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Early week prices were slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on larger sizes except in Chicago and New York where prices were unchanged. As the week progressed, prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on balance in most locations. The market tone was fully steady to firm with mediums in the best position. Demand improved with traders reporting movement as moderate to good. Supplies of all sizes ranged adequate to very tight. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings had tightened and were reported as short to about adequate. Demand was fairly good to good. Schedules were full-time to instances over-time. Floor stocks were tight to adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Offerings for light type fowl were adequate to about adequate with demand mostly moderate to instances fairly good. Removal prices were generally steady at 5 to 8.25 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices were up 2 cents for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were somewhat mixed, usually moderate to good. Loose egg sales were moderate. Supplies were in balance to tight for all sizes with mediums very tight. Central states breaking stock prices were generally unchanged with nest runs ranging irregular. Offerings had tightened and were reported as short to about adequate. Demand was fairly good to good. Schedules continued full-time to instances over-time. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	77-86	80-83
LARGE	76-84	77-82
MEDIUM	55-63	58-60

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 all sizes were trending higher. The market tone ranged fully steady to firm. Demand into all channels was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times tight for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate for the moderate to good demand. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-98	86-89
LARGE	80-95	85-89
MEDIUM	55-70	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 12-Sep-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	87.50	87.00	59.50
SOUTHEAST	84.50	82.50	59.00
MIDWEST	81.50	79.50	58.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	89.50	85.50	63.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	85.95	83.71	60.05

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

	09-16-03	09-09-03	09-17-02
Large	59-63	59-63	32-35
Medium	38-40	37-39	21-25

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-SEP 15, 2003

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

		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	16.3	6.5	13.9	9.1 54.4
	Change	-0.6	0.1	0.7	2.2	1.2 7%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.5	44.7	16.4	19.2	26.5 132.3
	Change	3.7	3.6	1.8	-6.9	-4.0 -1%
Large	Curr Wk	39.4	101.1	77.5	85.4	81.5 384.9
	Change	-0.1	13.0	-4.7	-2.5	-9.1 -1%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.8	39.6	13.3	19.5	29.7 116.9
	Change	-1.4	-3.5	-5.3	-7.2	-0.6 -13%
Small	Curr Wk	4.9	5.6	2.4	6.3	6.8 26.0
	Change	0.0	-1.4	0.8	-0.7	0.7 -2%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	22.1	6.2	11.7	6.4 52.4
	Change	1.0	-10.8	-0.8	-2.1	-0.7 -20%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.1	52.6	19.2	23.5	26.9 138.3
	Change	-3.4	4.1	1.5	2.6	-5.1 0%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	115.3	282.0	141.5	179.5	186.9 905.2
	Change	-1%	2%	-4%	-7%	-9% -4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	905.2	-4%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	260.1	-11%	37
Total Shell Egg	1165.3	-5%	209

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 months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**WEEK ENDING 13-SEP-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,299,926	30,260	12,440	6,354	2,497	4,507
PW	1,131,404	28,250	10,113	5,230	2,435	3,893
LY	1,291,183	30,177	12,318	6,861	3,040	4,702
% CHG PWK	15	7	23	21	3	16
% CHG LY	1	0	1	-7	-18	-4
2003	42,818,581	1,040,377	392,049	213,961	87,678	154,613
2002	44,492,218	1,034,429	429,666	230,987	106,156	158,345
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-7	-17	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.20	41.97	41.87
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.74	38.53	38.23

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Sep 6	Sep 13	Sep 6	Sep 13
	Thousand			
AL	*29,240	27,938	*22,012	21,482
AR	30,875	29,368	24,254	25,584
DE	3,792	3,561	5,213	5,784
FL	*1,357	1,329	*1,831	2,056
GA	30,946	31,287	*25,074	25,937
KY	6,325	5,625	*5,848	5,850
LA	3,923	3,771	3,545	3,740
MD	8,869	8,371	5,287	5,293
MS	18,686	18,024	16,396	16,168
NC	16,305	16,229	14,098	13,977
OK	6,338	6,586	4,346	4,406
PA	3,674	3,517	2,698	2,817
SC	4,681	4,551	4,203	4,178
TX	14,647	14,002	11,891	12,079
VA	*6,024	6,108	*5,927	5,450
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*14,739	15,880	*14,782	14,457
19 State Total	*200,421	196,147	*167,405	169,258
Previous Year Total	203,517	191,797	167,094	166,340
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	102	100	102

