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During the period prices were unchanged to lower on all sizes. Trade sentiment was about steady to instances weak. Retail demand was light to instances good and improved by week's end. Food service movement was moderate to good, best into vacation areas for the holiday weekend. Supplies were in balance to occasionally available. Nest run breaking stock prices were lower. Demand continued moderate to good with graded loose eggs filling some needs. Most breakers closely watching inventories and incoming shipments. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady. Offerings for light type fowl were fully adequate to ample with most spent hens sourced to animal protein operations and traditional slaughter processors.



WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM AUG 25, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Current Week	8.1	16.4	5.8	11.3	11.3	52.9
	Change	-2	-5	.1	1.0	-1.3	-2%
Extra Large	Current Week	23.3	53.5	15.7	17.5	33.5	143.6
	Change	.7	4.8	3.8	.0	.2	7%
Large	Current Week	55.6	109.4	77.8	78.8	105.9	427.6
	Change	8.1	16.9	16.3	-4.1	13.4	13%
Medium	Current Week	17.1	39.5	19.9	26.8	26.0	129.3
	Change	1.3	3.6	-7	3.9	-3.3	4%
Small	Current Week	6.4	7.1	3.1	6.1	6.8	29.5
	Change	.2	.3	-2	-0	1.1	5%
Misc	Current Week	4.6	21.2	6.7	13.0	7.0	52.4
	Change	.5	-4.4	-1.0	1.2	.2	-6%
Ungraded	Current Week	12.0	30.2	20.7	21.2	27.7	111.8
	Change	-1.6	-4.0	4.5	-7.1	.3	-7%
Total	Current Week	127.0	277.3	149.7	174.9	218.1	946.9
	% Change	8%	6%	18%	-3%	5%	6%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	946.9	6%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	240.6	-2%	37

Total Shell Egg	1187.5	4%	209
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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

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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Retail demand was fair to at times good and noted as improved from last week and earlier this week. Loose egg demand was moderate to good, best for resort and vacation areas. Supplies were balanced to adequate in most locations. Central states breaking stock prices were lower for heavy nest runs and checks and undergrades. Offerings were tight for the moderate to good demand. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	84-93	87-90
LARGE	83-91	84-89
MEDIUM	60-68	63-65

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

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however all sizes were trending lower. The market tone was barely steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to instances available for current trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for light to fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-102	91-95
LARGE	84-99	91-93
MEDIUM	59-74	64-67

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

22-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	93.00	91.00	67.00
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	64.00
MIDWEST	89.50	87.50	65.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.00	89.50	64.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	91.41	88.68	64.95

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

	08-26-03	08-19-03	08-27-02
Large	66-70	67-71	31-34
Medium	43-45	44-46	9-13

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**WEEK ENDING 23-AUG-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,226,600	30,193	12,509	5,900	2,367	4,247
PW	1,236,425	29,700	11,385	6,283	2,439	4,285
LY	1,285,319	31,019	11,194	5,905	3,030	4,525
% CHG PWK	-1	2	10	-6	-3	-1
% CHG LY	-5	-3	12	0	-22	-6
2003	39,132,187	951,907	359,375	196,116	80,163	141,761
2002	40,722,410	947,184	394,247	211,415	97,134	144,858
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-8	-18	-3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	43.09	41.78	40.96
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.62	38.31	37.44

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Aug 16	Aug 23	Aug 16	Aug 23
	Thousand			
AL	29,323	29,056	21,844	22,084
AR	30,529	30,884	*23,866	24,485
DE	3,948	4,057	4,744	4,733
FL	1,354	1,354	*1,654	1,727
GA	*32,118	32,277	*26,217	25,204
KY	6,736	6,736	6,107	5,998
LA	3,861	3,845	3,866	3,401
MD	9,249	9,274	6,584	6,539
MS	19,187	18,882	16,292	16,415
NC	17,481	17,570	14,072	14,217
OK	*5,979	6,061	5,401	4,325
PA	3,646	3,807	2,850	2,733
SC	4,535	4,375	4,145	4,213
TX	14,413	14,479	12,221	11,960
VA	6,432	6,411	5,108	5,190
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,489	16,909	*14,111	15,212
19 State Total	*205,280	205,977	*169,082	168,436
Previous Year Total	206,097	204,776	168,271	168,773
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	100	100

