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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

At the beginning of the week New York prices were lower on all sizes while in all other locations prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices were sharply lower in all areas. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to instances ample with the larger eggs in the longest position. Breaking stock along with checks and undergrade prices were lower. Offerings were generally fully adequate. Most breakers not interested in additional offers and bidding sharply lower prices. Schedules mixed and adjusted to generally match liquid orders. Floor stocks adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak. Light type fowl prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were adequate for reduced holiday schedules. Removal prices were steady at 0 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 lower. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to mostly weak. Cartoned egg demand was slow to at times moderate. Food service movement was usually light. Supplies were adequate to available with the larger sizes in the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were generally fully adequate and consisted of mostly graded loose product. Most breakers not interested in additional offers and were bidding sharply lower prices. Schedules mixed and were adjusted to match liquid orders. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	118-127	121-124
LARGE	117-125	118-123
MEDIUM	95-103	98-100

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 sharply lower. The market tone was weak and continued to adjust. Demand slowed in most locations and was in a range of light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate to short for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings were about sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-137	125-130
LARGE	119-134	124-128
MEDIUM	96-111	101-103

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

## SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL Nov 28, 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	127.50	126.00	102.00
SOUTHEAST	125.50	123.50	100.00
MIDWEST	122.50	120.50	99.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	126.50	125.50	102.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	125.54	123.95	100.96

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

	12-02-03	11-25-03	12-03-02
Large	100-104	100-104	51-55
Medium	78-82	78-82	37-41

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-DEC 01, 2003

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

		Northeast		No	So	So	5-Area
		Cent	Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.4	14.4	8.5	14.4	13.2	60.9
	Change	1.4	0.3	-0.8	2.3	1.7	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.1	60.7	16.4	26.9	38.7	166.8
	Change	1.8	15.2	2.0	7.9	4.7	23%
Large	Curr Wk	47.4	131.0	92.1	105.9	95.5	471.9
	Change	4.0	34.1	16.5	24.5	8.2	23%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.7	50.8	12.5	22.2	36.0	139.2
	Change	-11.1	10.6	-0.6	0.0	4.7	3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.0	7.0	2.8	5.7	3.8	24.3
	Change	-0.7	1.2	0.6	1.3	1.0	16%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.2	25.2	12.1	14.8	7.4	65.7
	Change	1.6	6.2	2.4	2.2	0.5	24%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	24.7	47.0	24.3	39.2	31.1	166.3
	Change	10.0	17.3	4.6	15.9	3.7	45%
Total	Curr Wk	135.5	336.1	168.7	229.1	225.7	1095.1
	Percent Change	5%	34%	17%	31%	12%	22%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1095.1	22%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	216.0	24%	36
Total Shell Egg	1311.1	22%	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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**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -** W/E 29-Nov-03

\*\*Previous week revised for Dried\*\*

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,026,258	26,536	8,070	4,508	1,168	3,566
PW	1,165,662	30,760	9,437	5,114	*1,993*	4,077
LY	1,052,524	26,505	8,906	4,595	1,875	3,862
% CHG PW	-12	-14	-14	-12	-41	-13
% CHG LY	-2	0	-9	-2	-38	-8
2003	55,993,051	1,375,028	504,960	274,864	*110,230*	200,334
2002	57,767,536	1,350,671	552,039	296,365	133,610	205,134
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-9	-7	-17	-2
			<b>CURRENT</b>	<b>PREVIOUS</b>	<b>LAST</b>	
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -</b>			<b>WEEK</b>	<b>WEEK</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)			41.59	42.37	41.68	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)			38.11	38.87	38.01	

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set,</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed,</u>	
	<u>19 Selected States</u>		<u>19 Selected States</u>	
	Week Ending			
	22-Nov	29-Nov	22-Nov	29-Nov
	2003	2003	2003	2003
	THOUSAND			
AL	28,598	29,276	19,326	21,133
AR	29,996	30,487	22,777	23,381
DE	3,546	3,785	4,901	5,638
FL	1,352	1,352	*1,491	1,809
GA	*31,862	32,964	*23,396	25,062
KY	*6,721	6,724	*5,267	5,129
LA	3,845	3,846	3,976	3,885
MD	8,752	8,753	5,636	5,188
MS	18,389	19,027	14,292	15,146
NC	18,125	18,104	13,782	14,112
OK	6,391	6,312	4,255	4,476
PA	3,751	3,583	2,564	2,661
SC	3,618	3,940	4,325	4,294
TX	14,782	14,857	11,887	12,276
VA	6,622	6,622	4,953	5,101
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,003	17,490	*14,212	15,588
19 State Total	*203,353	207,122	*157,040	164,879
Previous Year Total	200,518	202,537	154,972	161,690
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	101	102

