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Beginning and during the week prices were unchanged in most locations. In New York prices were higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels was light to good with best movement centered around features. Supplies ranged adequate to instances short with the lighter weight eggs in the best position. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand continued fairly good. Offerings remain adequate and confidently held with sellers holding firm for the high side of the current quoted range. Most breakers were taking a wait and see approach to the marketplace as inventories were generally comfortable going into next week. Schedules full-time to over-time. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady. Offerings for light type fowl ranged higher compared to last week as more producers were forced to move spent hens into operations other than traditional slaughter processors. Removal prices were generally steady at 4 to 12 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 2 cents higher for small. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Retail demand was slightly mixed, usually moderate to good. Food service movement was light to about moderate. Supplies were adequate to in good balance for all sizes with the lighter weight eggs still short at times. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand continued fairly good for the adequate and confidently held offerings. Schedules full-time to over-time. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	83-92	86-89
LARGE	82-90	83-88
MEDIUM	70-78	71-73

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 mediums were trending slightly higher. The market tone was steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good, best where features were a factor. Supplies of the larger sizes were adequate, but the lighter weight eggs were reported as close. Breaking stock demand was moderate for adequate to fully adequate offerings. Spent hen availability was at least sufficient for processing schedules.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-101	89-93
LARGE	83-98	88-92
MEDIUM	68-83	72-77

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

03-Oct-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	91.00	90.00	73.50
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	72.00
MIDWEST	87.50	85.50	72.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.00	93.50	75.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	90.46	89.13	73.23

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

	10-07-03	09-30-03	10-08-02
Large	64-68	64-68	27-30
Medium	53-56	51-54	16-20

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCT 06, 2003

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

		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.0	15.5	10.1	11.5	11.6	58.7
	Change	0.5	-1.4	1.8	-2.7	1.2	-1%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.4	46.1	20.9	26.0	44.9	163.3
	Change	-4.7	-13.8	5.7	-2.5	5.5	-6%
Large	Curr Wk	47.1	117.2	88.4	86.8	120.0	459.5
	Change	-2.1	2.9	2.5	-16.7	-4.8	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.8	38.9	12.3	19.4	33.7	118.1
	Change	-2.3	-0.5	1.4	-1.4	-1.4	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	7.4	3.7	4.4	4.2	24.1
	Change	0.1	1.1	1.6	-0.7	-3.0	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	21.4	7.0	9.5	5.2	47.8
	Change	0.3	0.6	-0.4	-0.6	-1.0	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	26.4	31.6	23.0	23.5	31.5	136.0
	Change	3.2	-6.8	0.3	-1.2	-4.2	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	131.8	278.1	165.4	181.1	251.1	1007.5
	Change	-4%	-6%	8%	-13%	-3%	-4%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1007.5	-4%	172
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	239.8	6%	37
Total Shell Egg	1247.3	-2%	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 04-OCT-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,229,298	30,591	11,064	6,006	2,352	4,317
PW	1,243,457	31,072	10,889	5,984	2,573	4,291
LY	1,280,622	29,146	12,731	6,880	2,896	4,486
% CHG PWK	-1	-2	2	0	-9	1
% CHG LY	-4	5	-13	-13	-19	-4
2003	46,561,079	1,133,660	425,303	231,769	95,136	167,686
2002	48,279,630	1,121,676	466,283	250,536	115,131	171,625
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-7	-17	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.28	42.01	41.58
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.77	38.56	38.07

