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Through out the week prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums in most locations. The market tone was steady on mediums and fully steady to firm on the heavy weights. Demand was light to good, best where features were a factor. Supplies of the lighter weights were mixed and ranged adequate to ample. However, the larger sizes were closely balanced to short and confidently held. Breaking stock prices were unchanged on nest run and slightly higher on checks and undergrades. Trading and demand limited for the very light offers. Breakers only breaking for regular orders and when possible reducing those orders. Finished product demand for immediate needs only. Floor stocks in close balance with many breaking schedules reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged compared to last week. Demand was mostly good with offerings continuing tight to unavailable with processing schedules reduced. Removal prices were steady at 3 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 2 cents higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm for the larger sizes and steady for mediums. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were short for the larger sizes and ample for mediums. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand limited for the very light offers. Breakers only breaking for regular orders and when possible reducing those orders. Finished product demand for immediate needs only. Floor stocks in close balance with many breaking schedules reduced. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-101	95-98
LARGE	91-99	92-97
MEDIUM	84-92	87-89

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 the larger sizes were trending sharply higher. The market tone was steady for mediums, but the larger sizes were firm. Demand was light to good, best where featured. Large dozen eggs were advertised for 88 cents. Supplies ranged sufficient to close. Breaking stock offerings were tight to adequate for the fair to good demand. Light type hens were about adequate for the moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96-110	99-103
LARGE	92-107	97-101
MEDIUM	84-99	89-91

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

## SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL 31-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	98.00	96.00	90.00
SOUTHEAST	99.50	97.50	92.00
MIDWEST	93.50	91.50	88.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	96.50	94.50	89.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.82	94.82	89.83

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

	11-04-03	10-28-03	11-05-02
Large	74-78	71-75	53-56
Medium	67-71	67-71	44-48

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOV 03, 2003

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

		No		So		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.4	16.8	8.8	13.5	11.5	60.0
	Change	-1.7	1.5	0.2	-0.4	-0.8	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.6	57.4	13.8	27.9	40.8	169.5
	Change	-0.6	8.8	1.4	3.9	1.1	9%
Large	Curr Wk	54.4	117.1	95.2	120.8	123.2	510.7
	Change	-5.0	9.7	-1.2	17.3	2.1	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.7	48.2	22.4	23.2	29.1	136.6
	Change	0.6	2.0	2.0	2.5	1.3	6%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	5.8	2.5	4.4	5.2	22.4
	Change	0.0	-0.4	0.0	-1.8	1.1	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.1	20.7	6.4	17.3	6.2	54.7
	Change	-0.6	1.0	-2.2	6.4	0.6	11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.3	28.4	13.5	23.6	39.7	120.5
	Change	-11.7	4.8	-2.1	-0.3	5.6	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	131.0	294.4	162.6	230.7	255.7	1074.4
	Change	-13%	10%	-1%	14%	4%	4%

**TOTAL** Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1074.4	4%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	233.0	10%	36

Total Shell Egg 1307.4 5% 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 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 01-NOV-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,179,440	30,308	9,917	5,386	1,974	4,068
PW	1,206,006	31,193	10,139	5,575	2,198	4,041
LY	1,190,732	28,985	10,792	5,869	2,105	4,116
% CHG PWK	-2	-3	-2	-3	-10	1
% CHG LY	-1	5	-8	-8	-6	-1
2003	51,421,524	1,256,820	467,282	254,275	103,930	184,202
2002	53,219,590	1,239,493	511,824	275,170	125,683	188,809
% CHG YTD	-3	1	-9	-8	-17	-2

**AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE**

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.12	42.24	41.79
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.67	38.89	38.33