* 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 25-Oct-03 is estimated at 155.0 million head. This compares to 154.7 million head the previous week and to 157.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 53.21 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/11/03-09/17/03

	CURRENT LDS	FUTURE LDS	TOTAL LDS	SE	NE	MW	LOADS
	94.50	85.00	179.50	SE	NE	MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	67.00	—	68.08	69.14	66.00	—	8.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	50.00	46.92	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	78.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	86.00	—	—	1.75
GL W XL	81.00	75.50	77.75	78.28	77.53	74.50	56.25
GL W LG	73.09	74.30	74.25	76.13	74.02	73.60	37.50
GL W MD	55.33	52.00	50.87	53.03	53.89	53.57	23.75
GL W SM	38.17	40.42	33.43	35.14	40.00	42.38	6.75
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	66.00	71.00	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	67.00	65.00	66.00	68.00	68.33	35.25
NRBS - 39	—	—	52.00	54.00	—	56.25	7.75

SHELL EGGS: Weekly Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels

Week ending 13-Sep-2003					
SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY	
ATLANTA	25.3	21.7	17	17	
BOSTON	3.8	3.4	12	15	
CHICAGO	61.9	71.3	-13	23	
DETROIT	27.9	29.8	-6	26	
KANSAS CITY	5.6	4.9	14	40	
LOS ANGELES	96.8	80.4	20	11	
NEW ORLEANS	7.3	7.0	4	-20	
NEW YORK	29.9	30.2	-1	-7	
ST. LOUIS	16.7	18.4	-9	10	
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	22.5	-1	8	
TOTAL	297.4	289.6	3	12	
4 WK MVG AVG	287.3				

MISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 13-Sep-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	OLD	
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	1,980	2,882	37	8	4,907
AVG WT	15.25	34.37	24.16	30.02	26.56
LAST WEEK	1,670	2,356	41	22	4,089
SAME WK YR AGO	1,946	2,888	88	17	4,939
AVG WT	15.32	34.24	23.86	28.84	26.58
TO-DATE/2003	68,753	100,173	2,282	517	171,725
TO-DATE/2002	68,063	100,322	1,910	293	170,588

TURKEY: Weekly Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

Week ending 13-Sep-2003 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—	THOUSAND		PCT CHG	AVG	OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS AVG
	HEAD	PW				
N EAST	840	18	21.61	(A)	842	21.61
SATL	918	29	28.29	(A)	920	28.29
N CENT	2,200	20	30.14	(A)	2,202	30.14
S CENT	483	30	19.81	(A)	485	19.81
WEST	458	2	22.07	(A)	458	22.07
U.S. TOTAL	4,899(B)	20	26.56	8	4,907	26.56

TO-DATE

2003 171,208(B) 517 171,725

TO-DATE

2002 170,295(B) 293 170,588

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 37,000 for the year 2,282,000; last year to date.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 13-Sep-03
(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,505	1,121	1,597	2,718	447
AVG WT	5.18	3.46	7.91	6.07	6.73
LAST WEEK	137,041	980	1,378	2,358	293
SAME WK YR AGO	159,008	1,622	1,672	3,294	378
AVG WT	5.18	3.45	8.02	5.77	7.06
TO-DATE/2003	5,667,209	55,274	51,629	106,903	15,253
TO-DATE/2002	5,739,877	64,668	51,234	115,902	15,698

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.4 million head or 3.3 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 20-Sep-03**

CLASS	Current Week 09/20/03(1)	Previous Week 09/13/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	163,097(2)	160,761
LT HENS	1,253	1,162
HVY HENS	1,523	1,653
TOTAL	165,873	163,576

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 20-Sep-03 is 158.4 million head compared to 162.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.4 million head or 5.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 27-Sep-03 the estimated available is 159.4 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
AUGUST	9	162.8	162.3	100%	5.26
	16	163.7	161.7	101%	5.18
	23	162.5	160.3	101%	5.19
	30	164.1	157.2	104%	5.05
SEPTEMBER	6	138.7	156.1	89%	5.15
	13	160.4	157.1	102%	5.18
YEAR TO DATE	5736.1	5805.6	99%		
SEPTEMBER 20		158.4			
27		159.4			

