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Early week prices on all sizes were higher in all areas except in New York where prices were unchanged on the larger sizes. As the week progressed, prices on all sizes were higher in all locations. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was in a full range of light to good. Supplies were adequate to tight with large eggs in the longest position. Nest run breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were adequate to close for the very good demand. Most breakers needs were being met by regular commitments and existing inventories with occasional breakers paying big premiums for additional product. Floor stocks remained closely balanced. Trade sentiment was firm. Offerings for light type fowl were adequate as processors worked full-time schedules. Removal prices were generally steady at 0 to 10 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 Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for all sizes. Other reported prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to fairly good. Loose egg sales were light to about moderate. Supplies were adequate to well balanced for large and in balance to tight for extra large, medium, and small. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were about adequate to close for the very good demand. Most breakers needs were being met by regular commitments and existing inventories with occasional buyers paying big premiums for additional product. Floor stocks remained closely balanced. Trade sentiment firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	80-89	83-86
LARGE	79-87	80-85
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, however all sizes were trending higher. The market tone ranged fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to instances close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate to short and demand was moderate to good. Spent hen availability was more than sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-99	87-90
LARGE	81-96	86-90
MEDIUM	60-75	65-68

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL 19-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	61.00
SOUTHEAST	84.50	82.50	60.00
MIDWEST	81.50	79.50	59.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	91.00	87.00	64.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	86.38	84.15	61.17

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

	09-23-03	09-16-03	09-24-02
Large	62-66	59-63	35-38
Medium	44-47	38-40	21-25

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-SEP 29, 2003

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

		Northeast	No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.3	15.9	8.1	13.7	9.8	56.8
	Change	0.7	-0.4	1.6	-0.1	0.7	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.6	51.5	14.5	24.3	30.4	149.3
	Change	3.2	6.8	-1.8	5.1	3.9	13%
Large	Curr Wk	38.8	103.6	70.6	84.8	102.5	400.3
	Change	-0.7	2.5	-6.9	-0.6	21.0	4%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.9	40.4	12.1	21.1	32.6	123.1
	Change	2.1	0.9	-1.2	1.6	2.9	5%
Small	Curr Wk	5.3	7.0	2.8	4.4	6.0	25.5
	Change	0.4	1.5	0.4	-1.8	-0.8	-2%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.3	22.9	9.2	11.5	5.9	54.8
	Change	-0.6	0.8	3.1	-0.1	-0.5	5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.4	46.3	19.6	23.5	26.0	138.8
	Change	7.4	-6.4	0.4	0.0	-0.9	0%
Total Percent	Curr Wk	127.6	287.6	136.9	183.3	213.2	948.6
	Change	11%	2%	-3%	2%	14%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	948.6	5%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	239.8	-8%	37

Total Shell Egg	1188.4	2%	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 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 20-SEP-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,256,835	31,190	11,301	5,818	2,533	4,405
PW	1,299,926	30,260	12,440	6,354	2,497	4,507
LY	1,250,922	28,580	12,158	6,458	3,094	4,304
% CHG PWK	-3	3	-9	-8	1	-2
% CHG LY	0	9	-7	-10	-18	2
2003	44,075,416	1,071,566	403,350	219,780	90,211	159,018
2002	45,743,140	1,063,009	441,823	237,444	109,250	162,648
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-7	-17	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.94	41.20	41.17
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.44	37.74	37.73

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Sep 13	Sep 20	Sep 13	Sep 20
	Thousand			
AL	27,938	27,565	21,482	21,970
AR	29,368	30,458	*25,581	24,721
DE	3,561	3,327	5,784	4,644
FL	1,329	1,345	2,056	1,691
GA	31,287	30,901	25,937	25,471
KY	5,625	6,551	5,850	5,857
LA	3,771	3,847	3,740	3,451
MD	8,371	8,118	5,293	6,614
MS	18,024	17,534	16,168	15,577
NC	16,229	15,632	13,977	13,226
OK	*6,553	6,356	4,406	4,273
PA	3,517	3,454	2,817	2,677
SC	4,551	4,482	4,178	4,583
TX	14,002	13,021	12,079	12,164
VA	6,108	6,072	5,450	4,979
CA, LA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,809	16,070	*14,440	13,674
19 State Total	*196,043	194,733	*169,238	165,572
Previous Year Total	191,797	189,744	166,340	165,465
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	102	100
* 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 1-Nov-03 is estimated at 154.1 million head. This compares to 155.0 million head the previous week and to 156.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 157.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 52.93 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/18/03-09/24/03

