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At the beginning of the week prices were mixed, unchanged to higher. During the week prices in New York were unchanged on mediums and lower on the larger sizes. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand was mixed, but was mostly moderate to good. Supplies increased in availability and were usually noted as sufficient to closely balanced for immediate trade needs. Nest run breaking stock price range was unchanged with the mostly prices lower. Checks and undergrades prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate with graded loose shell eggs beginning to become more available. Demand was mostly moderate to instances fairly good. Bids continued lower for additional nest runs. Schedules were generally full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Light type fowl demand was light to instances moderate with offerings fully adequate.

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 good to very good, best for features. Food service demand was generally moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to at times fully adequate for the mostly moderate to instances fairly good demand. Bids for additional nest runs continued lower and more graded loose product was being offered to breakers. Schedules generally full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	65-72	67-69
LARGE	63-71	65-69
MEDIUM	53-59	56-59

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 the larger sizes were trending lower. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good, best where features were present for Easter. Supplies were adequate to at times close for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were generally sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were fully adequate for processing needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	69-84	72-75
LARGE	66-81	71-75
MEDIUM	58-70	60-62

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 11-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	58.00
SOUTHEAST	72.50	70.50	56.00
MIDWEST	68.00	67.00	55.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	75.50	59.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.11	71.71	57.37

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

	04-15-03	04-08-03	04-16-02
Large	48-52	48-52	24-27
Medium	36-40	32-36	19-23

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM APR 14, 2003

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
		CENT	CENT	Atl			
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.4	23.6	10.1	15.2	15.4	75.7
	Change	-2.4	-1.7	2.6	0.2	-0.4	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	21.5	38.9	11.1	22.2	38.0	131.7
	Change	-8.9	-13.9	-3.2	-10.9	-6.4	-25%
Large	Curr Wk	50.2	108.0	77.4	87.9	94.4	417.9
	Change	-14.9	-59.4	-51.4	-42.8	-60.0	-35%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	29.8	14.9	16.8	24.9	98.2
	Change	-2.9	-5.0	0.7	-6.9	-1.3	-14%
Small	Curr Wk	2.8	5.5	2.0	4.1	6.2	20.6
	Change	-0.2	1.1	-2.9	-4.6	1.8	-19%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.1	21.0	8.9	15.9	6.6	55.5
	Change	-0.8	2.6	3.2	3.5	1.6	22%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.3	38.1	19.2	22.2	33.8	133.6
	Change	-6.8	-20.9	-10.1	-13.8	0.8	-28%
Total	Curr Wk	121.1	264.9	143.6	184.3	219.3	933.2
	Percent Change	-23%	-27%	-30%	-29%	-23%	-26%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	933.2	-26%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	205.3	-4%	37
Total Shell Egg	1138.5	-23%	211

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 174 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	
	158.0	362.1	204.7	259.6	283.2	1267.6

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 12-Apr-03

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,088,515	26,476	9,801	5,575	1,698	4,070
PW	1,104,923	27,129	10,036	5,181	1,721	4,133
LY	1,234,974	28,555	12,001	7,092	3,025	4,293
% CHG PW	-1	-2	-2	8	-1	-2
% CHG LY	-12	-7	-18	-21	-44	-5
2003	16,645,849	402,496	151,617	83,894	35,227	61,831
2002	16,845,683	387,898	168,045	90,120	39,596	61,178
% CHG YTD	-1	4	-10	-7	-11	1

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.19	42.07	42.06
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.45	38.32	38.58

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Apr 05 2003	Apr 12 2003	Apr 05 2003	Apr 12 2003
	THOUSAND			
AL	28,204	28,843	21,442	21,439
AR	30,672	30,527	*23,750	23,255
DE	3,859	3,753	5,258	4,973
FL	*1,687	1,491	*1,608	1,892
GA	*32,089	32,081	*25,095	25,447
KY	*6,775	6,500	5,324	5,945
MD	10,050	10,069	6,592	6,341
MS	19,229	19,231	16,209	16,425
NC	18,622	18,904	14,897	15,268
OK	*6,620	6,458	*4,850	5,474
PA	*3,848	3,679	*2,478	2,538
SC	4,911	4,958	4,201	3,498
TX	14,990	15,153	12,194	11,888
VA	6,521	6,502	5,358	5,149
CA, MO, LA, TN, & WV:	*20,821	20,877	*18,468	19,506
19 State Total:	*208,898	209,026	*167,724	169,038
Previous Year Total :	212,490	211,198	168,978	169,433
Pct. of Prev. Year :	98	99	99	100

