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Early week prices were unchanged to higher on all sizes in all locations. As the week progressed prices continued unchanged for all weights. The market tone ranged cautiously steady to weak. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good. Wintry weather remained a problem for a number of businesses in some locations. Supplies were adequate to occasionally ample for present requirements. Breaking stock as well as checks and undergrades' prices were unchanged. Demand was light as breakers buy for needs only while some processors wait for excess gradeable eggs to be offered into breaking channels. Processing schedules mixed. Floor stocks tight to closely balanced. Trade sentiment steady. Light type fowl prices ranged unchanged to lower. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand generally good. Removal prices were steady at 5.5 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to weak. Retail demand ranged very light to moderate as many buyers anticipate declining values for shell eggs. Food service movement was mostly light. Extremely cold temperatures were hampering business throughout the Midwest. Supplies were adequate to ample and building. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light as breakers buy for needs only while some processors wait for excess gradeable eggs to be offered into breaking channels. Floor stocks tight to closely balanced. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	114-123	118-120
LARGE	114-122	116-119
MEDIUM	100-106	103-105

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 cautiously steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate or available. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to short for the fair to good demand. Light type fowl were sufficient to about sufficient.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-129	119-123
LARGE	111-126	116-120
MEDIUM	99-114	104-107

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Jan 23, 2004

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	109.50	108.00	89.00
SOUTHEAST	111.50	109.50	89.00
MIDWEST	105.00	103.50	87.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	111.50	109.50	89.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	109.46	107.70	88.66

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

	01-27-04	01-20-04	01-28-03
Large	97-104	87-94	54-58
Medium	83-87	71-75	45-49

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-JAN 26, 2004

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

		Northeast		No So		5-Area	
		Cent	Atl	Cent	So	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.2	14.8	6.6	15.3	8.7	52.6
	Change	-0.8	1.7	1.0	2.8	-0.6	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.2	38.5	11.4	27.3	30.3	127.7
	Change	1.6	7.2	-2.1	9.9	4.6	20%
Large	Curr Wk	38.5	101.6	59.3	84.5	79.2	363.1
	Change	5.1	4.4	-5.5	-7.2	12.1	3%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.1	32.2	15.7	18.4	26.3	106.7
	Change	-0.6	0.8	2.8	2.9	-6.2	0%
Small	Curr Wk	4.4	6.8	2.7	4.5	4.2	22.6
	Change	-0.4	1.3	-1.0	1.4	0.9	11%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.2	23.4	10.1	14.0	5.6	58.3
	Change	0.2	1.0	1.1	-6.5	-0.9	-8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	17.7	38.6	12.1	33.8	29.4	131.6
	Change	0.2	-9.2	-2.1	7.4	7.2	3%
Total	Curr Wk	107.3	255.9	117.9	197.8	183.7	862.6
Percent	Change	5%	3%	-4%	6%	10%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	862.6	4%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	228.4	-9%	36
Total Shell Egg	1091.0	1%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 169 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 24-JAN-04**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,127,852	26,152	11,283	6,152	2,724	4,160
PW	1,121,425	26,135	11,028	6,108	2,619	4,155
LY	1,090,348	26,315	9,700	5,416	2,681	4,163
% CHG PW	1	0	2	1	4	0
% CHG LY	3	-1	16	14	2	0
2004	3,415,654	80,729	32,976	18,271	8,169	12,472
2003	3,427,717	80,752	31,898	17,814	8,744	12,705
% CHG YTD	0	0	3	3	-7	-2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.33	42.29	41.82
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.65	38.59	38.00