CURRENT LDS 60.75 FUTURE LDS 67.50 TOTAL LDS 128.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	69.70	71.00	71.00	73.50	7.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	67.00	64.00	66.25	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	55.00	59.50	2.00
GNR BR 3	—	—	42.00	—	—	47.00	1.00
GL W J	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	79.50	79.89	79.00	79.68	79.67	—	49.50
GL W LG	77.00	78.00	76.50	78.00	78.29	—	31.25
GL W MD	—	63.00	59.63	61.63	61.33	65.50	15.25
GL W SM	37.25	39.25	41.50	43.50	46.00	48.00	2.25
NRBS - 48	—	68.00	—	72.00	—	72.50	43.25
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	55.00	—	58.50	6.75

SHELL EGGS: Weekly Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels

Week ending 20-Sep-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	22.8	25.3	-10	13
BOSTON	3.5	3.8	-8	-3
CHICAGO	57.0	61.9	-8	29
DETROIT	33.0	27.9	18	36
KANSAS CITY	3.5	5.6	-38	-34
LOS ANGELES	85.9	96.8	-11	3
NEW ORLEANS	8.1	7.3	11	5
NEW YORK	29.5	29.9	-1	-6
ST. LOUIS	17.5	16.7	5	11
SAN FRANCISCO	21.7	22.2	-2	-1
TOTAL	282.5	297.4	-5	10
4 WK MVG AVG	290.9			

MISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 20-Sep-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	1,876	2,718	81	14	4,689
AVG WT	15.38	34.52	23.85	29.43	26.66
LAST WEEK	1,980	2,882	37	8	4,907
SAME WK YR AGO	2,002	2,974	73	17	5,066
AVG WT	15.35	34.11	23.78	28.89	26.52
TO-DATE/2003	70,629	102,891	2,363	531	176,414
TO-DATE/2002	70,065	103,296	1,983	310	175,654

TURKEY: Weekly Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

Week ending 20-Sep-2003

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
N EAST	815	-3	21.66	(A)	818	21.66
SATL	694	-24	29.46	(A)	697	29.46
N CENT	2,179	-1	30.25	(A)	2,182	30.25
S CENT	473	-2	19.94	(A)	476	19.94
WEST	514	12	21.73	(A)	516	21.73
U.S. TOTAL	4,675(B)	-5	26.66	14	4,689	26.66
TO-DATE						
2003	175,883(B)			531	176,414	
TO-DATE						
2002	175,344(B)			310	175,654	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 81,000 for the year 2,363,000; last year to date 1,983,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 20-Sep-03

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	156,044	1,153	1,418	2,571	402
AVG WT	5.30	3.35	7.88	5.85	6.55
LAST WEEK	158,505	1,121	1,597	2,718	447
SAME WK YR AGO	160,714	1,851	1,672	3,523	408
AVG WT	5.13	3.42	7.84	5.50	6.89
TO-DATE/2003	5,823,253	56,427	53,047	109,474	15,655
TO-DATE/2002	5,900,591	66,519	52,906	119,425	16,106

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 157.9 million head or 0.5 million head less than or 100% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 27-Sep-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	09/27/03(1)	09/20/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	164,792(2)	163,097
LT HENS	1,361	1,253
HVY HENS	1,597	1,523
TOTAL	167,750	165,873