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Sep 27	Oct 4	Sep 27	Oct 4
	Thousand			
AL	27,391	28,070	21,676	20,614
AR	30,013	28,806	24,992	22,702
DE	3,479	3,670	4,831	4,439
FL	1,369	1,369	*1,651	1,738
GA	30,697	30,686	*24,677	23,936
KY	*6,494	6,031	*5,273	4,883
LA	*3,891	3,861	*3,704	3,730
MD	8,411	7,842	5,378	5,563
MS	17,357	17,139	15,904	15,221
NC	17,488	15,901	13,000	13,156
OK	5,651	6,056	4,574	5,390
PA	3,491	3,589	*2,691	2,614
SC	4,413	4,598	*3,827	4,265
TX	*14,357	14,279	*12,193	11,670
VA	6,391	5,713	5,231	4,696
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,559	15,261	*13,528	14,513
19 State Total	*196,452	192,871	*163,130	159,130
Previous Year Total	191,851	193,083	165,235	155,770
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	99	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 15-Nov-03 is estimated at 148.4 million head. This compares to 151.3 million head the previous week and to 151.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.0 million head and the composite weighted average price 53.01cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/02/03-10/08/03**CURRENT LDS 72.75 FUTURE LDS 37.25 TOTAL LDS 110.00**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	—	—	71.92	73.50	—	—	15.00
GNR W 3	—	—	49.00	—	60.00	64.00	5.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	74.00	75.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	85.00	86.00	79.00	—	3.50
GL W XL	78.80	81.12	80.25	81.67	78.67	80.60	46.25
GL W LG	78.00	80.25	76.50	78.52	76.90	91.73	26.50
GL W MD	65.63	—	64.56	66.08	66.72	67.11	23.50
GL W SM	—	—	45.75	—	47.00	49.00	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	73.00	75.39	76.28	25.50
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	63.50	6.00

SHELL EGGS: Weekly Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels

Week ending 04-Oct-2003					
SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY	
ATLANTA	25.2	23.2	9	15	
BOSTON	3.5	3.6	-3	6	
CHICAGO	55.6	64.2	-13	5	
DETROIT	23.7	26.5	-11	-9	
KANSAS CITY	3.8	3.9	-3	0	
LOS ANGELES	88.4	84.9	4	5	
NEW ORLEANS	10.7	8.0	34	51	
NEW YORK	28.3	30.1	-6	-11	
ST. LOUIS	16.8	16.8	0	-9	
SAN FRANCISCO	21.1	21.6	-2	-17	
TOTAL	277.1	282.8	-2	1	
4 WK MVG AVG	285.0				

MISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 04-Oct-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,929	2,743	78	10	4,760
AVG WT	15.53	34.43	23.96	27.19	26.58
LAST WEEK	2,044	2,877	48	12	4,981
SAME WK YR AGO	1,770	2,910	27	20	4,727
AVG WT	15.30	34.15	27.77	30.71	27.03
TO-DATE/2003	74,602	108,511	2,489	553	186,155
TO-DATE/2002	73,774	109,121	2,083	344	185,322

TURKEY: Weekly Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants

Week ending 04-Oct-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	875	-10	21.33	(A)	877	21.33
SATL	782	-9	28.15	(A)	784	28.15
N CENT	2,116	-2	30.89	(A)	2,118	30.89
S CENT	482	3	20.38	(A)	484	20.38
WEST	495	-1	21.03	(A)	497	21.03
U.S. TOTAL	4,750(B)	-4	26.58	10	4,760	26.58

TO-DATE
2003 185,602(B) 553 186,155

TO-DATE
2002 184,978(B) 344 185,322

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 78,000 for the year 2,489,000; last year to date.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 04-Oct-03

(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,247	1,346	1,444	2,790	435
AVG WT	4.99	3.56	8.10	5.91	6.77
LAST WEEK	160,024	1,280	1,611	2,891	433
SAME WK YR AGO	159,097	1,892	1,622	3,514	391
AVG WT	5.11	3.64	7.94	5.62	6.50
TO-DATE/2003	6,141,524	59,053	56,102	115,155	16,523
TO-DATE/2002	6,216,995	70,243	56,084	126,327	16,897

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 160.2 million head or 1.3 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Oct-03

CLASS	Current Week 10/11/03(1)	Previous Week 10/04/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	165,389(2)	162,670
LT HENS	1,376	1,453
HVY HENS	1,493	1,497
TOTAL	168,258	165,620

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Oct-03 is 158.6 million head compared to 160.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.7 million head or 7.1 million more than estimated available. For week of 18-Oct-03 the estimated available is 158.1 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
AUGUST 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
27	162.0	159.4	102%	5.24
OCTOBER 4	160.2	158.9	101%	4.99
YEAR TO DATE	6216.2	6282.3	99%	
OCTOBER 11		158.6		
18		158.1		