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Jan 17	Jan 24	Jan 17	Jan 24
	Thousand			
AL	29,543	29,462	21,967	22,008
AR	31,324	30,709	25,061	23,939
DE	3,829	3,917	*5,447	5,397
FL	1,359	1,364	1,637	1,561
GA	*33,166	32,451	*26,153	25,937
KY	*6,564	5,666	*5,574	5,734
LA	3,662	3,666	3,477	3,640
MD	*8,868	8,680	*4,842	4,698
MS	19,344	18,957	16,632	16,314
NC	17,864	18,185	14,115	13,810
OK	6,247	6,423	4,471	4,648
PA	3,650	3,641	2,653	2,456
SC	3,702	3,683	3,467	4,308
TX	14,800	14,787	12,001	11,848
VA	6,230	6,266	4,798	4,779
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,021	17,143	*14,279	14,282
19 State Total	*207,173	205,000	*166,574	165,359
Previous Year Total	202,802	204,707	163,604	166,045
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	102	100

* 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 5-Mar-04 is estimated at 152.8 million head. This compares to 153.7 million head the previous week and to 155.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.4 million head and the composite weighted average price wa 60.83 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/22/04-01/28/04

SE	NE	MW	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	97.50	104.64	99.00	100.57	—	—	33.00
GNR W 3	—	89.00	84.00	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 4	—	—	—	87.50	—	—	4.00
GNR BR 1	113.00	109.29	—	—	—	—	3.75
GL W J	—	—	112.00	113.00	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	118.43	109.10	111.73	108.11	114.00	32.25
GL W LG	—	116.81	106.88	111.39	109.28	117.00	30.75
GL W MD	98.00	100.00	95.50	97.20	96.96	99.88	23.75
GL W SM	—	—	52.00	53.00	58.75	60.33	3.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	81.00	4.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-Jan-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	28.7	28.3	1	33
BOSTON	3.5	3.5	0	9
CHICAGO	60.3	55.8	8	42
DETROIT	25.5	25.7	-1	-7
KANSAS CITY	3.6	8.8	-59	-10
LOS ANGELES	90.3	96.0	-6	7
NEW ORLEANS	7.7	10.0	-23	-40
NEW YORK	31.6	31.3	1	-6
ST. LOUIS	17.8	17.3	3	18
SAN FRANCISCO	19.8	24.1	-18	-11
TOTAL	288.8	300.8	-4	8
4 WK MVG AVG	309.5			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 24-Jan-2004

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG BREEDERS		TOTAL
	TOMS	OLD	THOUSANDS	THOUSANDS	
HEAD	1,736	2,454	25	6	4,221
AVG WT	15.54	37.33	23.92	39.94	28.29
LAST WEEK	1,730	2,563	47	6	4,346
SAME WK YR AGO	1,512	2,504	55	10	4,081
AVG WT	15.44	37.60	25.00	30.73	29.20
TO-DATE/2004	5,125	7,420	139	17	12,701
TO-DATE/2003	5,003	7,794	200	38	13,035

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 24-Jan-2004 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)							
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS		
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	LIVE WT	AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT		
NEAST	971	4	21.68	(A)	972	21.68	
SATL	653	-6	30.96	(A)	654	30.96	
N CENT	1,808	-3	33.65	(A)	1,810	33.65	
S CENT	514	-8	21.41	(A)	515	21.41	
WEST	269	-8	22.57	(A)	270	22.57	
U.S. TOTAL	4,215	(B)	-3	28.29	6	4,221	28.29
TO-DATE							
2004	12,684	(B)			17	12,701	
TO-DATE							
2003	12,997	(B)			38	13,035	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 25,000 for the year 139,000; last year to date 200,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 24-Jan-04

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	147,528	1,429	1,228	2,657	489
AVG WT	5.24	3.41	7.94	5.50	6.97
LAST WEEK	157,478	1,526	1,278	2,804	396
SAME WK YR AGO	144,124	1,746	1,292	3,038	398
AVG WT	5.17	3.41	7.89	5.30	6.62
TO-DATE/2004	463,841	4,213	3,818	8,031	1,342
TO-DATE/2003	449,815	5,323	4,210	9,533	1,229

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 149.3 million head or 8.1 million head less than or 95% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 31-Jan-04

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	01/31/04(1)	01/24/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	157,658(2)	151,364
LT HENS	1,389	1,573
HVY HENS	1,299	1,268
TOTAL	160,346	154,205

