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At the beginning of the week prices were higher on all sizes in all locations and as the week progressed prices were higher on the larger sizes but unchanged on the mediums. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand was moderate to very good. Supplies were tight to occasionally sufficient. Breaking stock along with checks and undergrades prices were higher. Demand was generally quiet as operators that were previously seeking breaking stock had reduced schedules for next week and concentrated on fulfilling only contractual requirements. Offerings continued limited. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment was steady. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand fairly good. Schedules were generally full-time. 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to mostly very good with holiday features planned for next week providing the best interest. Food service movement was light to about moderate. Supplies were in good balance to tight. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was generally quiet as operators that were previously seeking breaking stock reduced schedules and concentrated on filling regular contracts for next week. Offerings continue limited. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	107-118	112-115
LARGE	108-116	109-114
MEDIUM	90-98	93-95

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 was firm. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to good. Large eggs were on special for 99 cents per dozen. Supplies were balanced to tight for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to tight for the moderate to good demand. Spent hens were light to about adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114-128	116-121
LARGE	110-125	115-119
MEDIUM	91-106	96-98

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Nov 14, 2003

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	108.00	106.00	90.00
SOUTHEAST	109.50	107.50	89.00
MIDWEST	103.50	101.50	88.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	108.50	107.50	89.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	107.40	105.70	89.14

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

	11-18-03	11-12-03	11-19-02
Large	93-97	84-88	51-55
Medium	75-79	67-71	42-46

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOV 17, 2003

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

		Northeast		No	So	So	5-Area
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.8	15.3	9.5	11.7	11.9	57.2
	Change	0.7	-1.1	0.9	1.7	1.1	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.6	44.8	13.4	23.0	42.2	150.0
	Change	-1.6	-2.1	-1.1	2.7	5.1	2%
Large	Curr Wk	54.0	106.4	94.2	129.7	122.1	506.4
	Change	-2.9	4.6	13.5	25.4	1.6	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.8	53.7	14.0	26.3	35.6	144.4
	Change	0.4	0.5	-0.9	1.4	5.4	5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.6	6.9	2.3	5.4	2.7	21.9
	Change	0.6	-0.5	1.1	-0.4	-1.1	-1%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.3	24.8	8.7	13.5	5.9	56.2
	Change	-2.0	1.9	1.2	1.0	0.1	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.4	27.0	17.5	33.8	29.5	124.2
	Change	-6.5	1.3	-0.1	2.4	-5.2	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	128.5	278.9	159.6	243.4	249.9	1060.3
	Percent Change	-8%	2%	10%	16%	3%	5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1060.3	5%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	211.0	-15%	36
Total Shell Egg	1271.3	1%	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.

Processed Eggs: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection**WEEK ENDING 15-NOV-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,194,814	30,398	10,171	5,501	1,548	4,263
PW	1,184,793	30,515	10,000	5,465	1,590	4,226
LY	1,167,122	28,063	10,885	5,521	2,016	4,125
% CHG PWK	1	0	2	1	-3	1
% CHG LY	2	8	-7	0	-23	3
2003	53,801,131	1,317,732	487,452	265,242	107,069	192,691
2002	55,545,147	1,295,601	532,915	286,332	129,633	197,039
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-9	-7	-17	-2

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.13	42.38	41.64
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.56	38.81	38.10

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Nov 08	Nov 15	Nov 08	Nov 15
	Thousand			
AL	28,116	28,842	19,712	20,197
AR	28,876	29,786	23,263	23,335
DE	3,906	3,544	4,836	4,306
FL	1,351	1,353	1,525	1,664
GA	31,514	32,466	*23,856	22,830
KY	*6,514	6,739	*4,810	5,314
LA	3,861	3,886	3,785	3,417
MD	8,891	8,417	4,490	5,270
MS	17,295	18,276	14,254	15,291
NC	17,348	18,135	13,270	14,134
OK	5,890	6,400	5,143	4,374
PA	3,588	3,638	2,364	2,461
SC	4,104	3,749	3,262	3,604
TX	14,788	14,512	10,646	10,738
VA	6,116	6,591	5,168	5,629
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,279	17,136	*13,433	13,737
19 State Total	*198,437	203,470	*153,817	156,301
Previous Year Total	197,676	199,041	151,790	147,970
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	102	101	106

