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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Throughout the week prices were higher on all sizes in all areas. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to good, best where features were present. Supplies ranged adequate to very tight and were held with confidence. Breaking stock prices were higher on nest run and unchanged on checks and undergrades. Demand was fairly good with offerings tight to unavailable at current quoted prices. Most operators were hesitant to release additional breaking stock as refill prices were seen as likely higher. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Values of light type fowl ranged unchanged compared to last week. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand fairly good to mostly good as many alternative users ran less spent fowl than desired. Removal prices were generally steady at 8 to 12.5 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. All other prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to fairly good with a few areas experiencing some customer resistance due to higher store prices. Food service movement light to about moderate. Supplies were still very tight for mediums and small and tight to adequate for the larger sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand continued fairly good to mostly good with offerings tight to unavailable at current quoted values. Schedules continued to vary from plant to plant. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92
LARGE	85-93	86-91
MEDIUM	80-88	83-85

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, although all sizes were trending higher. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were close balanced to tight for current needs as eggs were reported as being held with confidence. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to short for the moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	89-103	92-96
LARGE	85-100	90-94
MEDIUM	78-93	83-86

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

## SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL 17-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	76.00
SOUTHEAST	88.50	86.50	74.00
MIDWEST	87.50	85.50	75.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	94.00	93.50	78.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	90.46	89.13	75.88

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

	10-21-03	10-14-03	10-22-02
Large	67-71	64-68	32-35
Medium	63-66	54-57	21-25

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCT 20, 2003

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

	Northeast	No So		So		5-Area	
		Curr Wk	Change	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	12.8	2.2	17.9	8.5	14.0	11.6	64.8
			0.2	-2.3	0.8	1.1	3%
Ex Lge	25.1	1.2	56.3	15.9	18.2	35.7	151.2
			-1.2	4.4	-7.3	-0.6	-2%
Large	51.3	0.0	98.3	88.3	77.2	119.7	434.8
			-8.4	2.2	-12.0	11.9	-1%
Medium	12.6	2.9	50.5	17.0	18.0	28.6	126.7
			9.1	4.2	1.8	-0.7	16%
Small	4.8	-2.3	5.6	4.1	5.9	2.0	22.4
			-1.6	1.2	1.0	-3.1	-18%
Misc	5.0	0.8	16.2	7.0	9.0	5.9	43.1
			-5.4	-1.1	-1.7	0.8	-13%
Ungraded	18.0	-6.7	24.9	17.9	25.8	30.9	117.5
			-2.9	2.9	7.9	-0.6	1%
Total	129.6		269.7	158.7	168.1	234.4	960.5
Percent	-1%		-4%	8%	-5%	4%	0%

## TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	960.5	0%	171 **
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	236.0	-1%	36 **
Total Shell Egg	1196.5	0%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 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 adjustment to previous week necessary

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.

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**Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection****WEEK ENDING 18-OCT-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,217,401	30,792	10,632	5,762	2,286	4,102
PW	1,257,598	30,867	11,291	5,783	2,337	4,306
LY	1,259,316	29,598	11,898	6,421	2,897	4,308
% CHG PWK	-3	0	-6	0	-2	-5
% CHG LY	-3	4	-11	-10	-21	-5
2003	49,036,078	1,195,319	447,226	243,314	99,759	176,094
2002	50,838,731	1,180,530	491,033	263,937	121,214	180,491
% CHG YTD	-4	1	-9	-8	-18	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.13	41.55	41.47
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.76	38.12	38.05

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 11	Oct 18
	Thousand			
AL	28,048	28,283	20,421	20,653
AR	29,386	28,862	23,157	23,749
DE	3,529	3,531	4,553	4,189
FL	1,359	1,365	1,609	1,586
GA	32,016	29,461	*24,366	24,226
KY	6,626	5,369	*5,553	5,518
LA	3,758	3,782	3,704	3,896
MD	8,502	8,005	5,232	6,308
MS	17,910	16,983	14,673	14,715
NC	15,940	16,677	12,575	13,790
OK	5,864	6,063	5,769	4,196
PA	3,416	3,446	2,548	2,519
SC	4,080	3,907	4,188	3,685
TX	14,217	12,863	10,809	11,954
VA	6,360	6,378	4,696	5,069
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*15,340	15,223	*14,046	14,131
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>*196,351</b>	<b>190,198</b>	<b>*157,899</b>	<b>160,184</b>
Previous Year Total	192,080	185,654	154,082	155,782
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	102	103