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 10/06/03-10/10/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	53.00-56.00		56.56	39	58.72	71
Los Angeles	74.00		71.58	66	70.11	132
New York	58.00-60.00		59.62	25	61.70	78

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from		
	6-Oct-03	29-Sep-03	29-Sep-03
	63.63	0.40	63.23
NUMBER OF LOADS	597		52.97

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	LBS
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/			AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	63-66	66	66.00	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	61-65	65	65.00	120
WESTERN REGION 5/	63-65.5	64	64.00	59

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	61-63	61	61.00	40
CENTRAL REGION	60-63	63	63.00	120
WESTERN REGION	61-67	63-67	64.25	160

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 10/06/03	5,768	206,468	48,272
AM 09/01/03	3,798	221,358	58,470
CHG	1970	-14890	-10198
PCT CHG	52%	-7%	-17%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of August 31, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on October 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	24 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	666 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	523 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 06-Oct-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.25 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.35
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.75-11.25 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.83

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

LIGHT TYPE 03-Oct-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	4-12	4.5-10

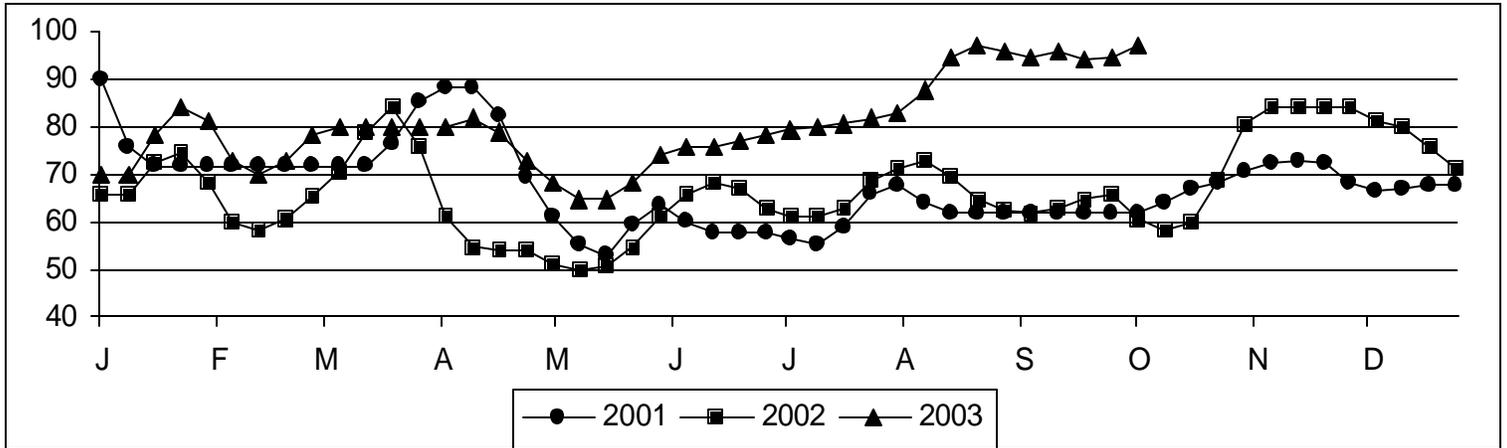
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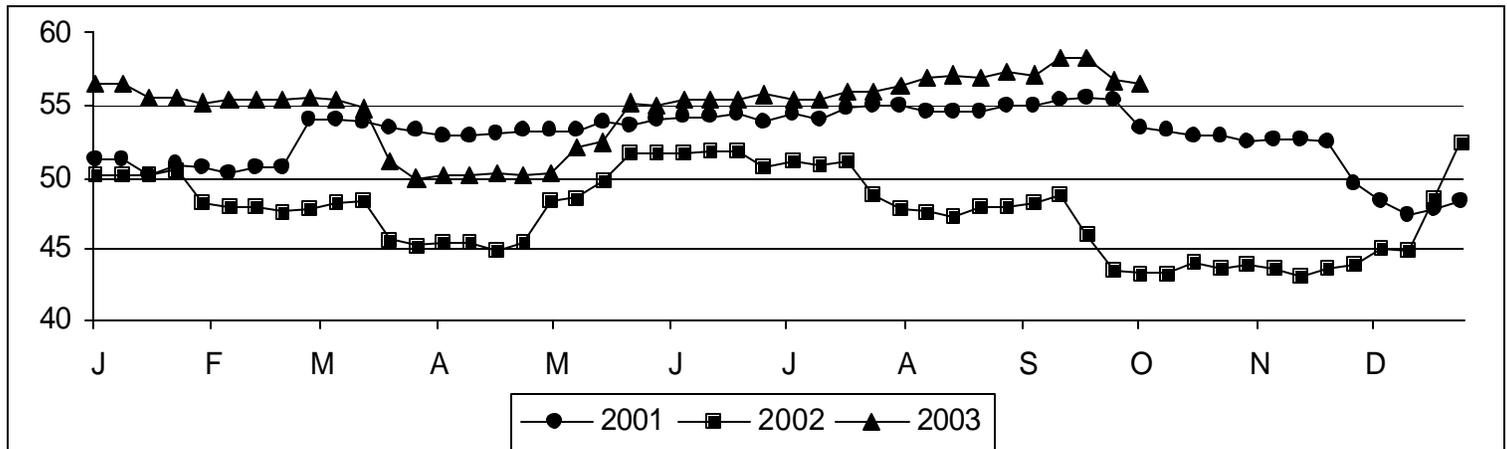
W/E 04-Oct-03