* 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 26-Dec-03 is estimated at 142.5 million head. This compares to 144.2 million head the previous week and to 140.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 109.3 million head and the composite weighted average price 57.12 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/13/03-11/19/03

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	SE	NE	
GNR W 1	97.11	102.00	105.00	108.67	108.50	102.00	34.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	92.50	89.00	100.00	4.00
GL W J	—	—	113.00	116.25	123.00	—	5.00
GL W XL	—	115.14	113.00	116.94	112.63	111.00	31.00
GL W LG	—	113.85	110.50	116.70	110.61	118.25	33.75
GL W MD	88.27	92.29	87.18	90.86	89.00	92.00	16.25
GL W SM	—	—	59.67	61.00	60.00	62.00	2.50
NRBS - 48	86.00	—	—	—	91.25	91.00	27.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	83.30	5.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	79.50	7.00

SHELL EGGS: Weekly Movement of Eggs into Retail Channels

Week ending 15-Nov-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.6	29.9	-14	5
BOSTON	3.9	3.8	3	5
CHICAGO	48.3	50.9	-5	-19
DETROIT	27.9	31.1	-10	-9
KANSAS CITY	4.4	6.3	-30	19
LOS ANGELES	89.8	91.7	-2	12
NEW ORLEANS	8.5	8.8	-3	-41
NEW YORK	28.4	28.3	0	-12
ST. LOUIS	19.1	21.4	-11	-3
SAN FRANCISCO	22.0	19.1	15	-8
TOTAL	277.9	291.3	-5	-5
4 WK MVG AVG	280.0			

MISC. POULTRY: LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 15-Nov-2003

TOTAL	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD BREEDERS
	HENS	TOMS	TOMS	BREEDERS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	2,541	3,250	74	23	5,888
AVG WT	15.57	33.65	25.09	27.33	25.72
LAST WEEK	2,520	3,280	99	10	5,909
SAME WK YR AGO	2,392	3,240	64	43	5,739
AVG WT	16.24	34.76	24.37	27.81	26.87
TO-DATE/2003	87,579	126,952	2,934	598	218,063
TO-DATE/2002	86,143	127,531	2,519	509	216,702

TURKEY: Weekly Turkeys Slaughtered in Federally Inspected

Plants Week ending 15-Nov-2003

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

KEYS	---YOUNG TURKEYS---		AVG LIVE WT	BANDED -THOUSAND	TOTAL TUR- HEAD-	AVG LIVE WT
	THOUSAND HEAD	PCT CHG PW				
N EAST	1,019	-13	21.13	(A)	1,024	21.13
SATL	986	5	28.73	(A)	991	28.73
N CENT	2,452	1	29.30	(A)	2,454	29.30
S CENT	680	6	18.90	(A)	686	18.90
WEST	728	2	22.30	(A)	733	22.30
U.S. TOTAL	5,865(B)	-1	27.24	23	5,888	25.72
TO-DATE 2003	217,465(B)				598	218,063
TO-DATE 2002	216,193(B)				509	216,702

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 74,000 for the year 2,934,000; last year to date 2,519,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 15-Nov-03

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	157,078	1,126	1,656	2,782	416
AVG WT	5.30	3.45	7.98	6.15	6.79
LAST WEEK	158,112	1,258	1,473	2,731	438
SAME WK YR AGO	154,140	1,441	1,523	2,964	362
AVG WT	5.29	3.47	7.90	5.75	6.91
TO-DATE/2003	7,086,770	66,094	64,749	130,843	19,054
TO-DATE/2002	7,153,750	80,237	65,362	145,599	19,226

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 151.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 159 million head or 7.3 million head more than or 105% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Nov-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	11/22/03(1)	11/15/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	154,774(2)	159,199
LT HENS	1,196	1,223
HVY HENS	1,476	1,470
TOTAL	157,446	161,892