\* 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 29-Nov-03 is estimated at 146.4 million head. This compares to 145.8 million head the previous week and to 145.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 116.9 million head and the composite weighted average price 53.36 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/16/03-10/22/03**

CURRENT LDS	55.00	FUTURE LDS	80.75	TOTAL LDS	135.75		
	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	80.00	84.00	77.38	79.00	—	—	9.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	87.00	88.00	83.38	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	96.67	86.00	87.78	84.92	85.75	39.50
GL W LG	—	90.78	83.25	86.13	82.20	85.60	34.75
GL W MD	—	—	77.50	79.67	75.50	76.60	12.25
GL W SM	—	—	56.67	58.33	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	82.00	2.50
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	81.00	82.11	36.50
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	83.50	2.50
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	74.00	2.25

**SHELL EGGS: Weekly Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels**

Week ending 18-Oct-2003				
SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	24.9	25.5	-2	16
BOSTON	3.0	3.5	-14	-17
CHICAGO	46.6	56.1	-17	13
DETROIT	26.7	29.6	-10	-20
KANSAS CITY	8.2	6.8	21	95
LOS ANGELES	91.6	88.2	4	14
NEW ORLEANS	9.2	8.6	7	35
NEW YORK	27.3	28.7	-5	-20
ST. LOUIS	15.4	18.5	-17	-26
SAN FRANCISCO	22.7	22.2	2	9
TOTAL	275.6	287.7	-4	3
4 WK MVG AVG	280.8			

**MISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 18-Oct-2003**

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG TOMS		OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,876	2,896	51	0	4,823	
AVG WT	15.87	34.78	24.92	0.00	27.32	
LAST WEEK	1,848	2,869	88	10	4,815	
SAME WK YR AGO	1,597	2,969	70	25	4,661	
AVG WT	15.36	34.95	24.62	29.63	28.05	
TO-DATE/2003	78,326	114,276	2,628	563	195,793	
TO-DATE/2002	77,002	115,016	2,246	384	194,648	

**TURKEY: Weekly Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected Plants**

Week ending 18-Oct-2003						
(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD-	THOUSAND	AVG LIVE WT
HEAD	PW					
N EAST	846	-2	21.45	(A)	846	21.45
SATL	858	2	27.35	(A)	858	27.35
N CENT	2,194	0	31.32	(A)	2,194	31.32
S CENT	469	5	20.98	(A)	469	20.98
WEST	456	-3	25.41	(A)	456	25.41
U.S. TOTAL	4,823(B)	0	27.32	0	4,823	27.32
TO-DATE						
2003	195,230(B)				563	195,793
TO-DATE						
2002	194,264(B)				384	194,648

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 51,000 for the year 2,628,000; last year to date.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 18-Oct-03  
(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,115	1,164	1,378	2,542	408
AVG WT	5.26	3.42	8.40	6.12	6.75
LAST WEEK	156,092	1,263	1,443	2,706	406
SAME WK YR AGO	155,053	1,822	1,603	3,425	414
AVG WT	5.05	3.30	7.90	5.45	6.65
TO-DATE/2003	6,454,731	61,480	58,923	120,403	17,337
TO-DATE/2002	6,530,121	73,819	59,223	133,042	17,723

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159 million head or 0.9 million head more than or 101% of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER****UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Oct-03**

CLASS	Current Week 10/25/03(1)	Previous Week 10/18/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	160,301(2)	164,678
LT HENS	1,239	1,268
HVY HENS	1,431	1,425
TOTAL	162,971	167,371

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Oct-03 is 158.3 million head compared to 160.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.6 million head or 2.3 million more than estimated available. For week of 01-Nov-03 the estimated available is 157.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
SEPTEMBER 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
11	158.0	158.6	100%	5.14
18	159.0	158.1	101%	5.26
YEAR TO DATE	6533.2	6599.0	99%	
OCTOBER 25		158.3		
NOVEMBER 1		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 10/20/03-10/24/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	5300-56.00	56.45	43	58.65	73
Los Angeles	74.00	70.65	77	70.08	145
New York	58.00-61.00	59.81	27	62.99	78

