



EGG & POULTRY NATIONAL WEEKLY REVIEW

ISSN 1520-6114

THURSDAY
APRIL 10, 2003
VOL. 54 NO. 15

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

Poultry Programs

Market News Branch



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

In most areas prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady with mediums in the tightest position. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were mixed, ranging fully sufficient to tight. Nest run breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good as some breakers' schedules become busier as contractual liquid product improves. Offerings continued adequate to about adequate. Bids for additional heavy nest runs were at lower trending prices. Schedules are full-time. Trade sentiment was about steady. Light type fowl offerings were adequate to fully adequate with demand fair to fairly 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was fairly good to good with planned and on-going feature activity beginning to move more product. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was mostly moderate for the adequate to about adequate offerings. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	65-72	67-69
LARGE	63-71	65-69
MEDIUM	51-57	54-57

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 remained steady to fully steady with mediums in the best position. Demand into all channels was moderate to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate on the heavier weight eggs and tight on mediums. Breaking stock demand was moderate for limited offerings. Spent hen availability was sufficient 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 4-Apr-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

	04-08-03	04-01-03	04-09-02
Large	48-52	48-52	26-29
Medium	32-36	32-36	20-24

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 07, 2003

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.8	25.3	7.5	15.2	15.8	77.6
	Change	0.3	-1.1	-0.2	-2.6	0.3	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.4	52.8	14.3	34.7	44.4	176.6
	Change	-6.2	-11.8	-0.6	2.4	3.5	-7%
Large	Curr Wk	65.1	167.4	128.8	138.8	154.4	654.5
	Change	-9.0	12.7	19.5	18.2	6.1	8%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.7	34.8	14.2	24.1	26.2	114.0
	Change	-1.5	-3.3	-1.6	-4.5	-6.0	-13%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	4.4	4.9	9.6	4.4	26.3
	Change	-2.0	-1.2	1.9	0.0	-3.1	-14%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.9	18.4	5.7	14.9	5.0	47.9
	Change	-0.3	-1.7	-1.2	-1.6	-2.4	-13%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	27.1	59.0	29.3	40.7	33.0	189.1
	Change	-3.6	3.9	5.3	-4.1	3.1	2%
Total	Curr Wk	158.0	362.1	204.7	278.0	283.2	1286.0
Percent Change		-12%	-1%	13%	3%	1%	1%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1286.0	1%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	217.3	-6%	38
Total Shell Egg	1503.3	0%	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	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY
180.3	364.6	181.6	270.2	281.7	1278.4

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 -

W/E 05-Apr-03

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,104,923	27,129	10,036	5,181	1,721	4,133
PW	1,089,488	27,577	9,448	5,344	1,868	4,080
LY	1,213,905	28,637	12,093	6,419	2,478	4,329
% CHG PW	1	-2	6	-3	-8	1
% CHG LY	-9	-5	-17	-19	-31	-5
2003	15,557,334	376,020	141,816	78,319	33,529	57,761
2002	15,610,709	359,343	156,044	83,028	36,571	56,885
% CHG YTD	0	5	-9	-6	-8	2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.07	42.63	42.41
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.32	38.89	38.84

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Mar 29 2003	Apr 05 2003	Mar 29 2003	Apr 05 2003
	THOUSAND			
AL	*27,815	28,204	*21,078	21,442
AR	29,511	30,672	24,592	23,746
DE	3,633	3,859	*5,270	5,258
FL	1,597	1,573	1,632	1,392
GA	*31,092	31,778	*25,471	25,219
KY	6,291	6,485	*5,171	5,324
MD	*9,516	10,050	*6,258	6,592
MS	19,116	19,229	16,390	16,209
NC	18,985	18,622	15,134	14,897
OK	6,219	6,607	4,357	4,851
PA	*3,841	3,581	*2,639	2,545
SC	4,983	4,911	4,020	4,201
TX	*14,756	14,990	*12,265	12,194
VA	6,714	6,521	*5,407	5,358
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV:	*20,693	20,818	*19,566	18,444
19 State Total:	*204,762	207,900	*169,250	167,672
Previous Year Total:	207,728	212,490	171,323	168,978
Pct. of Prev. Year :	99	98	99	99