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 27-Sep-03 is 159.4 million head compared to 159.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.1 million head or 5.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 04-Oct-03 the estimated available is 158.9 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
AUGUST 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
20	157.9	158.4	100%	5.30
YEAR TO DATE	5894.0	5964.0	99%	
SEPTEMBER 27		159.4		
OCTOBER 4		158.9		

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 09/22/03-09/26/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	55.00-58.00	58.27	41	60.65	78	
Los Angeles	74.00	71.62	68	68.21	165	
New York	59.50-62.00	61.68	22	62.82	56	

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
	22-Sep-03	15-Sep-03	23-Sep-02
64.59	0.32	64.27	54.83
NUMBER OF LOADS	606		

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/	60-63	63	63.00	120
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-62	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	60-62	61	61.00	20
CENTRAL REGION	60-62	-	-	-
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	09/22/03	4,035	212,212	48,379
AM	09/01/03	3,798	221,358	58,470
CHG		237	-9146	-10091
PCT CHG		6%	-4%	-17%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 22-Sep-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.26
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.75-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-8.75	8.46

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

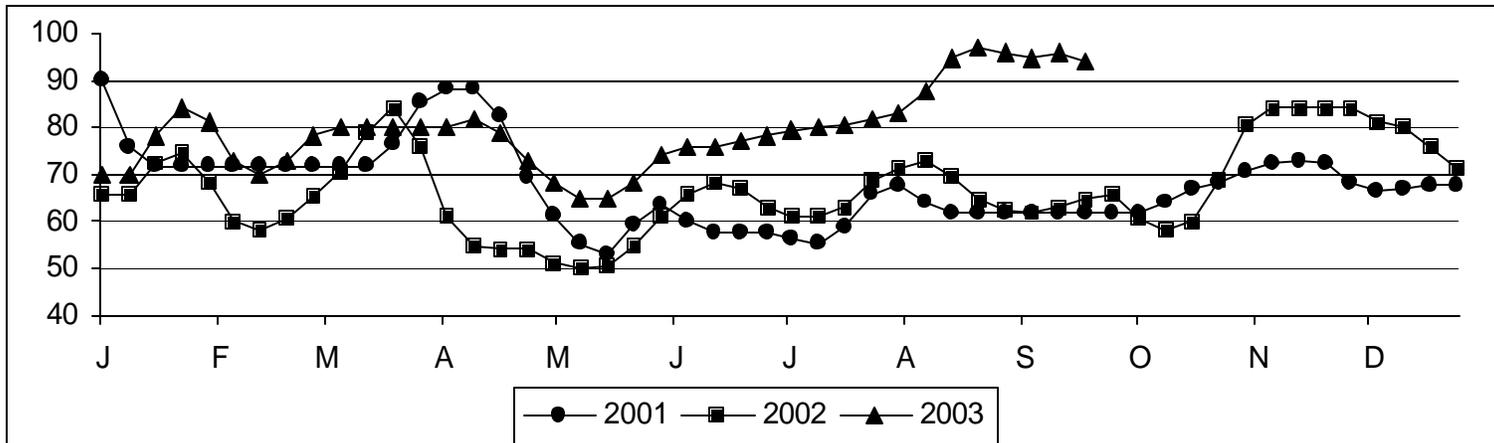
LIGHT TYPE 19-Sep-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-12	9-11
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-10.00	5-10

