
	Change	4.5	-3.4	-3.6	2.7	3.5	3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	5.6	3.0	9.6	7.5	30.7
	Change	-0.1	-0.7	-0.6	1.5	3.5	13%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	20.1	6.9	16.5	7.4	55.1
	Change	-0.1	-0.4	-1.3	1.1	0.8	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.7	55.1	24.0	44.8	29.9	184.5
	Change	2.5	3.9	-0.4	1.8	2.9	6%
Total	Curr Wk	180.3	364.6	181.0	268.3	281.7	1275.9
Percent	Change	18%	12%	4%	3%	13%	10%

Shell Egg	1,275.9	10%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	231.1	-4%	38

Total Shell Egg	1,507.0	8%	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.

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
2003	13,362,923	322,664	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	

WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-03

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,089,488	27,577	9,448	5,344	1,868	4,080
PW	1,103,928	27,636	9,365	5,209	1,917	3,966
LY	1,095,804	26,637	10,571	5,342	1,996	3,911
% CHG PW	-1	0	1	3	-3	3
% CHG LY	-1	4	-11	0	-6	4
2003	14,452,411	348,891	131,780	73,138	31,808	53,628
2002	14,396,804	330,706	143,951	76,609	34,093	52,556
% CHG YTD	0	5	-8	-5	-7	2
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)						
			CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			42.63	41.83	42.40	
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -			38.89	38.24	38.83	

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Mar 22	Mar 29	Mar 22	Mar 29
	Thousand			
AL	28,227	27,832	21,568	20,954
AR	29,982	29,511	*24,173	24,592
DE	3,711	3,633	*4,988	5,388
FL	1,634	1,597	1,566	1,632
GA	30,862	30,796	*25,486	25,212
KY	*6,316	6,291	5,298	5,558
MD	*9,509	9,487	*6,108	6,067
MS	19,110	19,116	16,374	16,390
NC	18,680	18,985	*15,066	15,134
OK	*6,580	6,219	4,825	4,357
PA	*3,446	3,519	*2,528	2,638
SC	4,903	4,983	*3,827	4,020
TX	14,495	14,750	12,399	12,247
VA	6,637	6,714	5,258	5,449
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*20,871	20,705	*19,363	19,623
19 State Total	*204,963	204,138	*168,827	169,261
Previous Year Total	208,762	207,728	171,346	171,323
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	98	99	99

* Revised

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 10-May-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.6 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 154.9 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 160.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.83 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING WEEK OF 03/27/03-04/02/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 86.50		FUTURE LDS 85.75		TOTAL LDS 172.25		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	
GNR W 1	49.00	52.56	49.88	51.00	61.50	—	30.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	52.00	—	51.00	8.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	59.48	—	5.75
GL W XL	—	60.88	62.35	65.00	60.34	—	44.50
GL W LG	57.00	63.62	60.45	65.40	59.47	59.00	48.50
GL W MD	—	60.71	47.00	48.33	43.05	45.25	15.75
GL W SM	30.75	32.63	31.00	32.63	—	—	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	42.50	—	44.48	30.75
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	31.50	2.50

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-Mar-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT	CHG LY
ATLANTA	22.1	21.2	4	-38
BOSTON	3.3	3.8	-13	-8
CHICAGO	54.0	43.9	23	-29
DETROIT	33.5	31.2	7	-37
KANSAS CITY	4.3	3.8	13	-10
LOS ANGELES	84.6	82.6	2	-23
NEW ORLEANS	14.1	12.7	11	-3
NEW YORK	31.3	31.5	-1	-22
ST. LOUIS	18.3	17.7	3	0
SAN FRANCISCO	21.8	22.3	-2	-33
TOTAL	287.3	270.7	6	-26
4 WK MVG AVG	279.4			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-2003

	YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	1,592	2,920	37	28
AVG WT	16.22	36.68	26.89	27.90
LAST WEEK	1,777	2,744	43	28
SAME WK YR AGO	1,584	2,512	21	1
AVG WT	16.63	35.56	26.25	52.45
TO-DATE/2003	21,823	33,933	718	211
TO-DATE/2002	22,367	33,858	532	105

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-Mar-2003

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT
N EAST	934	9	22.39	(A)	864
SATL	772	-7	34.33	(A)	833
N CENT	2,139	1	32.97	(A)	2,134
S CENT	322	-11	23.79	(A)	366
WEST	382	-2	21.78	(A)	395
U.S. TOTAL	4,549 (B)	0	29.43	28	4,577