* Revised

Broiler/Fryer: Weekly Fryers Available for Marketing Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 4-Oct-03 is estimated at 155.4 million head. This compares to 156.0 million head the previous week and to 157.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 53.07 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/21/03-08/27/03

CURRENT LDS 76.75 FUTURE LDS 77.50 TOTAL LDS 154.25

SE	NE		MW		LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	69.50	73.00	69.50	71.67	71.00	—	20.00
GNR W 2	—	72.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	69.00	70.00	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	88.00	90.00	81.00	—	5.50
GL W XL	—	81.22	79.83	80.88	72.75	—	46.25
GL W LG	—	77.47	76.75	79.00	68.77	—	44.25
GL W MD	—	56.40	49.90	51.00	48.30	52.17	19.25
GL W SM	37.50	39.50	35.85	37.62	30.00	38.50	7.25
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	71.24	26.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	50.50	52.50	—	58.00	5.00

SHELL EGGS: Weekly Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels

Week ending 23-Aug-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA		22.9		23.0	0	28
BOSTON		3.5		3.3	7	1
CHICAGO		58.2		62.4	-7	52
DETROIT		58.5		25.2	132	112
KANSAS CITY		4.1		3.9	5	-2
LOS ANGELES		78.8		80.1	-2	-9
NEW ORLEANS		14.0		11.6	21	63
NEW YORK		30.5		31.3	-3	-8
ST. LOUIS		17.3		16.3	6	12
SAN FRANCISCO		20.5		21.0	-2	-9
TOTAL		308.3		278.1	11	20
4 WK MVG AVG		296.4				

MISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 23-Aug-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,088	2,761	69	15	4,933
AVG WT	15.41	34.37	22.73	24.19	26.15
LAST WEEK	2,075	2,675	56	8	4,814
SAME WK YR AGO	2,174	2,919	64	13	5,170
AVG WT	15.41	34.25	24.45	26.68	26.19
TO-DATE/2003	63,076	92,078	2,111	485	157,750
TO-DATE/2002	62,296	92,145	1,679	267	156,387

TURKEY: Weekly Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

Week ending 23-Aug-2003

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		HEAD-	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	882	2	21.52	(A)	885	21.52
SATL	819	1	28.48	(A)	822	28.48
N CENT	2,240	3	29.37	(A)	2,243	29.37
S CENT	473	0	19.65	(A)	476	19.65
WEST	503	7	22.29	(A)	507	22.29
U.S. TOTAL	4,918(B)	2	26.15	15	4,933	26.15
TO-DATE						
2003	157,265(B)			485	157,750	
TO-DATE						
2002	156,120(B)			267	156,387	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 69,000 for the year 2,111,000; last year to date 1,679,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 23-Aug-03

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	160,560	1,256	1,538	2,794	392
AVG WT	5.19	3.53	7.97	5.97	6.56
LAST WEEK	161,757	1,225	1,483	2,708	414
SAME WK YR AGO	160,767	1,779	1,650	3,429	405
AVG WT	4.99	3.32	7.93	5.54	6.79
TO-DATE/2003	5,209,560	51,944	47,098	99,042	14,134
TO-DATE/2002	5,275,244	60,042	46,838	106,880	14,588

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 160.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 162.5 million head or 2.2 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Aug-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	08/30/03(1)	08/23/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	165,127(2)	164,090
LT HENS	1,340	1,369
HVY HENS	1,610	1,592
CHECK TOTAL	168,077	167,051

(1)ESTIMATED
(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Aug-03 is 157.2 million head compared to 167.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.5 million head or 8.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 06-Sep-03 the estimated available is 156.1 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY	159.1	160.8	99%	5.14
	159.2	162.6	98%	5.11
AUGUST	161.2	162.7	99%	5.14
	162.8	162.3	100%	5.26
	163.7	161.7	101%	5.18
	162.5	160.3	101%	5.19
YEAR TO DATE	5272.9	5335.2	99%	
AUGUST	30	157.2		
SEPTEMBER	6	156.1		