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 17-May-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.1 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.6 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 159.6 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.0 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 55.95 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 03 - 09, 2003

CURRENT LDS 88.25 FUTURE LDS 70.75 TOTAL LDS 159.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	49.00	52.70	49.88	51.00	50.50	51.50	35.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	52.00	—	—	5.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	54.05	—	5.25
GL W XL	—	64.00	63.79	65.22	60.43	—	42.25
GL W LG	—	65.86	59.63	61.67	61.40	59.00	38.25
GL W MD	—	58.00	50.25	50.50	43.00	48.00	11.50
GL W SM	—	—	30.33	31.92	—	—	6.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.50	42.01	51.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	17.00	32.00	4.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 05-Apr-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	21.5	22.1	-3	20
BOSTON	3.5	3.3	6	-3
CHICAGO	59.1	53.9	10	32
DETROIT	23.2	33.5	-31	17
KANSAS CITY	10.8	4.3	151	57
LOS ANGELES	81.2	84.6	-4	10
NEW ORLEANS	12.6	14.1	-11	6
NEW YORK	31.0	31.3	-1	0
ST. LOUIS	17.1	18.3	-7	0
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	21.8	2	6
TOTAL	282.2	287.2	-2	14
4 WK MVG AVG	280.0			

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 05-Apr-2003 (PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

-THOUSAND HEAD-	YOUNG TURKEYS			TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE WT	
	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
N EAST	892	-4	21.87	(A)	897 21.87
SATL	780	1	32.73	(A)	785 32.73
N CENT	2,106	-2	33.03	(A)	2,110 33.03
S CENT	343	7	23.22	(A)	347 23.22
WEST	392	3	23.02	(A)	396 23.02
U.S. TOTAL	4,513(B)	-1	29.16	22	4,535 29.16
TO-DATE 2003	60,987(B)			233	61,220
TO-DATE 2002	60,747(B)			110	60,857

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 65,000; for the year 783,000; last year to date 556,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 05-Apr-2003

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG BREEDERS		TOTAL
	TOMS	THOUSANDS			
HEAD	1,638	2,810	65	22	4,535
AVG WT	15.95	36.97	24.16	28.71	29.16
LAST WEEK	1,592	2,920	37	28	4,577
SAME WK YR AGO	1,762	2,204	24	5	3,995
AVG WT	16.21	34.94	24.29	33.82	26.61
TO-DATE/2003	23,461	36,743	783	233	61,220
TO-DATE/2002	24,129	36,062	556	110	60,857

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 05-Apr-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	156,255	1,801	1,347	3,148	422
AVG WT	5.06	3.30	7.94	5.29	6.54
LAST WEEK	152,814	1,980	1,391	3,371	413
SAME WK YR AGO	152,511	1,982	1,263	3,245	363
AVG WT	5.07	3.55	7.86	5.23	6.63
TO-DATE/2003	2,090,894	23,184	18,789	41,973	5,838
TO-DATE/2002	2,129,420	25,302	18,021	43,323	6,146

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.2 million head or 2.8 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/12/03(1)	04/05/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	158,820(2)	155,248
LT HENS	2,130	1,961
HVY HENS	1,263	1,444
CHECK TOTAL	162,213	158,653

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Apr-03 is 154.3 million head compared to 159.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 159.1 million head or 4.8 million more than estimated available. For week of 19-Apr-03 the estimated available is 154.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
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
	22	154.9	155.9	99%	5.09
	29	154.7	155.7	99%	5.07
APRIL	5	158.2	155.4	102%	5.06
YEAR TO DATE		2116.4	2144.2	99%	
APRIL	12		154.3		
	19		154.5		

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 04/07/03-04/11/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-50.00	50.15	43	52.40	80
Los Angeles	69.00	67.18	63	64.62	126
New York	50.00-53.00	52.04	23	54.47	50