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 24-May-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 155.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.1 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 160.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 160.5 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 56.77 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 10 - 16, 2003

	SE	NE	MW				
CURRENT LDS	105.50	FUTURE LDS	59.25	TOTAL LDS	164.75		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	48.50	55.21	50.08	51.80	52.98	52.00	52.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	62.00	66.67	—	—	—	—	1.50
GL W XL	—	66.20	63.25	65.70	58.08	—	37.50
GL W LG	66.25	67.92	62.06	64.41	57.03	59.00	34.25
GL W MD	—	53.57	55.00	57.00	41.13	—	12.75
GL W SM	30.75	32.38	30.38	32.63	27.75	28.75	4.50
NRBS - 50	—	—	41.00	43.00	—	—	.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	40.15	40.95	55.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	20.00	22.00	—	29.50	2.25

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 12-Apr-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT PW	LY
ATLANTA	27.8	21.5	29	43
BOSTON	5.5	3.5	58	53
CHICAGO	68.0	59.1	15	51
DETROIT	47.4	23.2	104	92
KANSAS CITY	7.2	10.8	-33	76
LOS ANGELES	101.4	81.2	25	19
NEW ORLEANS	14.8	12.6	17	4
NEW YORK	36.8	31.0	19	15
ST. LOUIS	25.5	17.1	49	10
SAN FRANCISCO	25.0	22.2	13	24
TOTAL	359.4	282.2	27	32
4 WK MVG AVG	299.9			

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

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

	YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS			
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE		
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
N EAST	921	3	21.84 (A)	897	21.84	
SATL	811	4	27.88 (A)	785	27.88	
N CENT	2,481	18	32.78 (A)	2,110	32.78	
S CENT	322	-6	23.78 (A)	347	23.78	
WEST	423	8	21.87 (A)	396	21.87	
U.S. TOTAL	4,958(B)	10	28.44	9	4,967	28.44
TO-DATE						
2003	65,945(B)		242	66,187		
TO-DATE						
2002	65,574(B)		112	65,686		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 71,000; for the year 854,000; last year to date 583,000.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED

W/E 12-Apr-2003

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG BREEDERS		TOTAL
	TOMS				
	THOUSANDS				
HEAD	1,978	2,909	71	9	4,967
AVG WT	15.69	37.15	25.97	30.31	28.44
LAST WEEK	1,638	2,810	65	22	4,535
SAME WK YR AGO	2,036	2,764	27	2	4,829
AVG WT	16.60	35.71	26.52	37.08	27.60
TO-DATE/2003	25,439	39,652	854	242	66,187
TO-DATE/2002	26,165	38,826	583	112	65,686

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 12-Apr-2003 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	152,185	1,955	1,221	3,176	405
AVG WT	5.17	3.44	8.00	5.19	6.73
LAST WEEK	156,255	1,801	1,347	3,148	422
SAME WK YR AGO	157,463	1,927	1,327	3,254	405
AVG WT	5.10	3.51	7.64	5.23	6.71
TO-DATE/2003	2,243,079	25,139	20,010	45,149	6,243
TO-DATE/2002	2,286,883	27,229	19,348	46,577	6,551

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier week 154.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154 million head or 0.3 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Apr-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/19/03(1)	04/12/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	152,643(2)	158,820
LT HENS	1,908	2,130
HVY HENS	1,271	1,263
TOTAL	155,822	162,213

1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Apr-03 is 154.5 million head compared to 160.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 152.9 million head or 1.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 26-Apr-03 the estimated available is 156.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
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
APRIL	5	158.2	155.4	102%	5.06
	12	154.0	154.3	100%	5.17
YEAR TO DATE		2270.4	2298.5	99%	
APRIL	19		154.5		
	26		156.2		

