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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Prices were unchanged throughout the week in all locations. Trade sentiment continued steady. Demand was moderate to good, best where scattered features were a factor. Supplies ranged sufficient to at times tight with lighter weights in the shortest position. Breaking stock nest run as well as checks and undergrades' prices were generally unchanged during the week. Demand was generally light. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules mixed with adjustments made for the New Year holiday with many breakers reporting schedules close to full-time in order to make deliveries for early next week. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Light type fowl prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings generally adequate. Demand was light to moderate. 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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was mostly good going into the holiday with planned feature activity for next week providing much needed additional interest. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was generally light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Schedules were mixed with most breakers working five days despite taking New Year's Day off. Floor stocks fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	87-96	90-93
LARGE	86-94	87-92
MEDIUM	67-75	70-72

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to good, best where featured. Large eggs were on special for 78 cents per dozen. Supplies were occasionally tight on mediums while the balance of sizes were reported as adequate. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Spent hen offerings were no better than adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	89-104	94-98
MEDIUM	70-85	74-77

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

## SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Jan 02, 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	97.50	96.00	75.50
SOUTHEAST	98.50	96.50	75.00
MIDWEST	91.50	89.50	71.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	97.50	97.50	79.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.28	94.98	75.32

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

	12-30-03	12-23-03	12-31-02
Large	69-73	69-73	36-40
Medium	50-54	50-54	21-25

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-DEC 29, 2003

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

		Northeast		No Cent	So Cent	So Atl	5-Area Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.0	19.0	8.1	14.8	12.4	60.3
	Change	-1.2	2.9	-3.3	0.0	-1.6	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.7	48.2	12.7	15.0	25.0	117.6
	Change	-0.3	3.7	1.0	-3.9	-2.7	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	36.7	128.6	83.3	64.8	81.8	395.2
	Change	-3.1	21.7	7.7	-7.8	-16.6	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.6	46.0	11.8	27.6	36.4	131.4
	Change	-0.6	9.1	-0.6	5.6	1.6	13%
Small	Curr Wk	2.4	4.7	3.7	3.9	5.9	20.6
	Change	-0.1	-0.2	1.5	-0.1	-0.3	4%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.7	24.1	7.8	19.7	6.7	64.0
	Change	1.2	4.4	-0.8	1.2	0.5	11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.1	38.8	13.7	18.6	35.7	125.9
	Change	0.0	12.5	1.6	3.6	5.6	23%
Total	Curr Wk	96.2	309.4	141.1	164.4	203.9	915.0
Percent	Change	-4%	21%	5%	-1%	-6%	5%

### TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	915.0	5%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	280.0	41%	36
Total Shell Egg	1195.0	12%	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 13-DEC-03**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,189,328	30,302	10,280	5,552	2,033	4,331
PW	1,199,334	30,491	10,516	5,729	1,975	4,299
LY	1,194,289	29,017	10,564	5,760	2,471	4,213
% CHG PWK	-1	-1	-2	-3	3	1
% CHG LY	0	4	-3	-4	-18	3
2003	58,381,713	1,435,821	525,756	286,145	114,238	208,964
2002	60,211,345	1,409,557	574,108	308,510	138,524	213,819
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-8	-7	-18	-2

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.43	42.55	41.49
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.79	38.97	37.96