TO-DATE

2003 56,474 (B) 211 56,685

TO-DATE

2002 56,757 (B) 105 56,862

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 37,000 for the year 718,000; last year to date 532,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 29-Mar-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	152,814	1,980	1,391	3,371	413
AVG WT	5.07	3.43	7.84	5.25	6.92
LAST WEEK	153,022	1,597	1,280	2,877	411
SAME WK YR AGO	146,133	1,978	1,250	3,228	391
AVG WT	5.31	3.41	7.99	5.18	6.89
TO-DATE/2003	1,934,639	21,383	17,442	38,825	5,416
TO-DATE/2002	1,976,909	23,320	16,758	40,078	5,783

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.7 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 05-Apr-03

CLASS	Current Week 04/05/03(1)	Previous Week 03/29/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	155,248(2)	158,032
LT HENS	1,961	1,684
HVY HENS	1,444	1,476
TOTAL	158,653	161,192

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Apr-03 is 159.0 million head compared to 154.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.6 million head or 3.4 million less than estimated available. For week of 12-Apr-03 the estimated available is 154.3 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 22	149.1	153.7	97%	5.04
1	150.2	153.4	98%	5.12
MARCH 8	153.4	155.2	99%	4.94
15	153.2	156.5	98%	5.23
22	154.9	155.9	99%	5.09
29	154.7	155.7	99%	5.07
YEAR TO DATE	1958.2	1988.8	98%	
APRIL 5		155.4		
12		154.3		

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 03/31/03-04/05/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE			
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-50.00		49.95	42	52.17		76
Los Angeles	69.00		67.26	62	64.27		141
New York	50.00-53.00		51.55	20	54.01		45

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from	24-Mar-03	24-Mar-03	1-Apr-02	
31-Mar-03	57.71	-0.30	58.01	52.95
NUMBER OF LOADS	566			

MONTHLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
MARCH	60.02	2,401.20

QUARTERLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

JANUARY - MARCH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
	60.33	7,444.00

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/	58.5-62	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	56.5-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	56-59	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	56-59	-	-	-

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 03/31/03	2,745	188,765	61,764
AM 03/01/03	2,772	174,509	68,879
CHG	-27	14,256	-7,115
PCT CHG	-1%	8%	-10%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 31-Mar-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8	7.85
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.25-11 CENTS/LB.	7-8	8.11

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

LIGHT TYPE 28-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

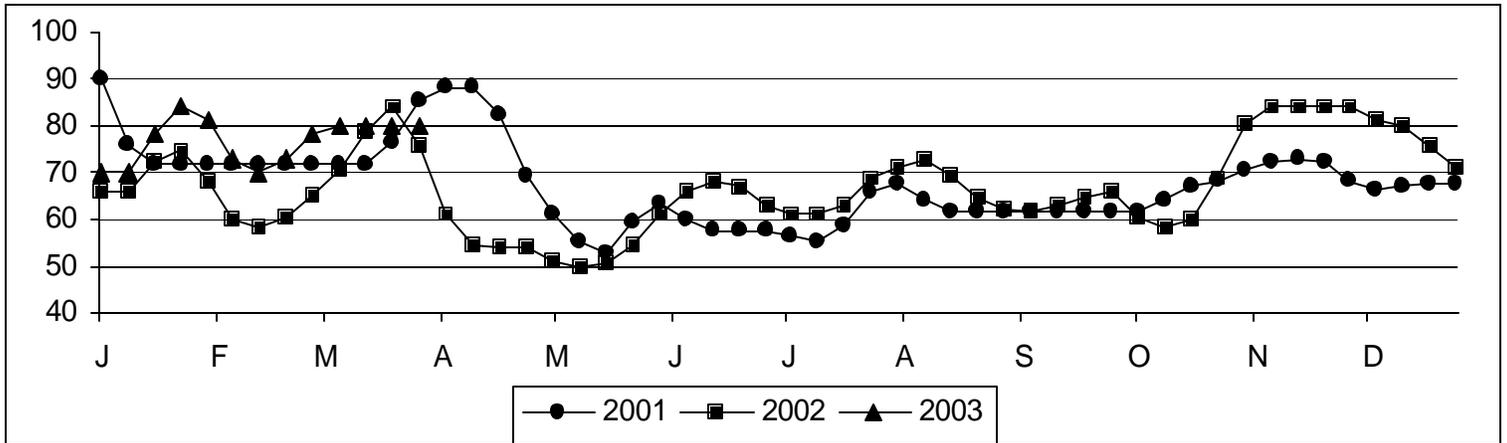
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 29-Mar-03