\*Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 9-Jan-04 is estimated at 148.2 million head. This compares to 144.0 million head the previous week and to 149.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 61.08 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 27-DEC 03, 2003

**CURRENT LOADS** 76.75 **FUTURE LOADS** 36.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 113.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	101.50	110.00	101.50	103.17	--	--	10.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	--	107.00	2.00
GNR W 3	--	--	82.00	84.00	--	--	1.00
GNR W 4	--	--	--	--	67.38	68.63	2.00
GL W J	--	--	114.00	115.00	97.00	--	3.00
GL W XL	--	--	110.25	113.14	94.79	--	22.00
GL W LG	--	--	108.50	112.00	91.53	--	17.25
GL W MD	94.00	--	78.89	81.87	73.00	79.33	17.25
GL W SM	52.90	55.65	57.50	58.88	--	--	4.00
GL BR LG	--	--	102.00	--	--	--	1.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	77.40	82.57	32.75
NRBS - 45	--	--	--	--	--	72.00	5.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	--	--	.50
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	81.00	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 29-Nov-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	LY
ATLANTA	28.7	32.5	-12	9
BOSTON	4.0	3.7	8	11
CHICAGO	68.9	64.9	6	-7
DETROIT	33.7	30.1	12	-5
KANSAS CITY	5.6	4.7	19	27
LOS ANGELES	107.7	96.0	12	14
NEW ORLEANS	9.6	13.0	-26	-28
NEW YORK	29.9	33.8	-12	-4
ST. LOUIS	18.2	24.7	-26	-4
SAN FRANCISCO	26.3	27.4	-4	2
TOTAL	332.6	330.8	1	1
4 WK MVG AVG	308.2			

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 29-Nov-2003

(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

	YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS			
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE WT		
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT		
N EAST	421	-56	21.75	(A) 422	21.75	
SATL	447	-47	30.92	(A) 448	30.92	
N CENT	1,349	-39	32.29	(A) 1,350	32.29	
S CENT	185	-61	24.89	(A) 186	24.89	
WEST	271	-62	23.74	(A) 272	23.74	
U.S. TOTAL	2,673(B)	-49	29.02	5	2,678	29.02
TO-DATE						
2003	225,338(B)			603	225,941	
TO-DATE						
2002	224,419(B)			600	225,019	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 50,000; for the year 3,021,000; last year to date 2,573,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 29-Nov-2003

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG TOMS		TOTAL
	BREEDERS	OLD	BREEDERS	OLD	
THOUSANDS					
HEAD	1,018	1,605	50	5	2,678
AVG WT	15.61	37.60	26.57	29.30	29.02
LAST WEEK	2,076	3,087	37	0	5,200
SAME WK YR AGO	946	1,845	16	26	2,833
AVG WT	15.36	37.46	22.32	33.22	29.96
TO-DATE/2003	90,673	131,644	3,021	603	225,941
TO-DATE/2002	89,134	132,712	2,573	600	225,019

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 29-Nov-03

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	DUCKS
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	118,334	668	897	1,565	305
AVG WT	5.35	4.10	7.98	6.32	6.81
LAST WEEK	151,254	1,097	1,427	2,524	446
SAME WK YR AGO	115,454	1,223	1,010	2,233	312
AVG WT	4.98	3.47	7.79	5.42	6.56
TO-DATE/2003	7,356,358	67,859	67,073	134,932	19,805
TO-DATE/2002	7,418,921	83,123	67,928	151,051	19,948

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 119.8 million head or 29.8 million head less than or 80% of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Dec-03