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States	19 Selected States	19 Selected States	19 Selected States
	Dec 20	Dec 27	Dec 20	Dec 27
	Thousand			
AL	*29,419	29,541	*21,240	22,003
AR	30,777	31,091	24,764	25,686
DE	3,777	3,740	4,857	4,349
FL	1,353	1,353	*1,827	1,703
GA	32,128	32,811	*26,081	26,148
KY	6,781	6,647	*5,761	5,688
LA	3,784	3,452	3,554	3,708
MD	8,884	8,810	6,101	6,277
MS	19,182	18,908	*16,328	16,463
NC	18,046	17,187	14,608	13,481
OK	6,442	6,314	4,383	3,880
PA	*3,799	3,823	*2,646	2,592
SC	3,517	3,614	4,469	3,928
TX	14,882	14,631	12,356	11,822
VA	6,325	6,174	5,131	4,985
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,284	17,274	16,027	15,136
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>*206,380</b>	<b>205,370</b>	<b>*170,133</b>	<b>167,849</b>
Previous Year Total	200,056	201,018	164,898	162,414
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	102	103	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 6-Feb-04 is estimated at 155.6 million head. This compares to 155.1 million head the previous week and to 153.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 152.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 60.49 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/24/03-12/30/03****CURRENT LDS 46.00 FUTURE LDS 31.50 TOTAL LDS 77.50**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	76.00	78.00	74.67	76.50	—	—	13.00
GNR W 2	71.00	62.00	—	73.00	58.00	—	2.00
GNR BR XL	—	—	—	108.00	—	—	.50
GNR BR 1	—	—	107.00	108.00	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	88.00	89.00	78.00	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	90.67	86.67	87.57	78.90	—	28.50
GL W LG	—	—	82.25	87.07	77.85	—	12.75
GL W MD	69.00	73.27	—	68.36	—	62.00	15.75
GL W SM	—	—	47.55	48.50	46.00	49.80	3.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	65.00	5.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 26-Dec-03**

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	33.0	33.2	-1	29
BOSTON	4.3	4.1	5	26
CHICAGO	69.4	64.2	8	17
DETROIT	33.0	31.4	5	-1
KANSAS CITY	5.8	5.9	-2	21
LOS ANGELES	103.5	84.7	22	17
NEW ORLEANS	10.5	10.2	3	-11
NEW YORK	31.8	36.3	-12	-14
ST. LOUIS	16.3	24.3	-33	1
SAN FRANCISCO	24.7	27.8	-11	4
TOTAL	332.3	322.1	3	10
4 WK MVG AVG	319.4			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 26-Dec-2003**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	901	1,212	1	1	2,115
AVG WT	15.02	37.60	35.67	51.50	27.99
LAST WEEK	2,490	2,747	13	1	5,251
SAME WK YR AGO	1,122	1,667	17	4	2,810
AVG WT	15.11	38.24	26.12	33.23	28.93
TO-DATE/2003	98,120	141,249	3,139	607	243,115
TO-DATE/2002	96,225	142,925	2,737	665	242,552

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

Week ending 26-Dec-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	498	-43	21.18	(A)	498	21.18
SATL	189	-75	24.48	(A)	189	24.48
N CENT	1,053	-59	33.04	(A)	1,054	33.04
S CENT	261	-52	21.08	(A)	261	21.08
WEST	113	-77	29.22	(A)	113	29.22
U.S. TOTAL	2,114 (B)	-60	27.99	1	2,115	27.99

TO-DATE

2003 242,508 (B) 607 243,115

TO-DATE

2002 241,887 (B) 665 242,552

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 1,000 for the year 3,139,000; last year to date 2,737,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 27-Dec-03

	YOUNG		LIGHT		HEAVY		TOTAL	
	CHICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----							
HEAD	113,075	918	808	1,726	374			
AVG WT	5.22	3.39	8.24	5.66	6.83			
LAST WEEK	154,431	1,340	1,509	2,849	440			
SAME WK YR AGO	107,976	967	678	1,645	296			
AVG WT	5.10	3.23	7.94	5.17	6.91			
TO-DATE/2003	7,932,277	72,895	72,119	145,014	21,466			
TO-DATE/2002	7,986,625	89,440	72,815	162,255	21,547			

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 145.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 114.4 million head or 31.4 million head less than or 78% of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Jan-04

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	01/03/04(1)	12/27/03
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	133,187(2)	116,078
LT HENS	1,143	820
HVY HENS	930	698
TOTAL	135,260	117,596

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Jan-04 is 147.1 million head compared to 128.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 133.5 million head or 13.6 million less than estimated available. For week of 10-Jan-04 the estimated available is 151.1 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
NOVEMBER 22	153.1	149.1	103%	5.25
29	119.8	149.6	80%	5.35
DECEMBER 6	156.8	150.2	104%	5.45
13	155.4	150.2	103%	5.23
20	156.3	147.8	106%	5.34
27	114.4	145.8	78%	5.22
YEAR TO DATE	7914.3	7967.6	99%	
JANUARY 3		147.1		
10		151.1		