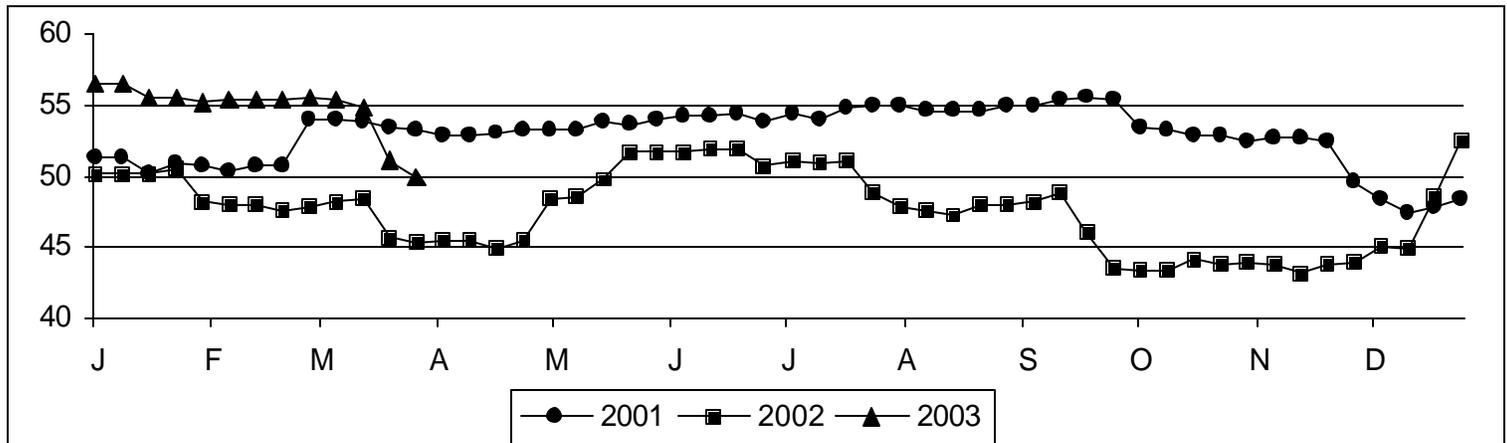
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	223.8	1	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	561.1	-1	-2
W.N. CENTRAL	297.7	2	-1
S. ATLANTIC	204.0	-1	5
S. CENTRAL	99.6	-1	16
WEST	195.5	8	-13
TOTAL	1581.7	1	-2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	85

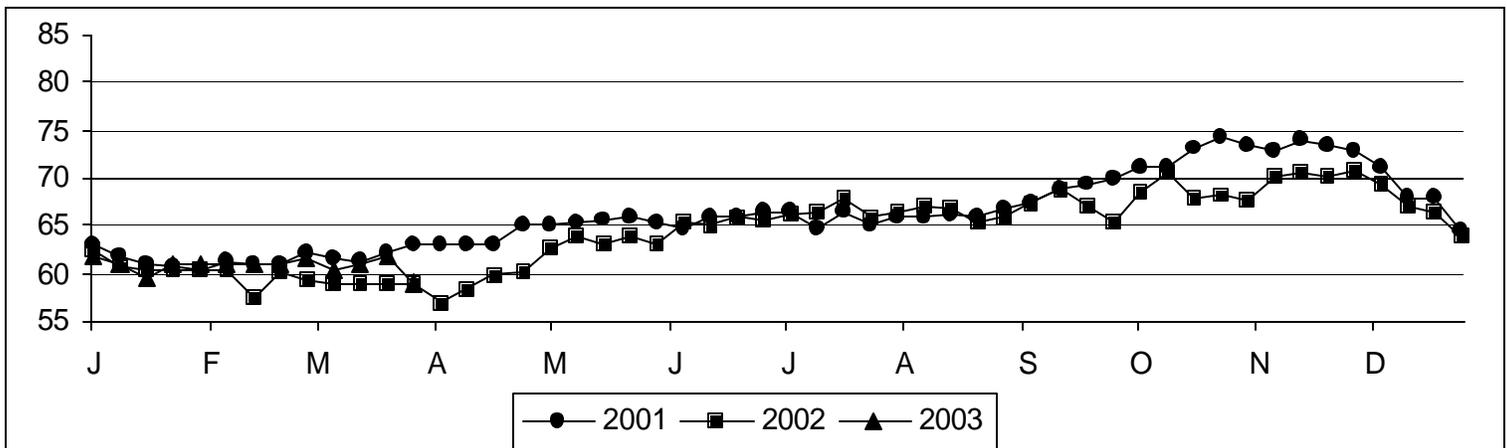
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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