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Nov-03 is 149.1 million head compared to 151.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.1 million head or 6.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 29-Nov-03 the estimated available is 149.6 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
OCTOBER	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
	8	160.0	154.5	104%	5.04
	15	159.0	151.7	105%	5.30
YEAR TO DATE		6853.9	6914.5	99%	
NOVEMBER	22		149.1		
	29		149.6		

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 11/17/03-11/21/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	54.00-57.00	57.50	38	59.74	70
Los Angeles	73.00	71.77	60	71.63	119
New York	60.00-63.00	61.46	24	61.33	51

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
	17-Nov-03	10-Nov-03	10-Nov-03	18-Nov-02
	64.79	1.25	63.54	53.31
NUMBER OF LOADS	540			

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/	65-71	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	63-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-64	-	-	-
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	11/17/03	3,465	157,123	46,242
AM	11/01/03	3,598	182,037	44,797
CHG		-133	-24914	1445
PCT CHG		-4%	-14%	3%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 17-Nov-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.45
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.67

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

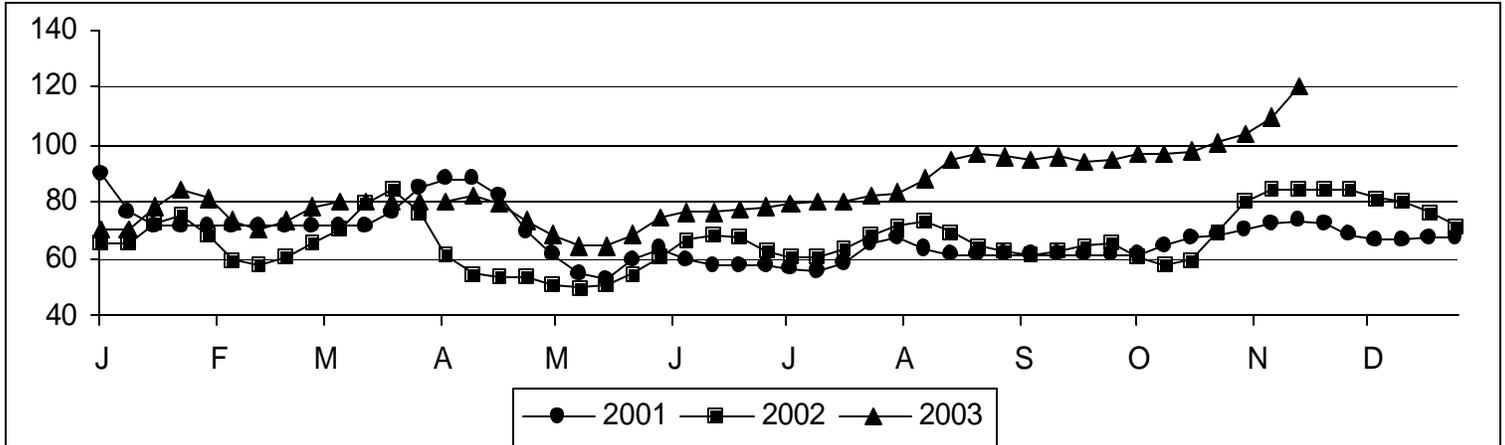
LIGHT TYPE 14-Nov-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern		
Removal Cost	0-12	10-11
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	3-12.5	10-12.25