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from		
	20-Oct-03	13-Oct-03	21-Oct-02
`63.82	0.75	63.07	53.21

NUMBER OF LOADS 641

**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)
<b>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/ 8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	66-70	67.5	67.50	40
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-69	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-70	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION	63-65	63	63.00	120
CENTRAL REGION	64-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	64-65	-	-	-

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 10/20/03	3,553	194,387	47,102
AM 10/01/03	5,164	205,956	49,344
CHG	-1611	-11569	-2242
PCT CHG	-31%	-6%	-5%

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

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.5	8.33
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.5-11 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.46

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

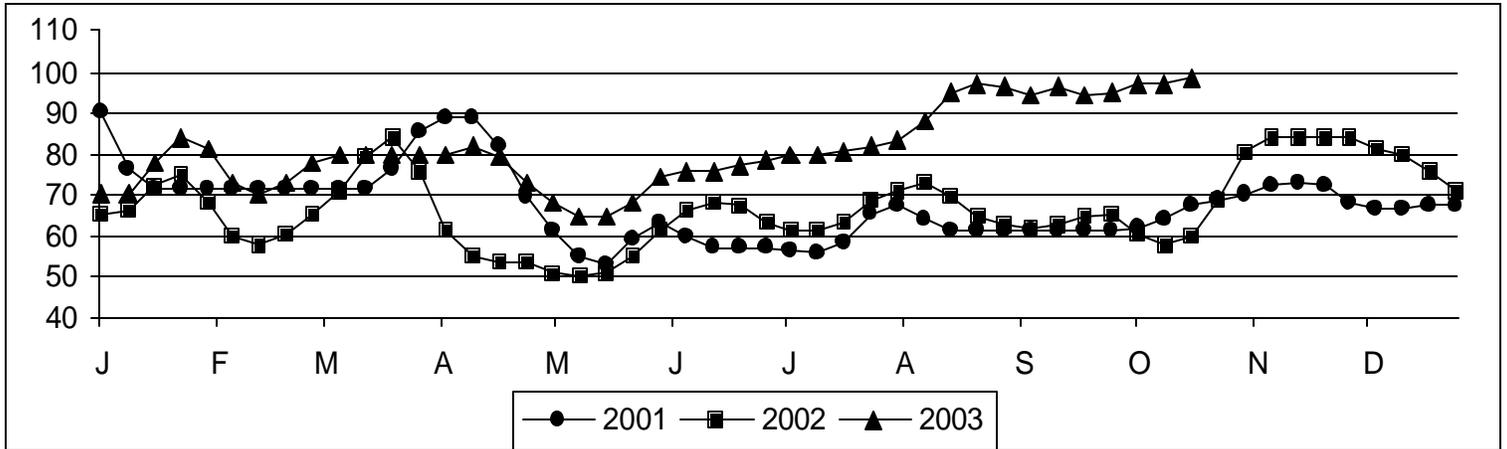
**LIGHT TYPE** 17-Oct-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
<b>Eastern</b>		
Removal Cost	0-12	9-11
<b>So. Central</b>		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
<b>No. Central</b>		
Removal Cost	8-12.5	10-12.25