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Oct 25	Nov 01	Oct 25	Nov 01
	Thousand			
AL	26,822	26,638	21,380	20,866
AR	29,106	27,849	23,230	23,060
DE	3,233	3,690	4,359	4,616
FL	1,353	1,353	1,506	1,518
GA	28,898	30,277	24,391	25,397
KY	6,025	5,708	*5,458	5,645
LA	3,691	3,847	3,578	3,620
MD	7,808	8,840	5,727	5,418
MS	17,287	16,229	14,925	14,983
NC	17,291	17,681	13,225	13,155
OK	6,505	6,090	3,966	3,924
PA	3,582	3,608	*2,617	2,468
SC	4,206	4,097	4,040	4,196
TX	12,978	14,384	11,758	11,859
VA	6,670	6,205	4,415	5,130
CA, MO, TN, & WV	14,953	16,033	14,160	14,001
<b>19 State Total</b>	190,408	192,529	*158,735	159,856
Previous Year Total	181,106	189,835	157,001	155,287
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	101	101	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 13-Dec-03 is estimated at 146.6 million head. This compares to 146.8 million head the previous week and to 146.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.8 million head and the composite weighted average pr 53.73cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/30/03-11/05/03****CURRENT LDS 73.25 FUTURE LDS 71.25 TOTAL LDS 144.50**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	80.80	97.17	84.79	86.86	87.00	—	25.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	82.00	1.00
GL W XL	—	—	91.60	94.56	89.95	92.00	35.50
GL W LG	—	98.14	87.17	91.50	89.00	90.00	43.25
GL W MD	—	—	80.17	81.60	—	80.75	12.50
GL W SM	—	—	57.00	58.38	—	—	2.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	96.00	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	75.00	79.50	—	82.00	—	82.49	28.75
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	77.00	.75
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	64.50	2.00

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

Week ending 01-Nov-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.1	23.8	10	12
BOSTON	3.6	3.6	0	13
CHICAGO	47.3	49.4	-4	13
DETROIT	27.1	27.8	-3	-17
KANSAS CITY	3.7	2.5	48	-16
LOS ANGELES	86.7	94.3	-8	12
NEW ORLEANS	7.6	6.4	19	-42
NEW YORK	29.8	28.6	4	-11
ST. LOUIS	20.4	17.5	17	29
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	22.2	0	-3
TOTAL	274.5	276.1	-1	2
4 WK MVG AVG	278.5			

**MISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 01-Nov-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	2,391	3,124	55	2	5,572
AVG WT	16.13	33.98	25.85	62.54	26.25
LAST WEEK	1,801	3,022	78	0	4,901
SAME WK YR AGO	2,352	3,035	63	37	5,487
AVG WT	16.67	35.14	25.69	27.45	27.06
TO-DATE/2003	82,518	120,422	2,761	565	206,266
TO-DATE/2002	81,166	121,023	2,368	436	204,993

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

Week ending 01-Nov-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	1,076	14	21.64	(A)	1,077	21.64
SATL	809	-11	28.60	(A)	810	28.60
N CENT	2,335	8	28.60	(A)	2,335	28.60
S CENT	546	43	20.48	(A)	546	20.48
WEST	804	64	21.62	(A)	804	21.62
U.S. TOTAL	5,570(B)	14	26.25	2	5,572	26.25

TO-DATE

2003 205,701(B) 565 206,266

TO-DATE

2002 204,557(B) 436 204,993

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 55,000 for the year 2,761,000; last year to date 2,368,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 1-Nov-2003

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,750	1,093	1,314	2,407	434
AVG WT	5.36	3.41	7.89	5.86	6.74
LAST WEEK	159,099	1,137	1,383	2,520	429
SAME WK YR AGO	155,193	1,697	1,538	3,235	393
AVG WT	5.24	3.29	8.04	5.55	6.74
TO-DATE/2003	6,771,580	63,710	61,620	125,330	18,200
TO-DATE/2002	6,843,963	77,358	62,291	139,649	18,495

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159.7 million head or 2.5 million head more than or 102% of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 08-Nov-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	11/08/03(1)	11/01/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	159,760(2)	163,565
LT HENS	1,272	1,294
HVY HENS	1,197	1,422
TOTAL	162,229	166,281

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 08-Nov-03 is 154.5 million head compared to 157.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.1 million head or 5.6 million more than estimated available. For week of 15-Nov-03 the estimated available is 151.7 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
SEPTEMBER 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
25	161.0	158.3	102%	5.25
NOVEMBER 1	159.7	157.2	102%	5.36
YEAR TO DATE	6853.9	6914.5	99%	
NOVEMBER 8		154.5		
15		151.7		