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	219.7	1	-2
E.N. CENTRAL	527.9	0	-6
W.N. CENTRAL	272.5	0	-2
S. ATLANTIC	182.7	11	9
S. CENTRAL	108.3	5	23
WEST	185.6	1	-6
TOTAL	1496.7	2	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

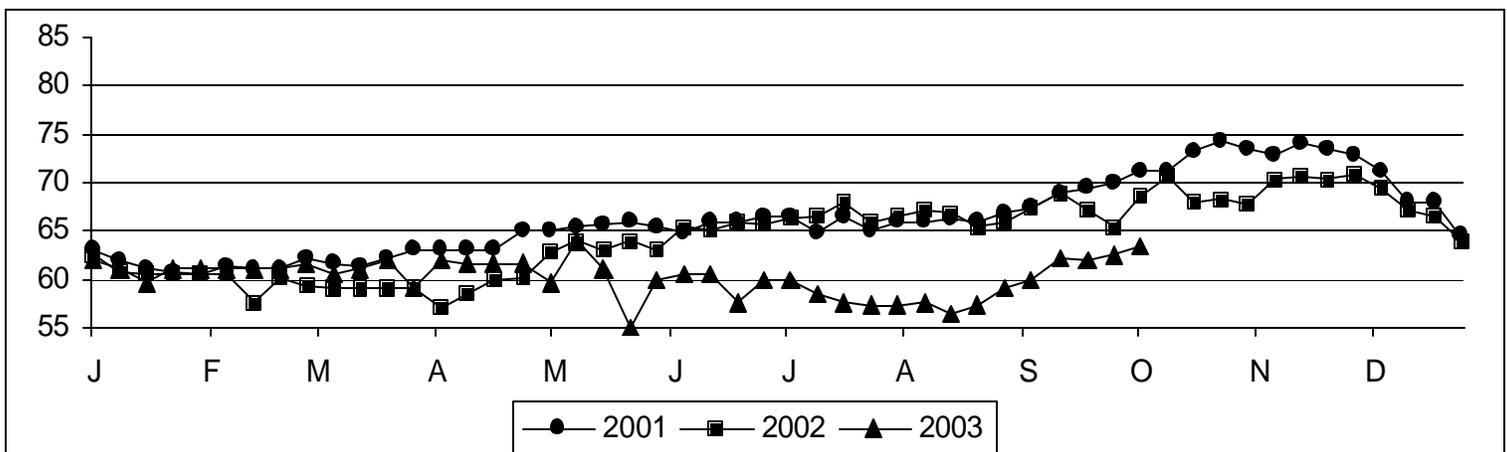
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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