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	12/06/03(1)	11/29/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	157,263(2)	123,256
LT HENS	1,525	727
HVY HENS	1,486	972
TOTAL	160,274	124,955
(1)ESTIMATED		

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Dec-03 is 150.2 million head compared to 153.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 157.6 million head or 7.4 million more than estimated available. For week of 13-Dec-03 the estimated available is 150.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	25	MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
OCTOBER	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
	22	153.1	149.1	103%	5.25
	29	119.8	149.6	80%	5.35
YEAR TO DATE		7445.8	7519.4	99%	
DECEMBER	6		150.2		
	13		150.2		

**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 12/01/03-12/05/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	56.00-59.00	59.00	37	61.51
Los Angeles	74.00	72.05	62	72.61
New York	60.00-63.00	61.25	24	63.05

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

Change from			
	24-Nov-03	24-Nov-03	2-Dec-02
1-Dec-03	65.37	-0.65	66.02
NUMBER OF LOADS	568		53.14

**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	67	67.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	62-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-66	-	-	-

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 12/01/03	3,395	110,555	45,473
AM 11/01/03	3,598	182,037	44,797
CHG	-203	-71482	676
PCT CHG	-6%	-39%	2%

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

FROZEN EGGS	16 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	348 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	613 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 01-Dec-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.51
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.75-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.95

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

**LIGHT TYPE** 28-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
<b>Eastern</b>		
Removal Cost	0-12	10-11

**So. Central**

Removal Cost Too Few To Report

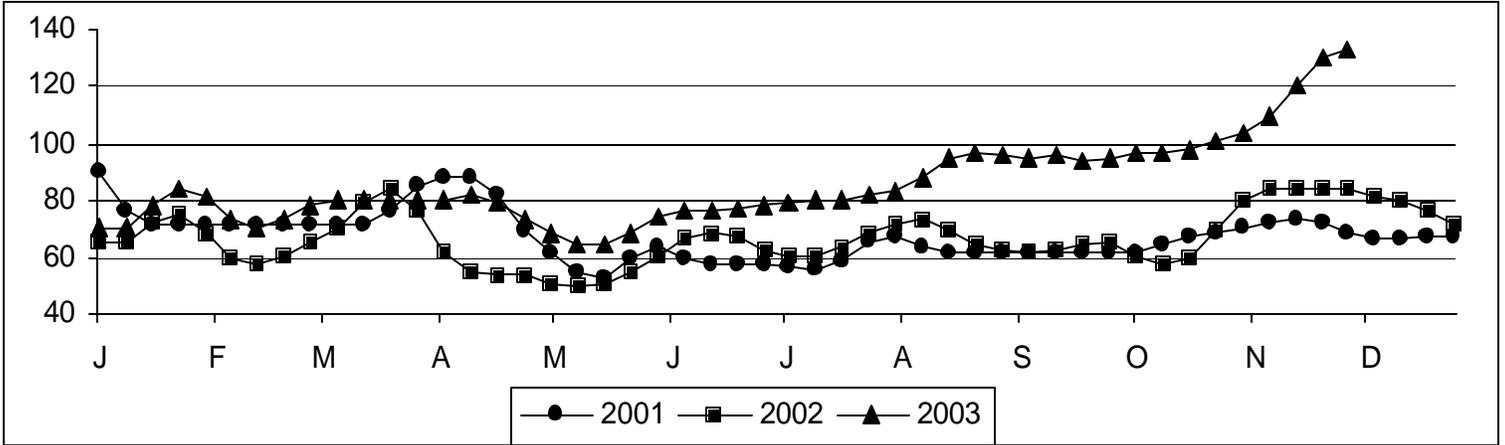
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Removal Cost 0-12.5 10-12.25