**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 12/29/03-01/02/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	56.00-59.00	59.29	38	61.24	74	
Los Angeles	74.00	71.92	60	70.61	134	
New York	62.00-64.00	62.57	23	63.21	53	

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

	Change from			
	29-Dec-03	22-Dec-03	22-Dec-03	30-Dec-02
	65.57	-0.16	65.73	58.22
NUMBER OF LOADS	571			

**MONTHLY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS**

MONTH	WTD AVG	LOADS
DECEMBER	65.71	2,642.60

**QUARTERLY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS**

OCTOBER-DECEMBER	64.57	7,744.40
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**YEARLY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS**

2003	62.01	30,801.40
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**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
			AVG	(000)
<b>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/</b>				
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	61-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	60-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	61-68	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-58	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-

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	12/29/03	3,377	114,342	44,646
AM	12/01/03	3,395	110,555	45,473
CHG		-18	3787	-827
PCT CHG		-1%	3%	-2%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 29-Dec-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD.	AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.48	
Southeast (2)	TFEWR			
South Central(1)	6.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.94	

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

**LIGHT TYPE** 26-Dec-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	0-12.5	10-12.25

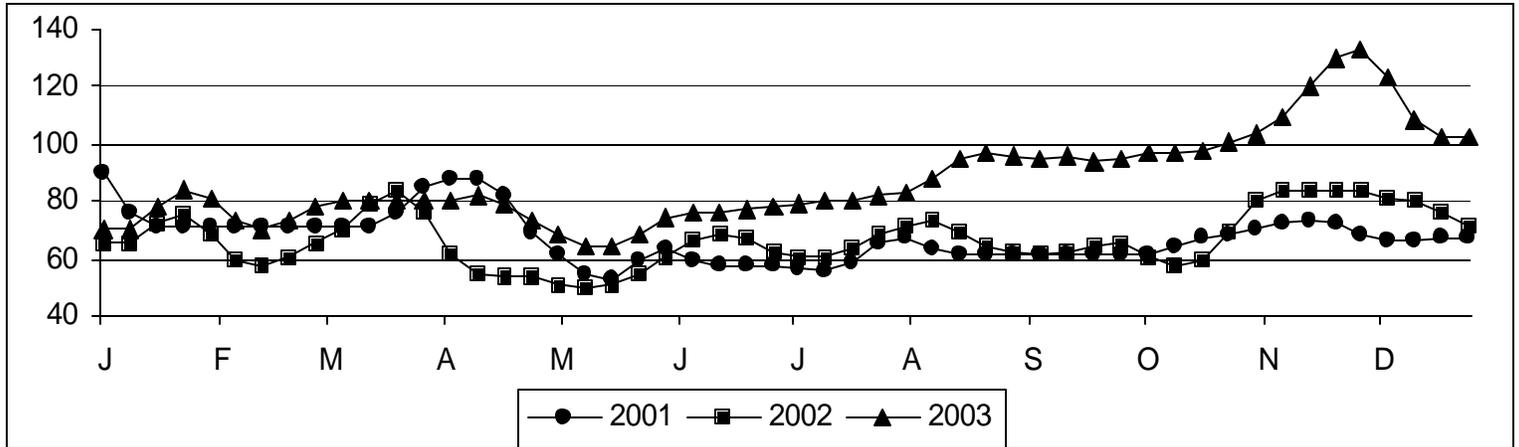
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(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