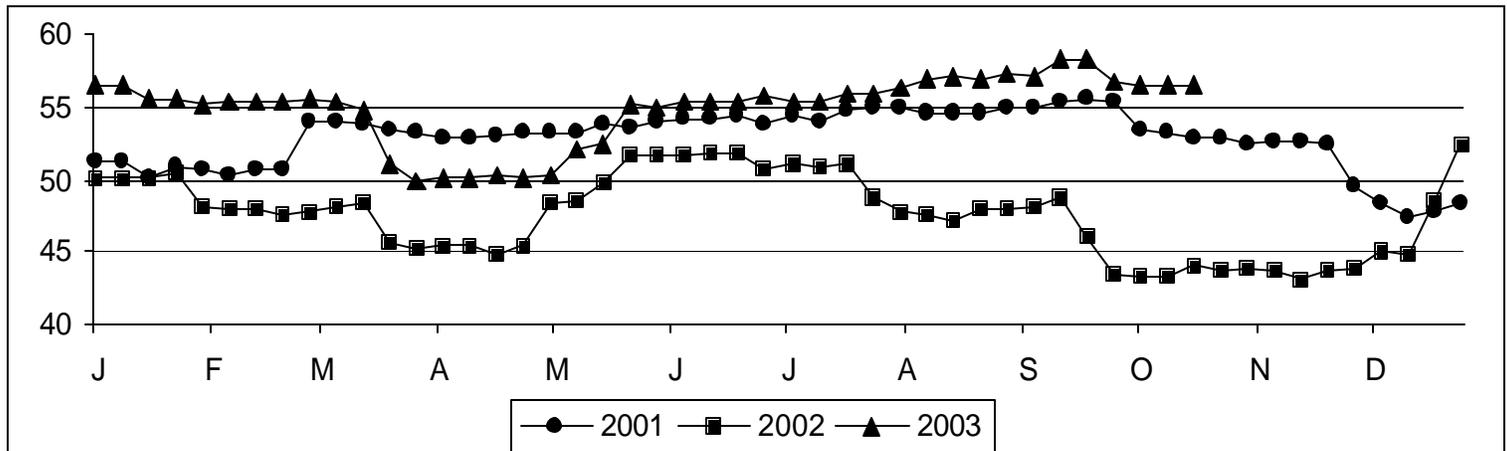
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** W/E 18-Oct-03  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY	
N. ATLANTIC	216.0	-3	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	539.7	3	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	275.8	0	-5
S. ATLANTIC	187.7	3	10
S. CENTRAL	106.6	-2	21
WEST	184.2	-1	-4
TOTAL	1510.0	1	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

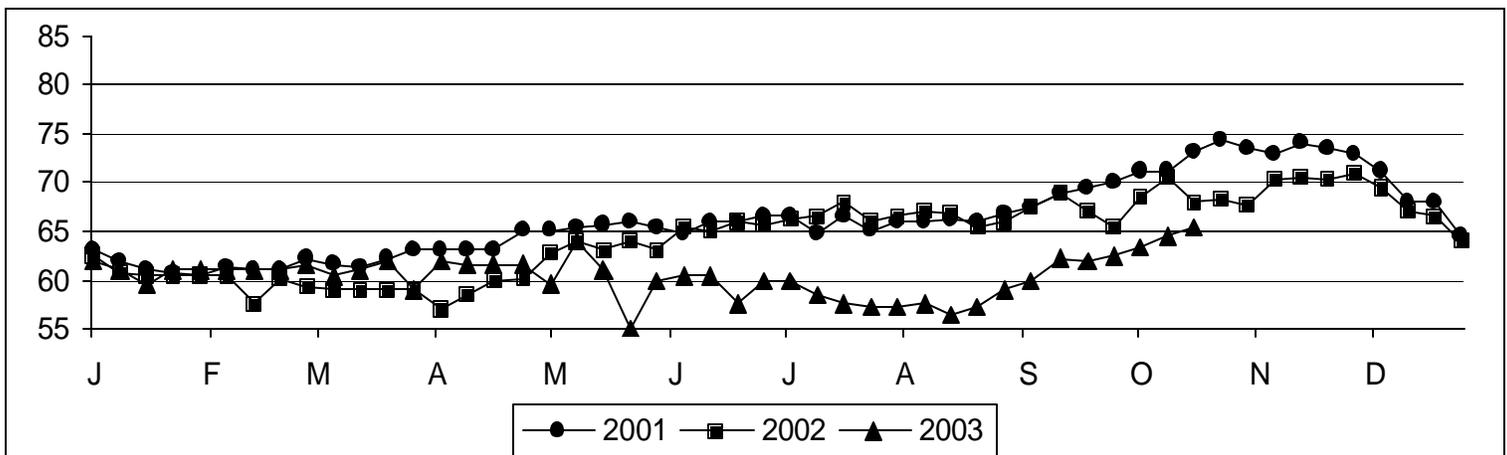
New York Large Weekly Average Price  
Cents per Dozen



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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