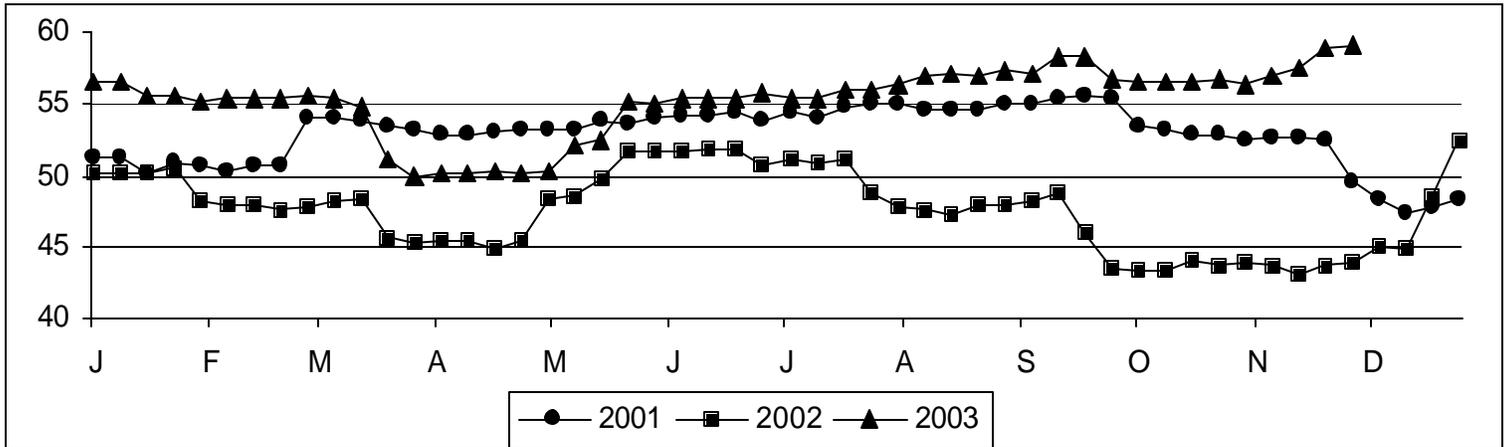
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** W/E 29-Nov-03  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.6	0	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	478.0	-20	-11
W.N. CENTRAL	255.0	-16	-8
S. ATLANTIC	193.7	0	5
S. CENTRAL	109.6	-6	11
WEST	193.9	-7	2
TOTAL	1455.8	-11	-5
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

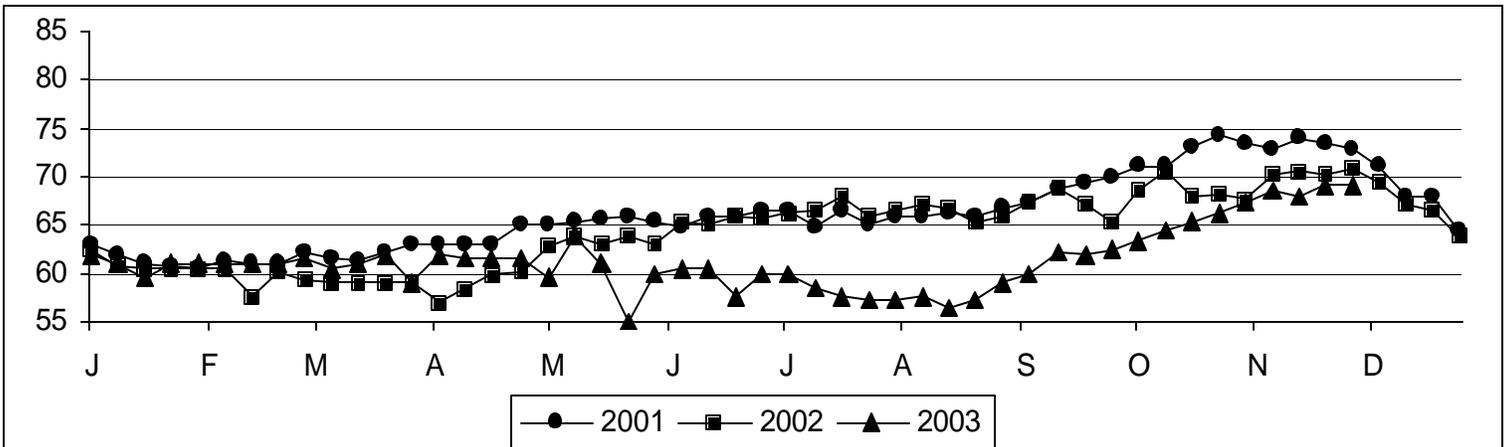
New York Large Weekly Average Price  
Cents per Dozen



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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