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 04/14/03-04/18/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	47.00-50.00	50.10	39	52.57	76
Los Angeles	69.00	67.19	62	64.62	121
New York	50.00-53.00	52.14	22	53.61	45

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from				
	14-Apr-03	7-Apr-03	7-Apr-03	15-Apr-02
	57.87	0.16	57.71	54.09
NUMBER OF LOADS	534			

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
	EASTERN REGION 3/	61-62	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
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	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	04/14/03	2,750	192,775	61,323
AM	04/01/03	2,722	189,905	61,778
CHG		28	2,870	-455
PCT CHG		1%	2%	-1%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Cents Per LB, Generally for slaughter the week of 14-Apr-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.5	8.18
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.75-11 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.33

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

LIGHT TYPE 11-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

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-8	5-6
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-8.5	3.0-6

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

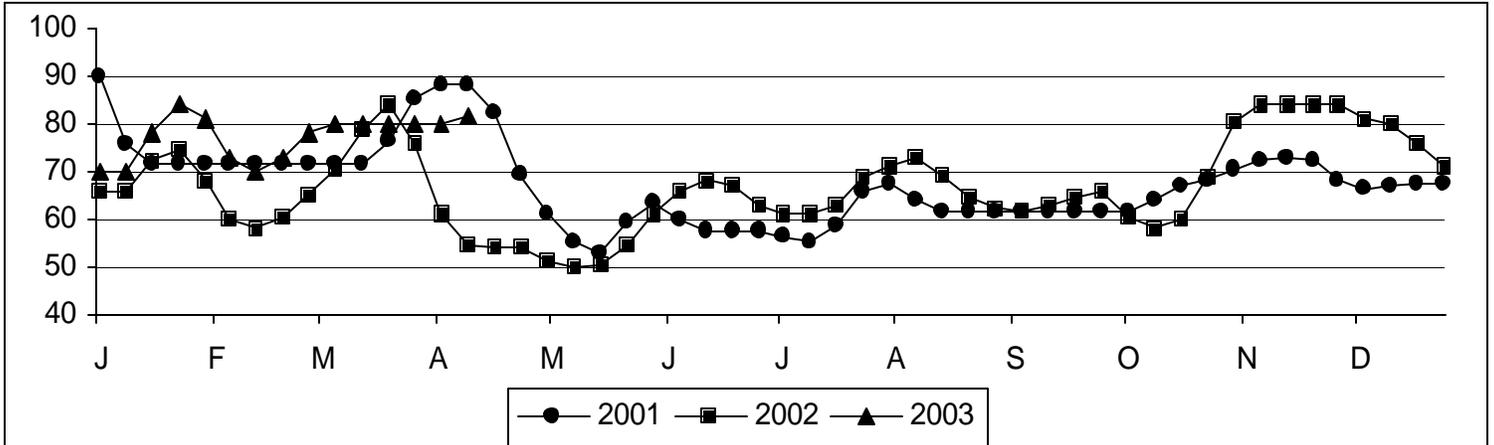
W/E 12-Apr-03

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	223.5	2	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	585.3	1	17
W.N. CENTRAL	318.3	4	19
S. ATLANTIC	198.2	-5	30
S. CENTRAL	105.1	0	27
WEST	209.5	8	17
TOTAL	1639.9	2	16
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