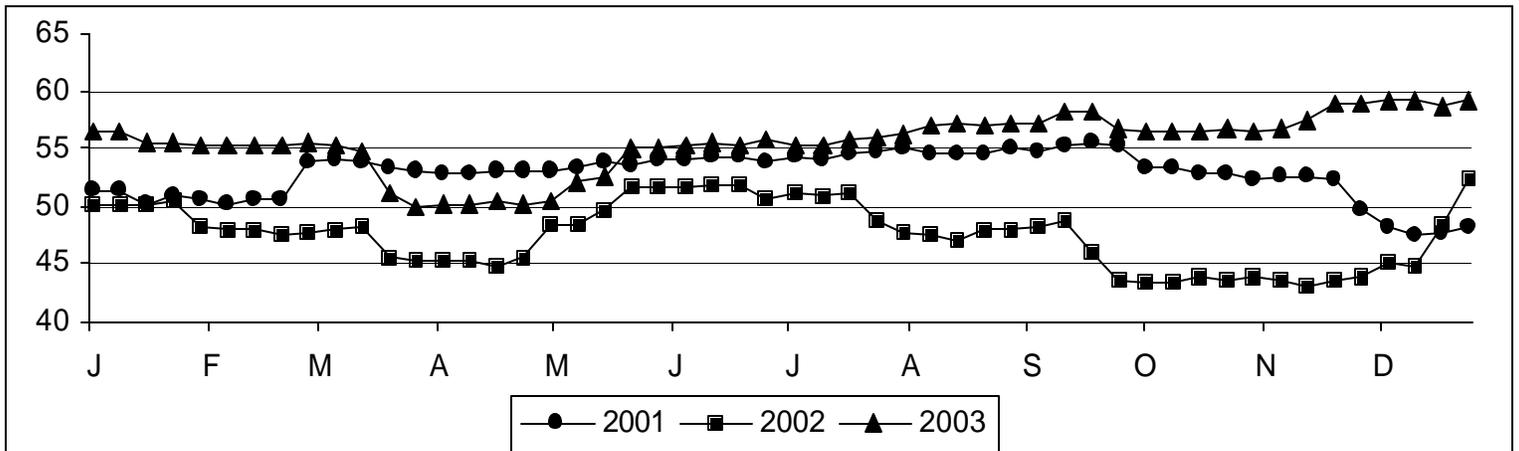
W/E 27-Dec-03

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	223.7	-2	-6
E.N. CENTRAL	519.9	-14	-3
W.N. CENTRAL	276.3	-11	-1
S. ATLANTIC	185.3	16	2
S. CENTRAL	105.5	-13	13
WEST	183.2	-2	-11
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

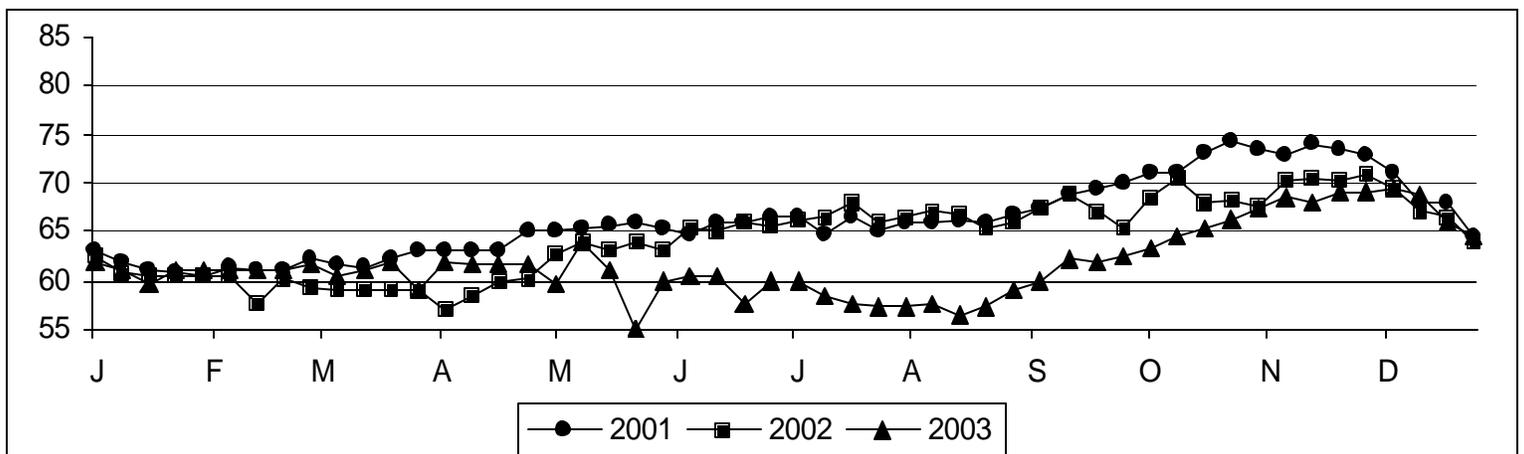
New York Large Weekly Average Price  
Cents per Dozen



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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