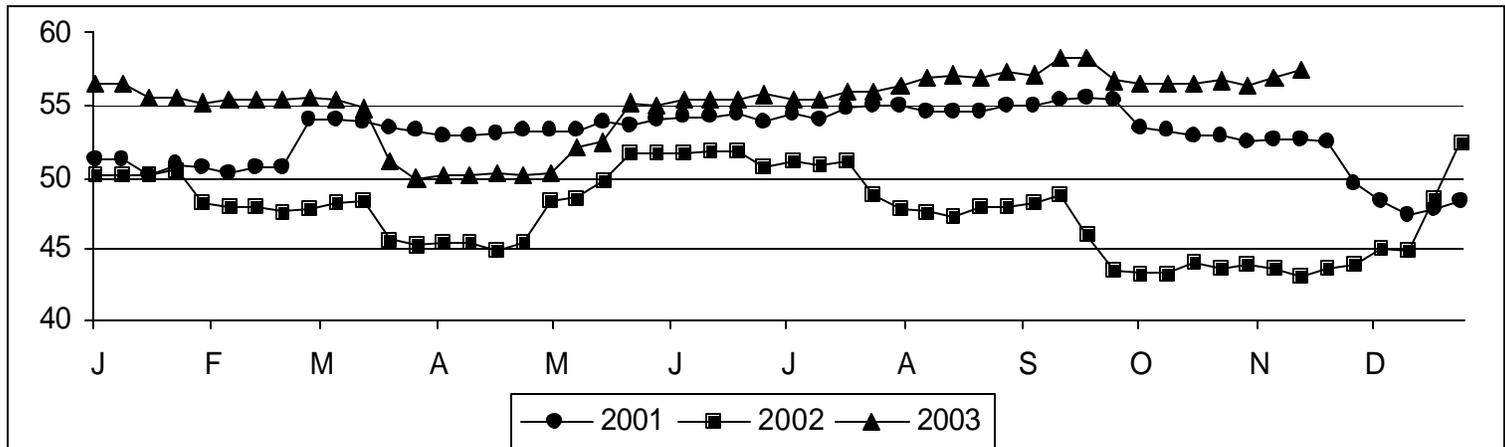
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 15-Nov-03
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	224.2	-1	-7
E.N. CENTRAL	566.3	0	-3
W.N. CENTRAL	298.5	0	-1
S. ATLANTIC	191.4	1	1
S. CENTRAL	117.9	3	25
WEST	191.0	4	-3
TOTAL	1589.3	1	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

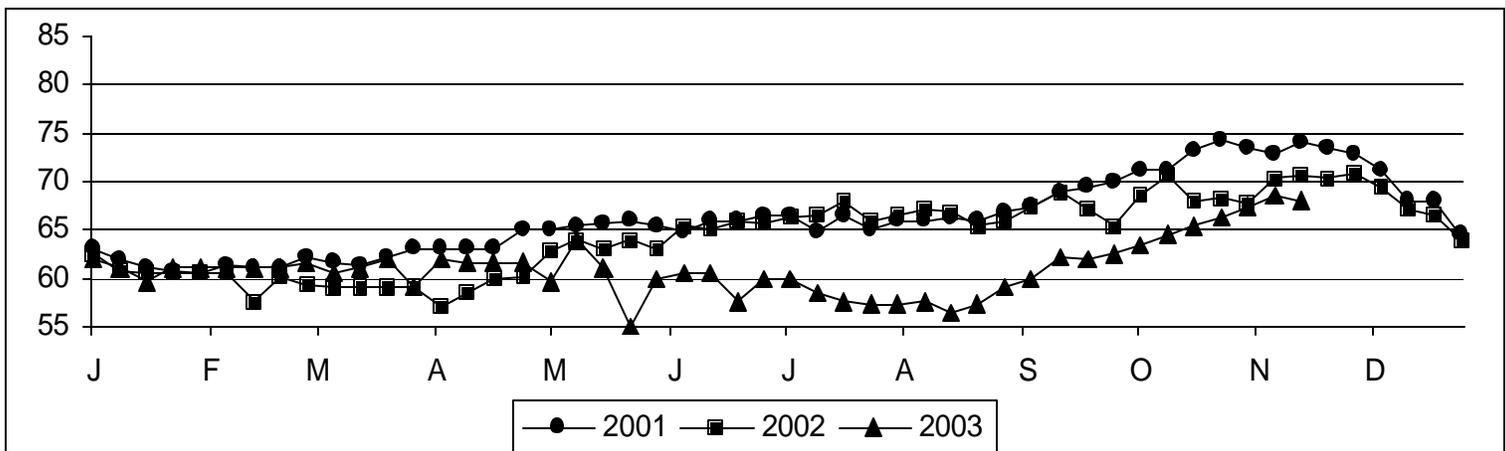
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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