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 09/15/03-09/19/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	55.00-58.00		58.26	40	60.56	73
Los Angeles	74.00		71.58	67	68.62	157
New York	59.50-62.00		61.13	23	61.49	50

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
	15-Sep-03	8-Sep-03	8-Sep-03	16-Sep-02
64.27	0.66	63.61	56.69	
NUMBER OF LOADS	617			

**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/	61-63	61-63	62.00	160
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-65	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	60-62	60-62	61.55	110
CENTRAL REGION	59-60	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	59-60	-	-	-

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	09/15/03	3,832	218,715	48,186
AM	09/01/03	3,798	221,358	58,470
CHG		34	-2643	-10284
PCT CHG		1%	-1%	-18%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 15-Sep-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-8.75 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.30
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.38

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

LIGHT TYPE 12-Sep-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	7-11

So. Central

Removal Cost Too Few To Report

No. Central

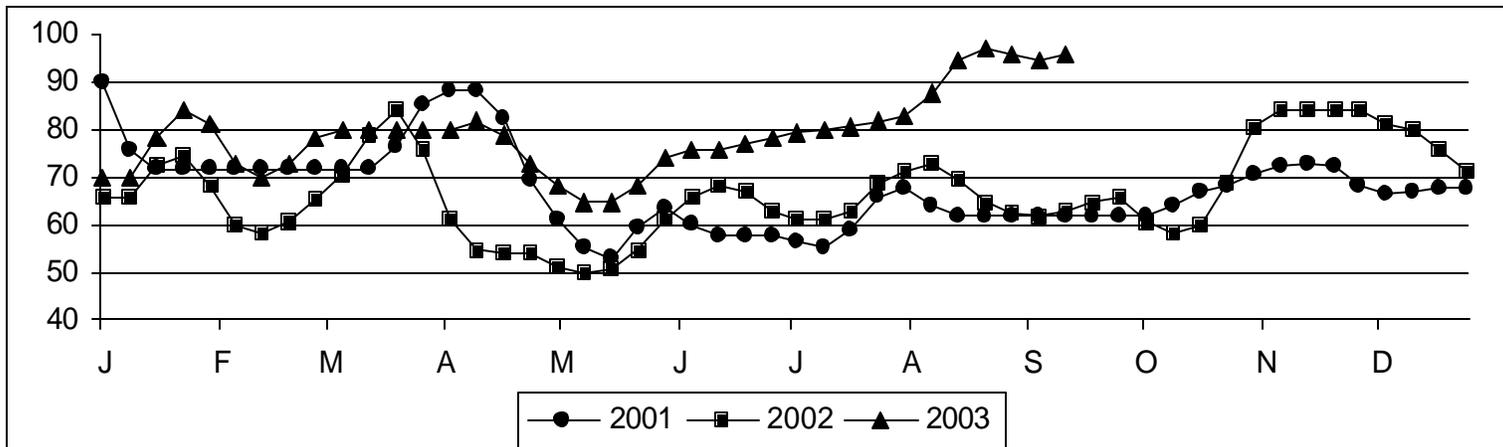
Removal Cost 5-8.25

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 13-Sep-03
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY	
N. ATLANTIC	217.0	-3	0
E.N. CENTRAL	576.6	6	7
W.N. CENTRAL	291.2	-1	3
S. ATLANTIC	180.0	1	6
S. CENTRAL	108.3	2	27
WEST	188.1	3	-5
TOTAL	1561.2	2	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

