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At the beginning of the week prices were unchanged to higher on all sizes in all locations. As the week progressed prices were unchanged in all locations. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to instances very good. Spot locations in the Midwest noted orders were still being refilled due to last week's power outage. Supplies were in close balance to occasionally available for current needs. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand continued fairly good to good with offerings about adequate and held with confidence. Many operators were reporting light case weights on incoming breaking stock. Floor stocks closely balanced to tight. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment steady. Offerings for light type fowl were fully adequate to ample as most spent hens found placement in animal protein operations and traditional slaughter processors.



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 generally steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to very good, mostly light to moderate and best into areas refilling after the recent power outage. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate in most locations. Central States nest run breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher. Demand continued fairly good to good with offerings about adequate and held with confidence. Many operators were reporting light case weights on incoming breaking stock. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	85-94	88-91
LARGE	84-92	85-90
MEDIUM	61-69	64-66

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient to short for the good demand. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for slaughter needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-101	92-94
LARGE	83-98	90-92
MEDIUM	61-76	66-68

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL 15-Aug-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	86.50	85.00	62.50
SOUTHEAST	84.50	82.50	61.00
MIDWEST	85.00	83.50	61.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	90.00	85.50	62.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	86.70	84.21	61.65

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

	08-19-03	08-12-03	08-20-02
Large	67-71	64-68	35-38
Medium	44-46	41-43	10-14

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM AUG 18, 2003

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

		No				5-Area	
		Northeast	Cent	So	So	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Week	8.3	16.9	5.8	10.3	12.6	53.7
	Change	-1.2	-2.5	.1	-7	3.6	-1%
Ex Lrg	Curr Week	22.6	48.7	11.9	17.5	33.3	134.0
	Change	-1.1	-2.8	-2.2	-6.2	-3.4	-11%
Large	Curr Week	47.5	92.5	61.5	83.0	92.5	377.0
	Change	-2.5	-4.6	8.4	-1.3	4.8	1%
Medium	Curr Week	15.8	35.9	20.6	22.9	29.3	124.5
	Change	-2	-2	1.8	-1.0	-4.0	-3%
Small	Curr Week	6.2	6.9	3.2	6.2	5.7	28.1
	Change	.9	.9	.9	-2.2	1.1	6%
Misc	Curr Week	4.1	25.6	7.7	11.8	6.7	56.0
	Change	-4	3.6	-3	2.5	.3	11%
Ungraded	Curr Week	13.6	34.3	16.2	28.4	27.4	119.8
	Change	2.5	-2.2	4.4	1.0	6.0	11%
Total	Curr Week	118.0	260.7	126.9	180	207.5	893.1
	Change	-2%	-3%	11%	-4%	4%	0%
Total		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	
Shell Egg		893.1		0%		172	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		245.6		-3%		35	

Total Shell Egg 1,138.7 0% 207
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 172 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.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous month figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**WEEK ENDING 16-AUG-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,236,425	29,700	11,385	6,283	2,439	4,285
PW	1,219,067	29,564	11,171	6,160	2,695	4,362
LY	1,296,759	30,330	11,792	5,994	2,943	4,655
% CHG PWK	1	0	2	2	-9	-2
% CHG LY	-5	-2	-3	5	-17	-8
2003	37,905,587	921,713	346,866	190,216	77,796	137,514
2002	39,437,091	916,164	383,054	205,509	94,104	140,333
% YTD	-4	+1	-10	-8	-17	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.78	42.05	40.69
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.31	38.47	37.11

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 9	Aug 16
	Thousand			
AL	29,273	29,323	21,919	21,844
AR	30,785	30,529	24,152	23,861
DE	3,877	3,948	*4,726	4,744
FL	1,353	1,354	1,650	1,686
GA	32,707	32,127	*26,285	26,208
KY	6,831	6,736	*5,863	6,028
LA	3,831	3,861	3,755	3,866
MD	*9,402	9,249	*6,568	6,584
MS	19,194	19,187	16,433	16,292
NC	17,295	17,481	14,000	14,072
OK	6,490	6,041	5,235	5,401
PA	*3,768	3,646	*2,968	2,850
SC	4,393	4,535	3,608	4,145
TX	14,482	14,413	12,309	12,221
VA	6,472	6,432	*5,146	5,108
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,485	16,376	*15,098	14,312
19 State Total	*206,638	205,238	*169,715	169,222
Previous Year Total	205,483	206,097	168,467	168,271
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	101	101