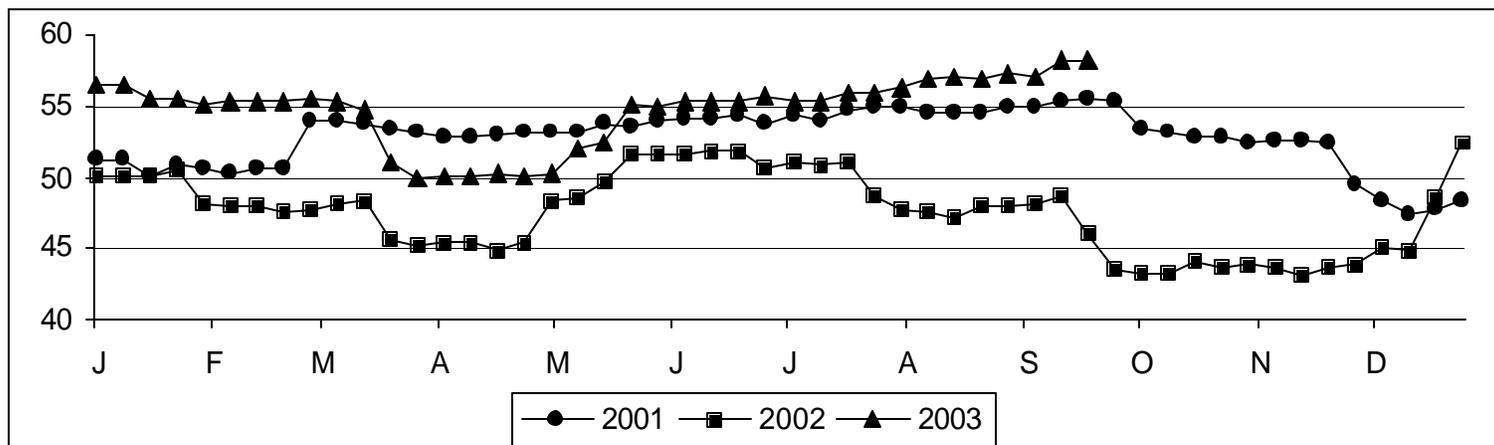
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 20-Sep-03
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	220.0	-2	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	546.9	0	-6
W.N. CENTRAL	279.6	-5	-4
S. ATLANTIC	179.7	0	6
S. CENTRAL	105.7	0	25
WEST	181.8	-1	-3
TOTAL	1513.7	-1	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

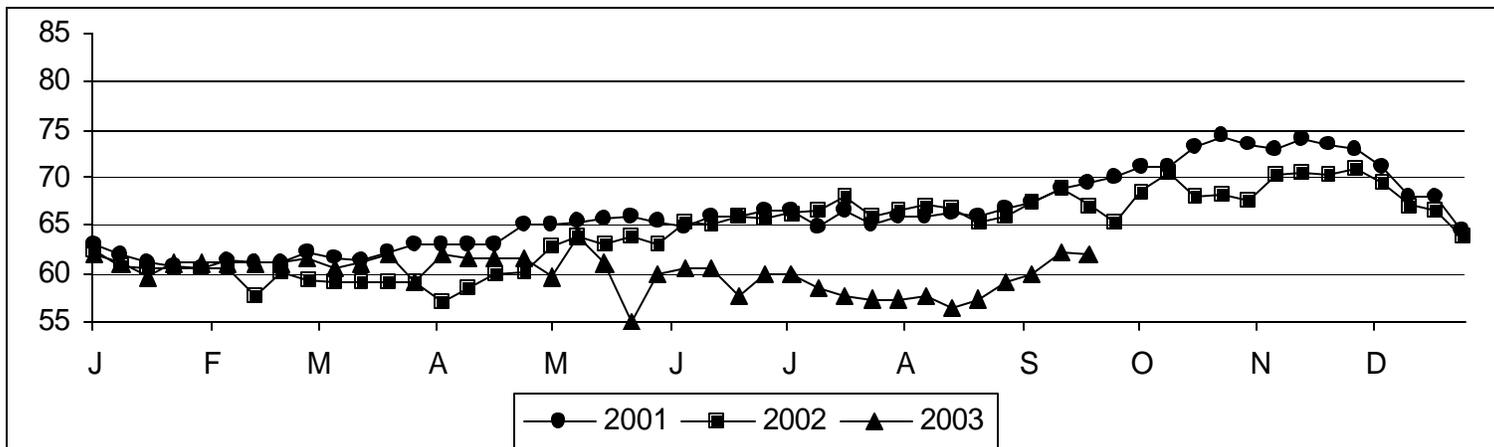
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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