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
	7-Apr-03	31-Mar-03	8-Apr-02
	57.71	0.00	53.64
NUMBER OF LOADS	572	57.71	53.64

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

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	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	04/07/03	2,629	194,464	61,836
AM	03/01/03	2,772	174,509	68,879
CHG		-143	19,955	-7,043
PCT CHG		-5%	11%	-10%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 28, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	14 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	521 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	610 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 07-Apr-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	7-8	7.97
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.25-11 CENTS/LB.	7-8	8.38

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

LIGHT TYPE 04-Apr-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 3.5-6

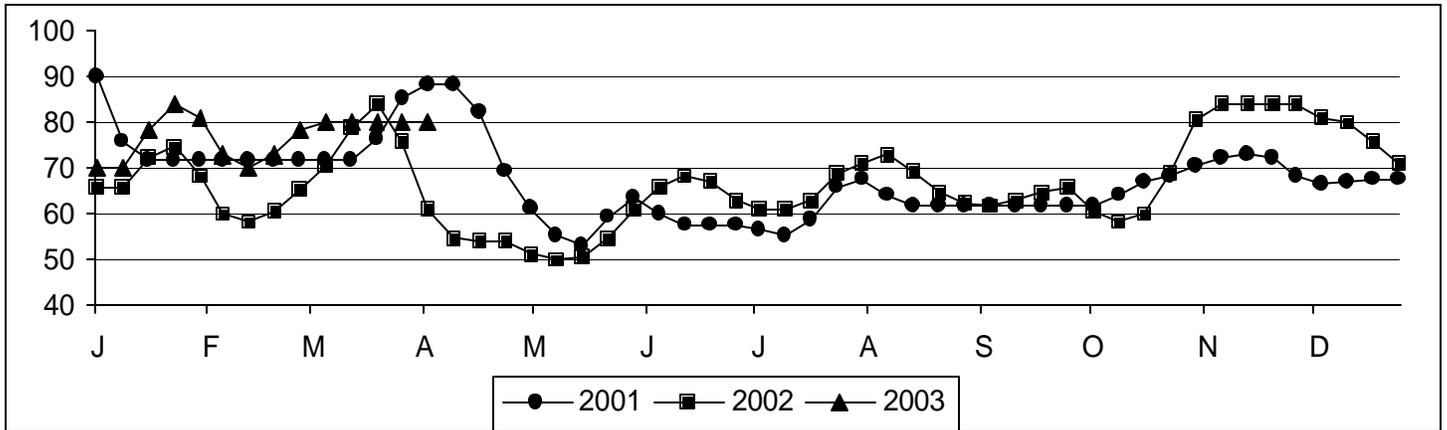
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 05-Apr-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	219.9	-2	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	577.0	3	16
W.N. CENTRAL	307.0	3	20
S. ATLANTIC	208.2	2	14
S. CENTRAL	105.4	6	26
WEST	194.4	-1	8
TOTAL	1611.9	2	13
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