* Revised

Broiler/Fryer: Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-03 IS ESTIMATED AT 156.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 155.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 158.0 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 159.2 MILLION HEAD AND THE COMPOSITE AVERAGE PRICE WAS 54.83 CENTS PER POUND.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/14/03-08/20/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 85.25		FUTURE LDS 65.25		TOTAL LDS 150.50		LOADS
	SE	DST	NE	DST	MW	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	71.79	74.33	71.50	74.38	23.00
GNR BR 3	—	—	44.00	45.00	—	—	.25
GL W J	—	—	—	—	81.67	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	80.00	81.00	83.09	77.24	—	42.50
GL W LG	—	84.25	79.75	81.50	77.05	—	35.00
GL W MD	—	58.00	53.68	55.81	54.55	55.00	18.00
GL W SM	—	—	35.50	35.93	33.50	38.50	6.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	61.00	63.00	—	—	.25
NRBS - 48	—	67.13	—	—	—	73.00	39.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	43.00	44.00	—	—	.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	51.00	53.00	—	60.50	2.50

SHELL EGGS: Weekly Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	Week ending 16-Aug-2003			PCT PW	CHG LY
	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	LY THOUSANDS		
ATLANTA	23.0	21.0	9	11	
BOSTON	3.3	3.3	0	-6	
CHICAGO	62.4	66.5	-6	77	
DETROIT	25.2	27.4	-8	1	
KANSAS CITY	3.9	4.1	-5	-7	
LOS ANGELES	80.1	100.5	-20	-3	
NEW ORLEANS	11.6	10.9	6	-7	
NEW YORK	31.3	31.2	0	0	
ST. LOUIS	16.3	18.3	-11	-2	
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0	21.6	-3	-6	
TOTAL	278.1	304.8	-9	10	
4 WK MVG AVG	296.9				

MISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 16-Aug-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,075	2,675	56	8	4,814
AVG WT	15.58	34.75	23.37	31.17	26.35
LAST WEEK	1,842	2,726	94	13	4,675
SAME WK YR AGO	1,885	2,816	86	0	4,787
AVG WT	14.95	33.85	23.50	0.00	26.22
TO-DATE/2003	60,988	89,317	2,042	470	152,817
TO-DATE/2002	60,122	89,226	1,615	254	151,217

TURKEY: Weekly Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

	Week ending 16-Aug-2003 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)					
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	866	19	21.19	(A)	868	21.19
SATL	809	0	27.68	(A)	811	27.68
N CENT	2,184	2	30.30	(A)	2,186	30.30
S CENT	474	-2	19.86	(A)	476	19.86
WEST	473	-4	21.71	(A)	473	21.71
U.S. TOTAL	4,806(B)	3	26.35	8	4,814	26.35

TO-DATE

2003 152,347(B) 470 152,817

TO-DATE

2002 150,963(B) 254 151,217

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 56,000 for the year 2,042,000; last year to date 1,615,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 16-Aug-03

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	161,757	1,225	1,483	2,708	414
AVG WT	5.18	3.54	7.95	5.96	6.63
LAST WEEK	160,883	1,044	1,471	2,515	430
SAME WK YR AGO	159,433	1,764	1,523	3,287	400
AVG WT	5.12	3.65	7.91	5.62	6.37
TO-DATE/2003	5,049,000	50,688	45,560	96,248	13,742
TO-DATE/2002	5,114,477	58,263	45,188	103,451	14,183

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 163.7 million head or 2 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Aug-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	08/23/03(1)	08/16/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	164,090(2)	166,729
LT HENS	1,369	1,226
HVY HENS	1,592	1,534
TOTAL	167,051	169,489