**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 11/03/03-11/07/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	53.00-56.00	56.40	40	58.69	71
Los Angeles	73.00	70.93	68	70.23	143
New York	58.00-61.00	59.50	22	61.39	53

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

	Change from			
	03-Nov-03	27-Oct-03	27-Oct-03	4-Nov-02
	63.77	-0.27	64.04	54.11
NUMBER OF LOADS	601			

**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/	67-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-71	66.5	66.50	13
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71.5	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	64-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	63-65.5	63-65.5	63.68	110
WESTERN REGION	64-66	-	-	-

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 11/03/03	3,598	182,037	44,797
AM 10/01/03	5,164	205,956	49,344
CHG	-1566	-23919	-4547
PCT CHG	-30%	-12%	-9%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of September 30, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on November 1, 2003 are:

FROZEN EGGS	12 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	578 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	548 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 03-Nov-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8.25-8.75	8.49
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	5.75-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.93

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

**LIGHT TYPE** 31-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	10-11
<b>So. Central</b>		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
<b>No. Central</b>		
Removal Cost	3-12.5	10-12.25

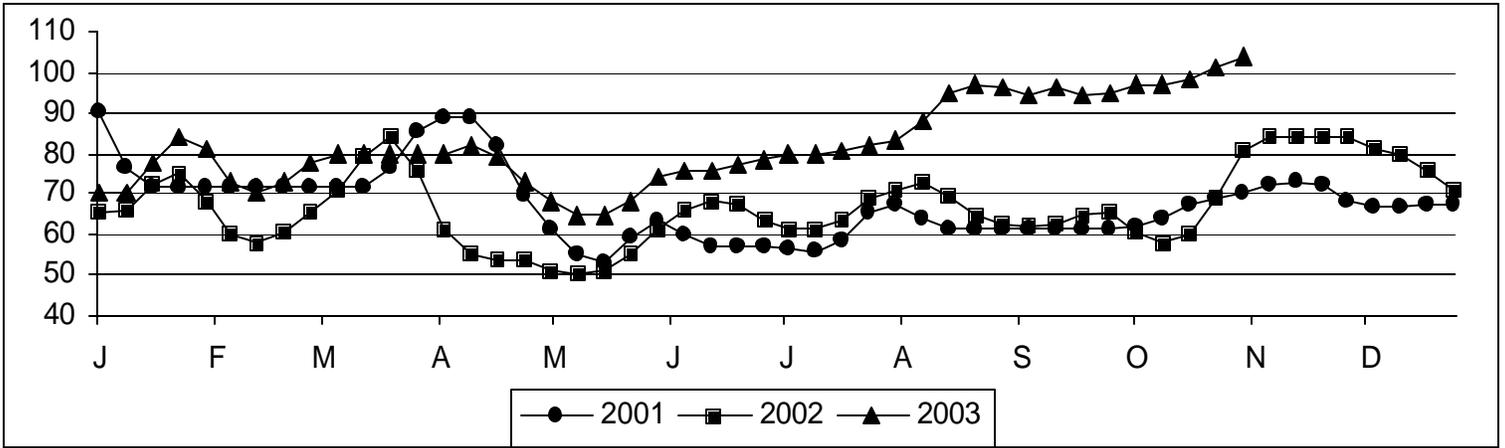
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