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 08/25/03-08/29/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	54.00-57.00	56.88	43	59.31	84	
Los Angeles	74.00	71.94	62	68.28	177	
New York	57.00-60.00	57.64	22	59.74	49	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
	25-Aug-03	18-Aug-03	26-Aug-02
63.31	-0.29	63.60	56.31
NUMBER OF LOADS	658		

MONTHLY WT AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
August	63.20	2604.20

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/	58-60	59	59.00	80
CENTRAL REGION 4/	57-60.5	57.5-58.5	58.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	58-60	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58.5	-	-	-
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	08/25/03	3,965	223,458	54,164
AM	08/01/03	3,353	217,186	59,026
CHG		612	6272	-4862
PCT CHG		18%	3%	-8%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 25-Aug-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.25 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.38
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.56

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

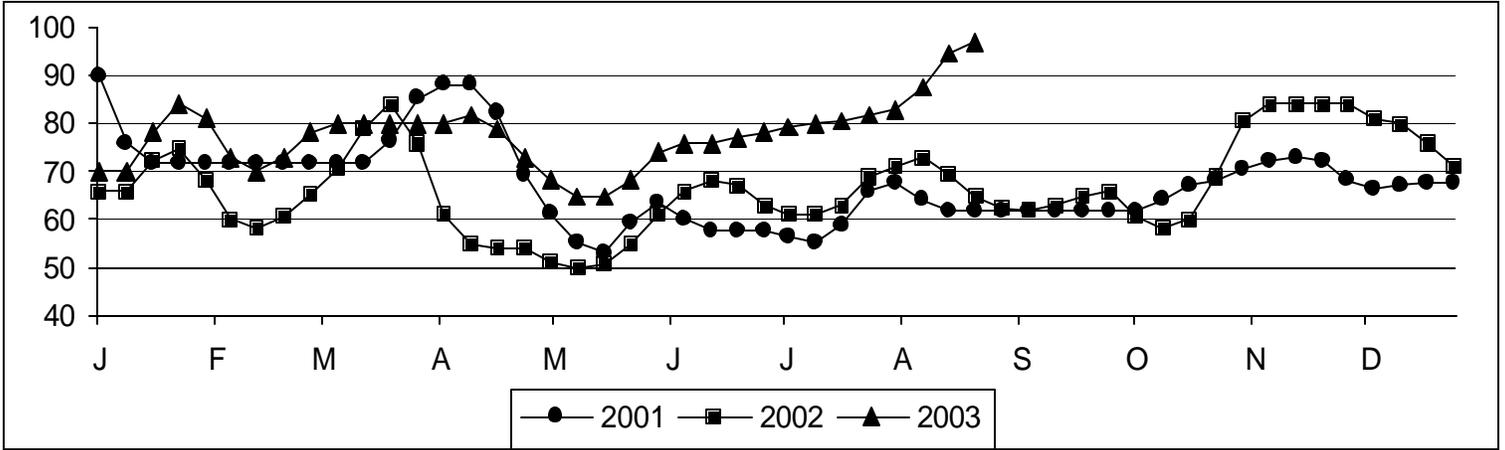
LIGHT TYPE 22-Aug-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-12	9-11
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-11.75	6.25-10