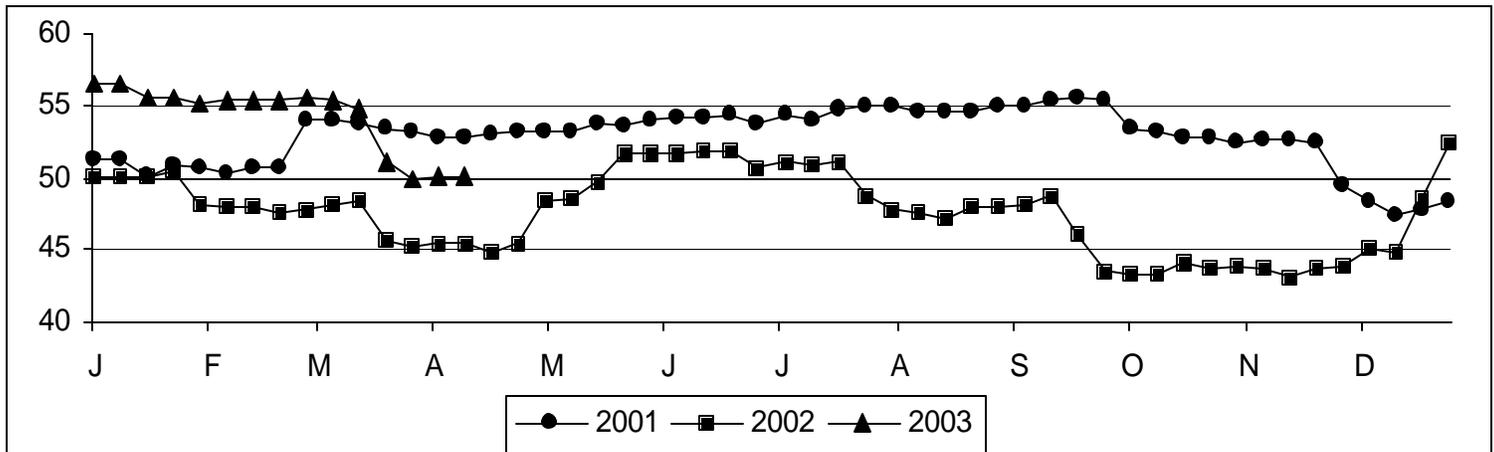
New York Large Weekly Average Price

Cents per Dozen



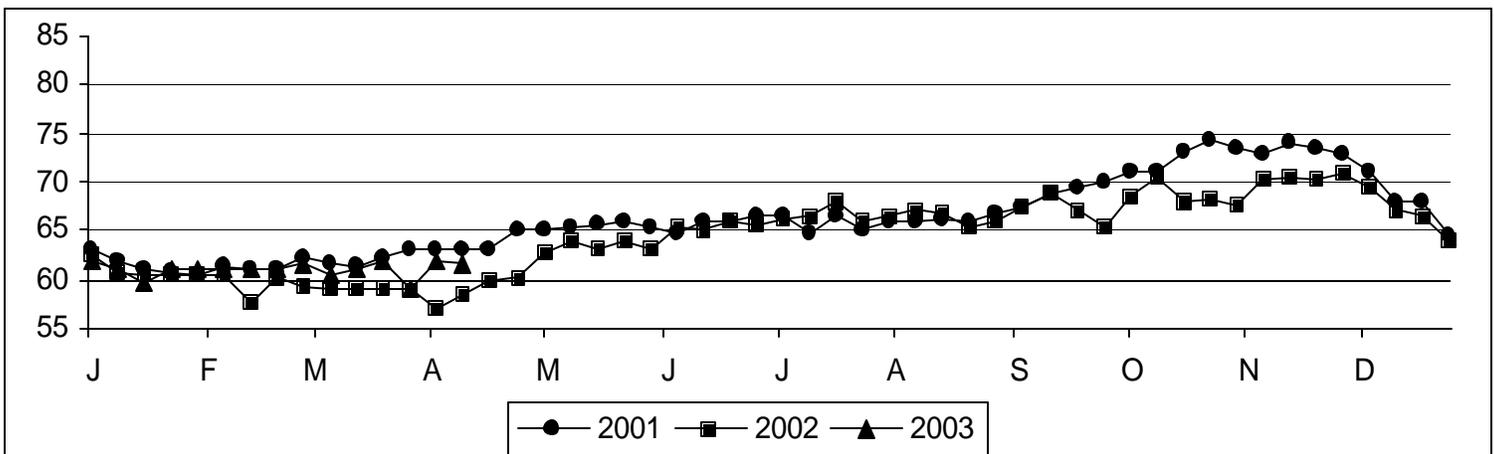
Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

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

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