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Aug-03 is 160.3 million head compared to 162.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.4 million head or 4.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 30-Aug-03 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
JULY	12	161.8	160.4	101%	5.23
	19	159.1	160.8	99%	5.14
	26	159.2	162.6	98%	5.11
AUGUST	2	161.2	162.7	99%	5.14
	9	162.8	162.3	100%	5.26
	16	163.7	161.7	101%	5.18
YEAR TO DATE	5110.4	5174.9	99%		
AUGUST	23	160.3			
	30	157.2			

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 08/18/03-08/22/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	54.00-57.00	57.13	41	59.56	80
Los Angeles	74.00	71.32	68	68.55	170
New York	58.00-61.00	58.83	23	59.52	49

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from				
Change from				
	18-Aug-03	11-Aug-03	11-Aug-03	19-Aug-02
	63.60	0.50	63.10	55.55
NUMBER OF LOADS	623			

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	LBS
			AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	55-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	55-57	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	57-60	60	60.00	40

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	55-58	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	55-56	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	57-58	-	-	-

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	08/18/03	3,385	217,524	59,015
AM	08/01/03	3,353	217,186	59,026
CHG		32	338	-11
PCT CHG		1%	0%	0%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 18-Aug-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.25 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.35
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.61

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

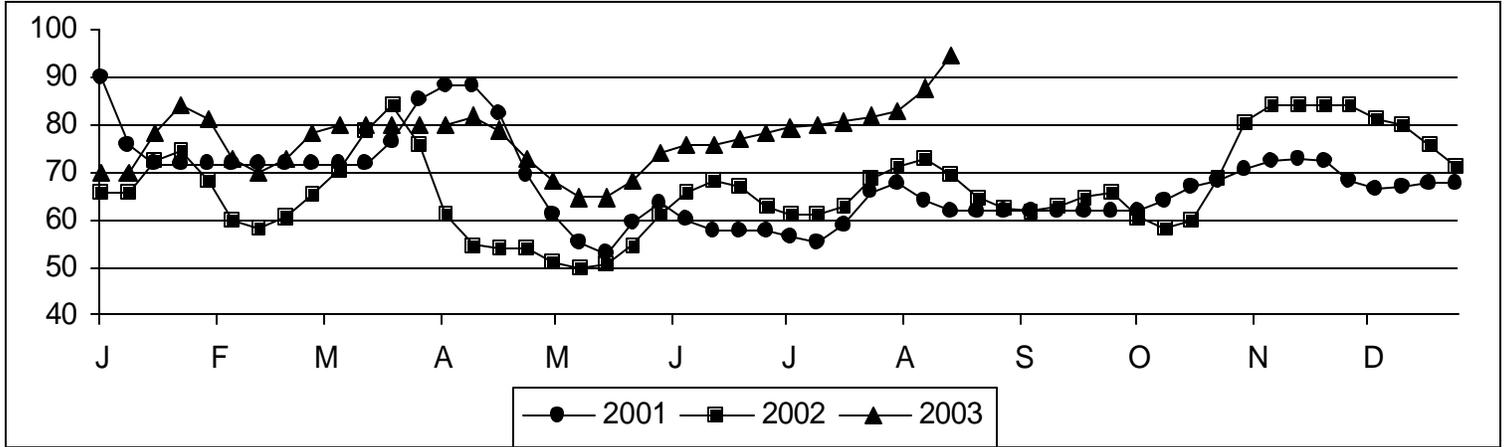
LIGHT TYPE 15-Aug-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-12	9-11
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-10	0-5