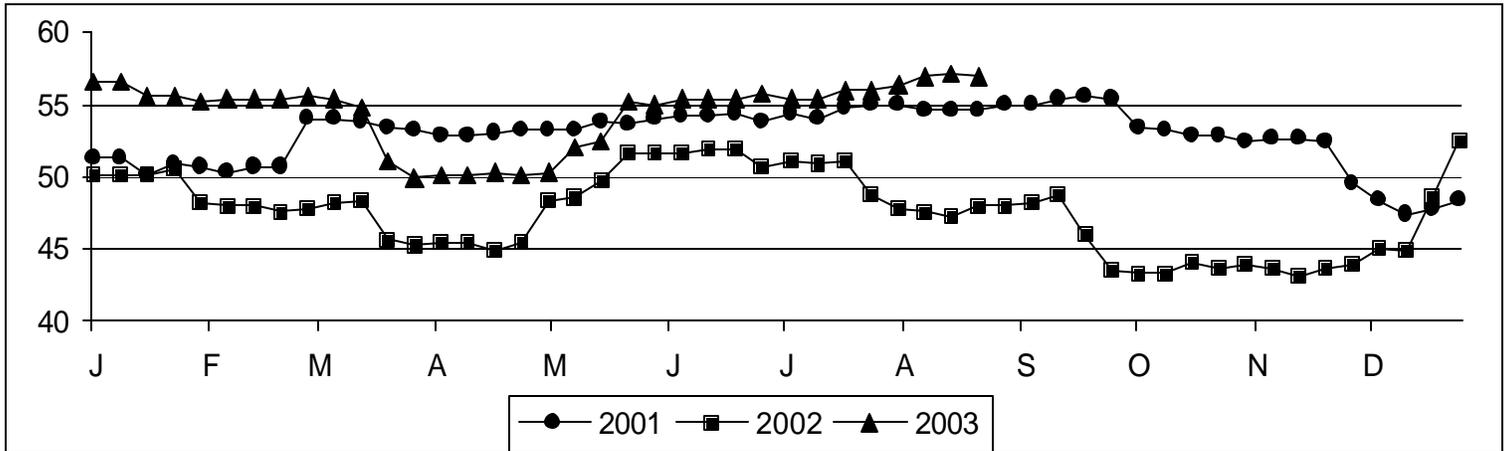
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 23-Aug-03
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	210.6	0	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	557.2	-1	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	287.8	-2	2
S. ATLANTIC	187.8	6	20
S. CENTRAL	97.1	7	23
WEST	176.2	-5	-6
TOTAL	1516.7	0	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

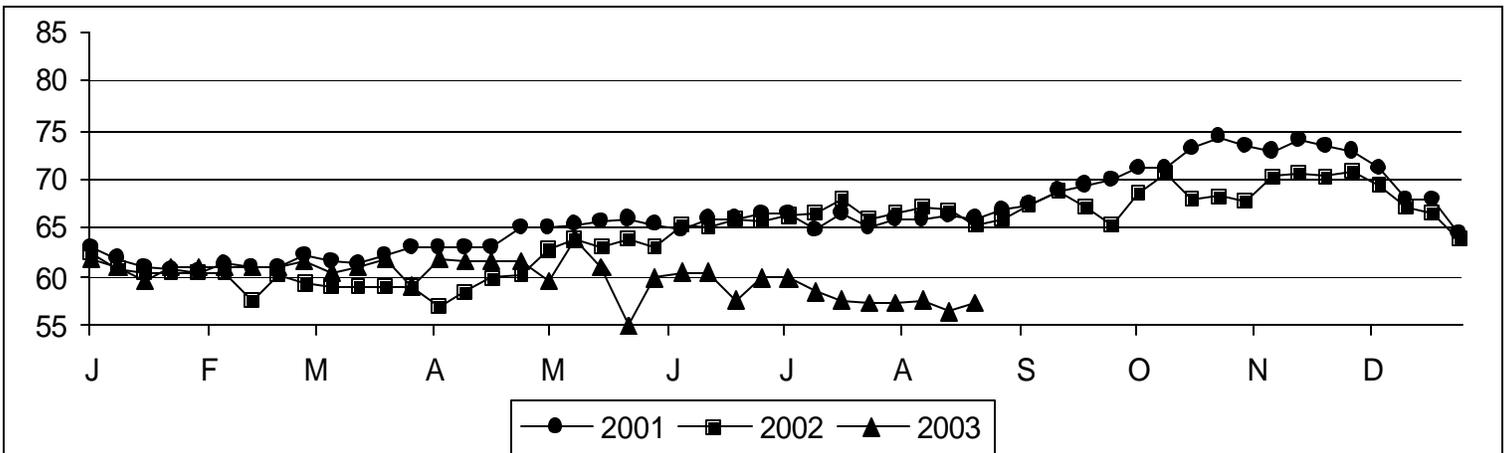
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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