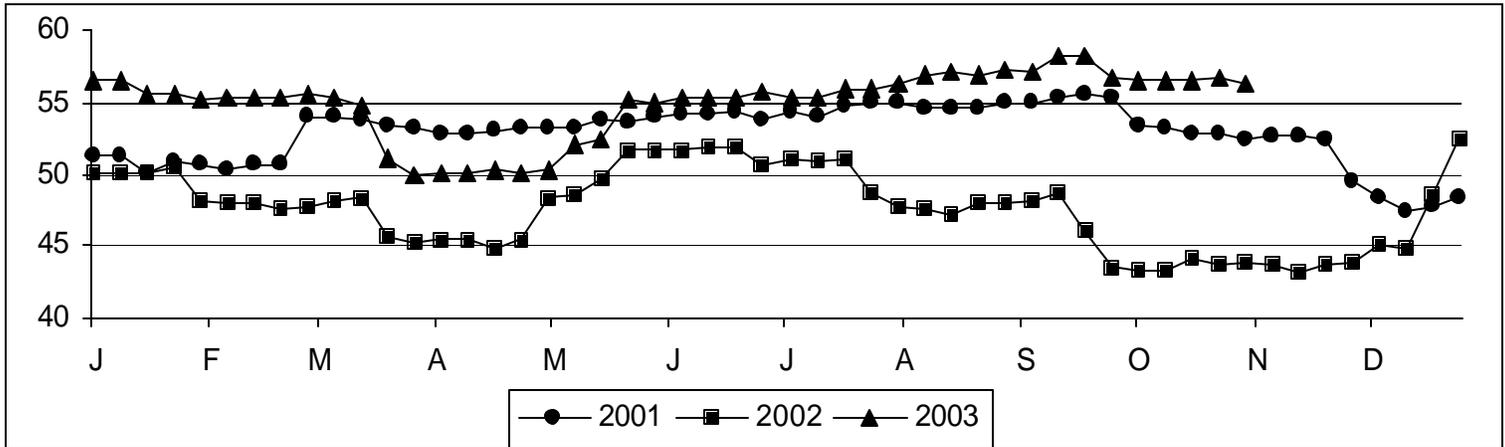
W/E 01-Nov-03

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY	
N. ATLANTIC	217.0	3	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	551.9	2	1
W.N. CENTRAL	284.0	1	-3
S. ATLANTIC	184.9	1	12
S. CENTRAL	113.9	1	23
WEST	193.7	1	2
TOTAL	1545.4	2	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

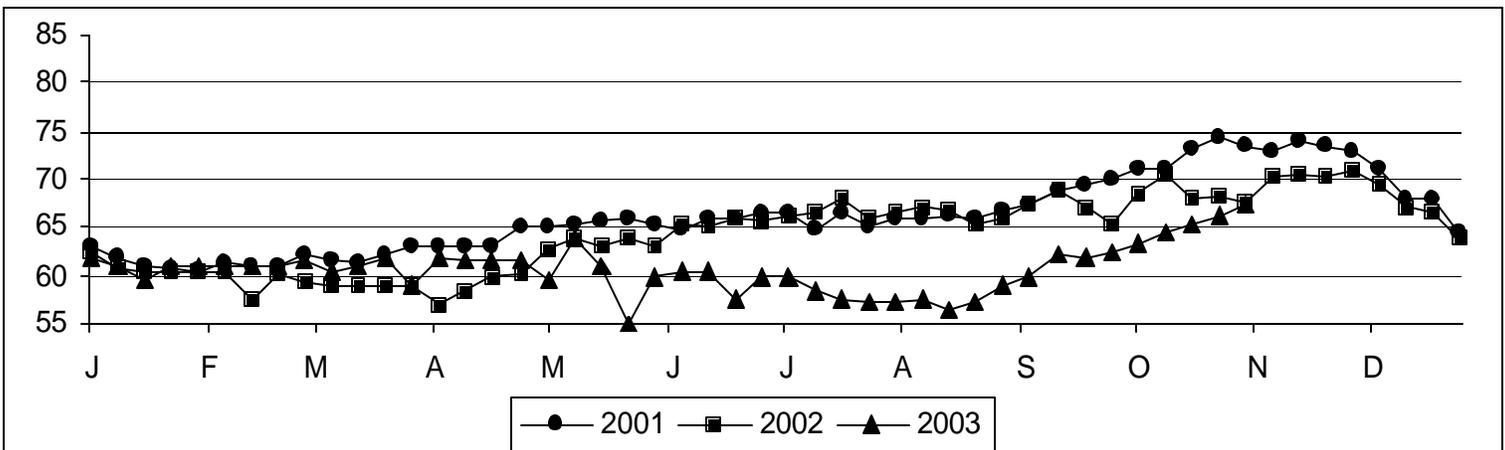
New York Large Weekly Average Price  
Cents per Dozen



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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