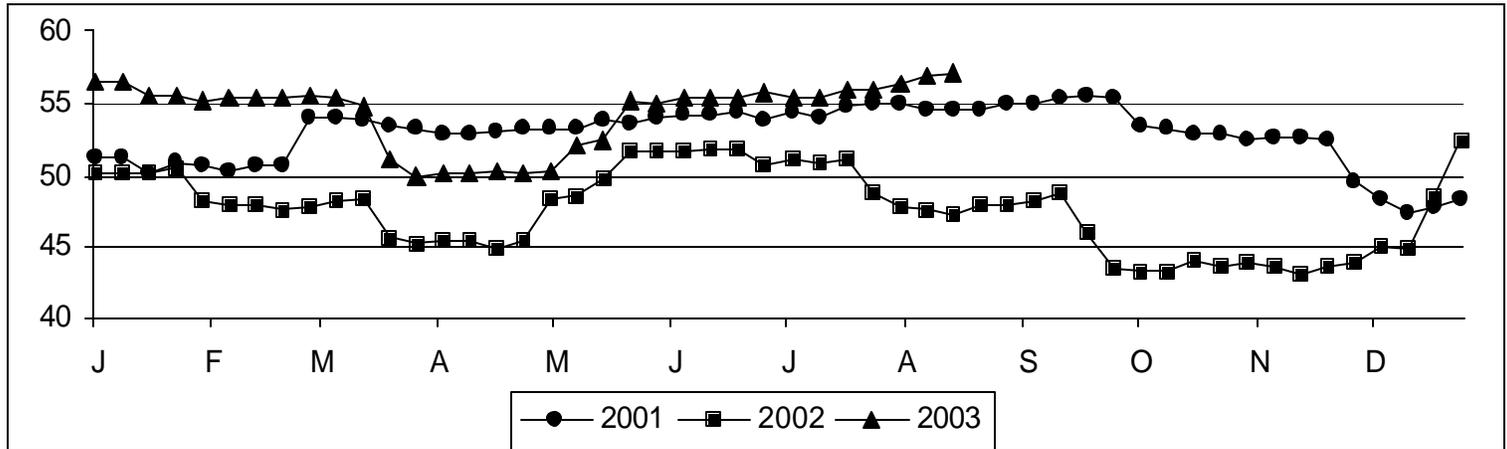
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 16-Aug-03
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	211.3	2	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	560.2	2	3
W.N. CENTRAL	293.1	-1	8
S. ATLANTIC	176.8	-2	12
S. CENTRAL	90.7	-6	14
WEST	184.8	-5	1
TOTAL	1516.9	-1	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

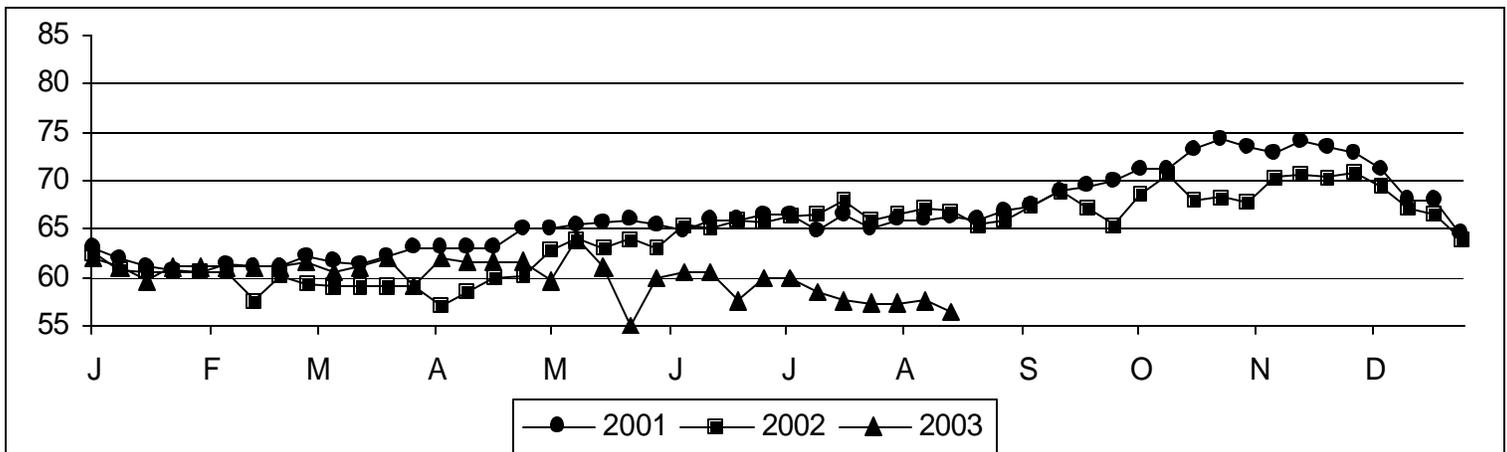
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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