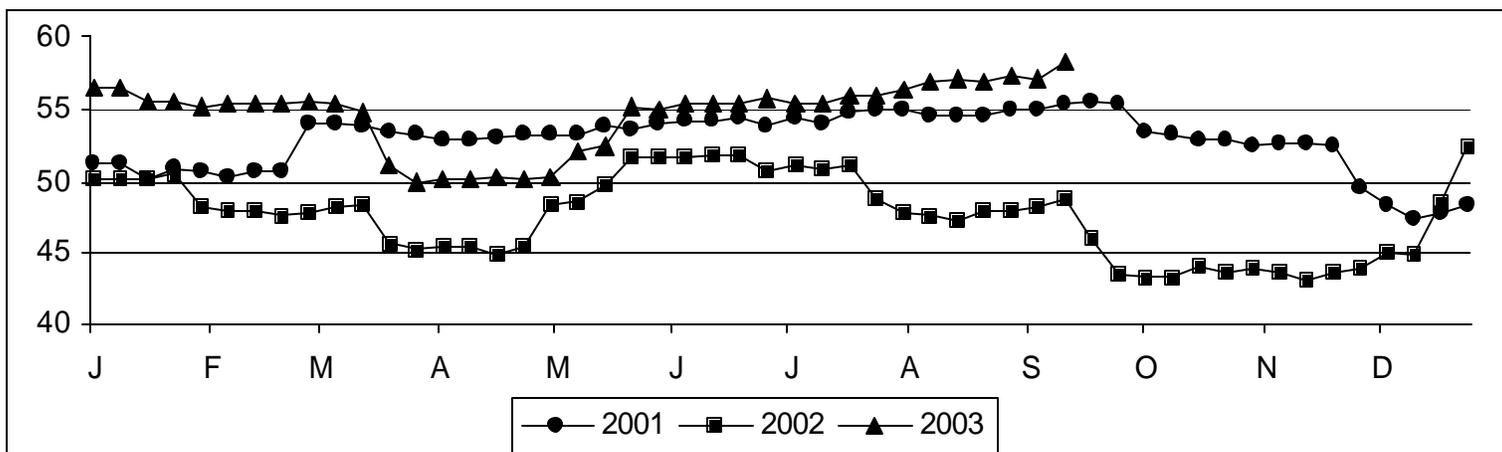
New York Large Weekly Average Price

Cents per Dozen



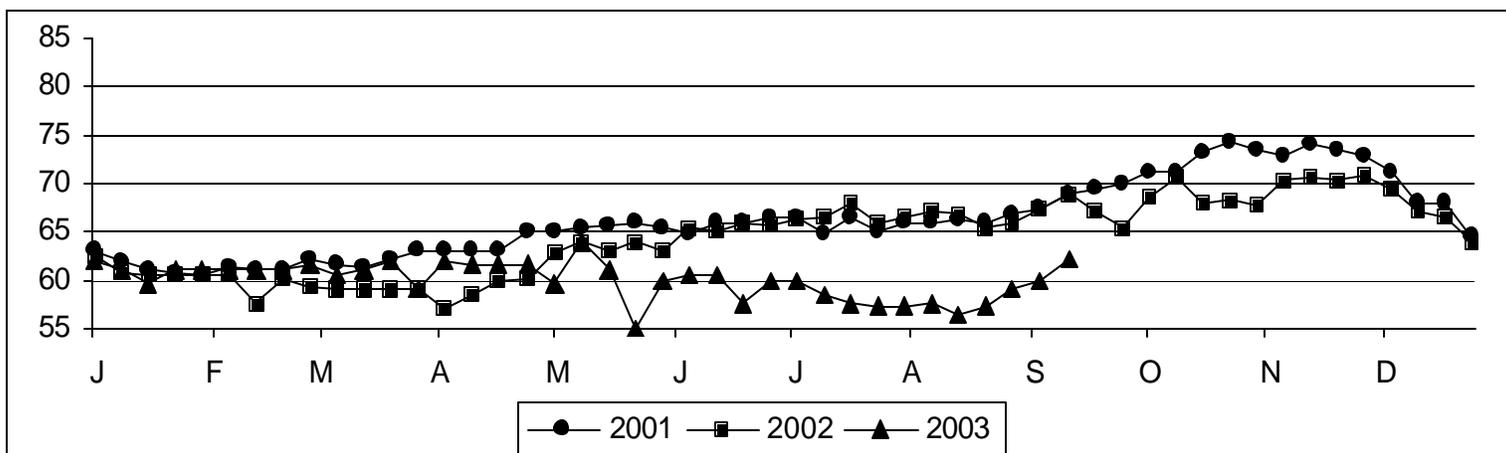
Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices

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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