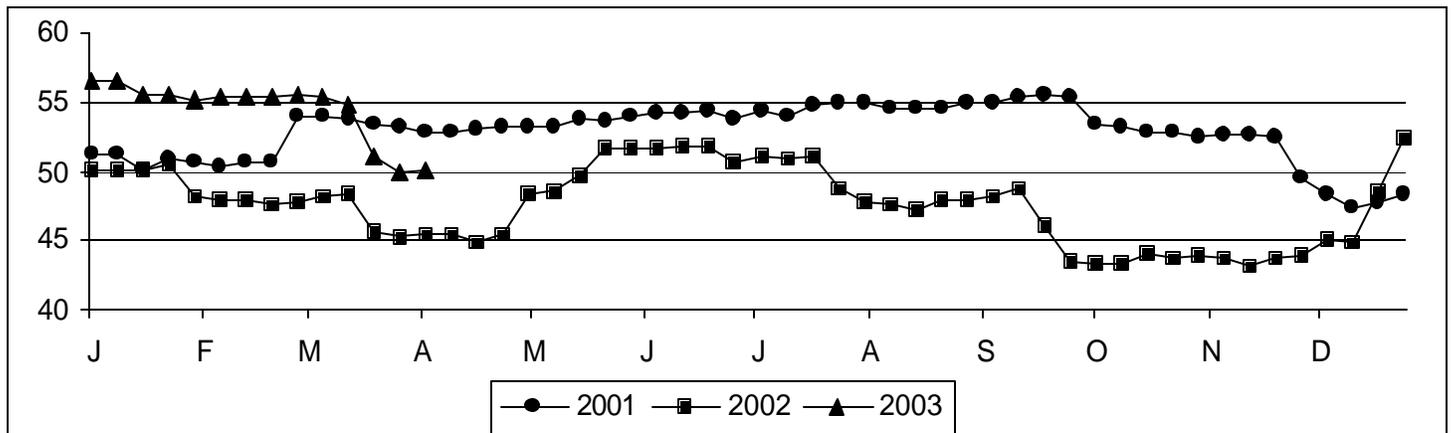
New York Large Weekly Average Price

Cents per Dozen



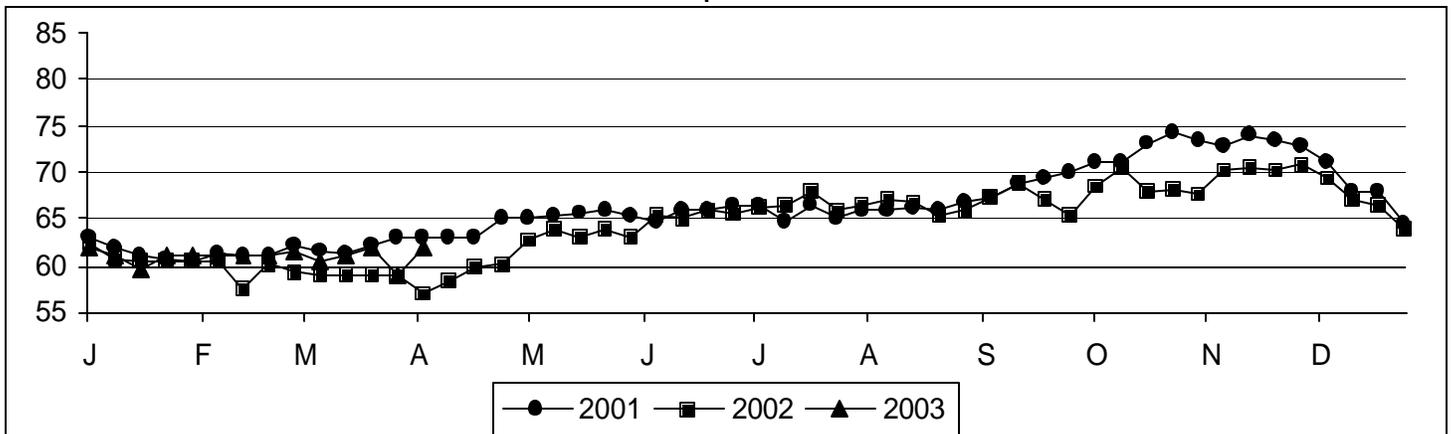
Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

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

USDA, AMS, POULTRY PROGRAMS, POULTRY MARKET NEWS OFFICES

Wash., DC
Mike Sheats
Chief

Voice (202)720-6911
Fax (202)720-2403

Atlanta, GA
Johnny Freeman,
Officer-in-Charge

Voice (404)562-5850
Fax (404)562-5875
Recorded (404)562-5856

Jackson, MS
Gary Brown,
(Southern States Area Supervisor)

Voice (601)965-4662
Fax (601)965-4661

Des Moines, IA
Mary L. Adkins,
(Officer-In-Charge)

Voice (515)284-4471
Fax (515)284-4468
Recorded (515)284-4545

Bell, CA
Jim Derby,
Officer-in-Charge

Voice (323)269-4154
Fax (323)269-5926
Recorded (323)260-4676