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 31-Jan-04 is 158.4 million head compared to 153.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.0 million head or 0.4 million less than estimated available. For week of 07-Feb-04 the estimated available is 159.1 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
DECEMBER 20	156.3	147.8	106%	5.34
27	114.4	145.8	78%	5.22
JANUARY 3	136.5	147.1	93%	5.15
10	160.8	151.1	106%	5.17
17	159.4	156.3	102%	5.20
24	149.3	157.4	95%	5.24
YEAR TO DATE	469.5	464.8	101%	
JANUARY 31		158.4		
FEBRUARY 7		159.1		

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 01/26/04-01/30/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	66.00-69.00	69.54	38	71.89	71
Los Angeles	75.00	74.84	61	75.3	133
New York	73.00-76.00	73.58	26	71.29	67

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

26-Jan-04	Change from		27-Jan-03
	19-Jan-04	19-Jan-04	
72.54	2.75	69.79	60.13
NUMBER OF LOADS	624		

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

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
JANUARY	68.66	2,854.40

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/	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
			AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-62	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-60	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	57.5	57.50	40
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	01/26/04	3,201	134,811	41,686
AM	01/01/04	3,162	119,108	43,610
CHG		39	15703	-1924
PCT CHG		1%	13%	-4%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 26-Jan-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.59
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.75-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	9.04

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

LIGHT TYPE 23-Jan-04 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	5.5-12.5	5.5-7

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

W/E 24-Jan-04

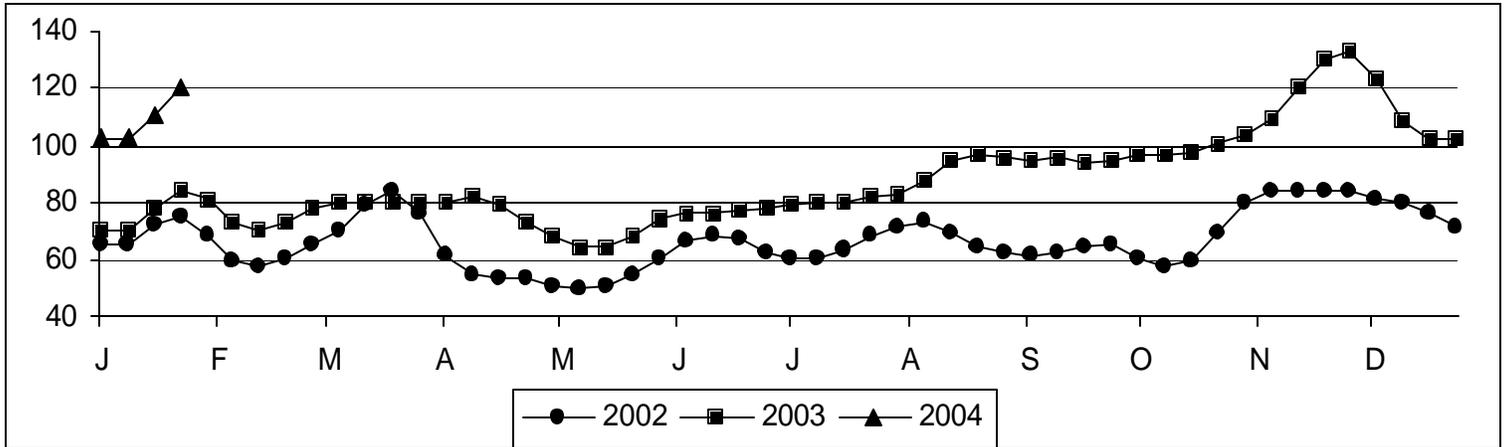
REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.8	1	-3
E.N. CENTRAL	566.1	-2	10
W.N. CENTRAL	288.8	-2	5
S. ATLANTIC	178.2	1	2
S. CENTRAL	109.7	4	21
WEST	178.2	-7	-3
TOTAL	1538.8	-1	5

MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING

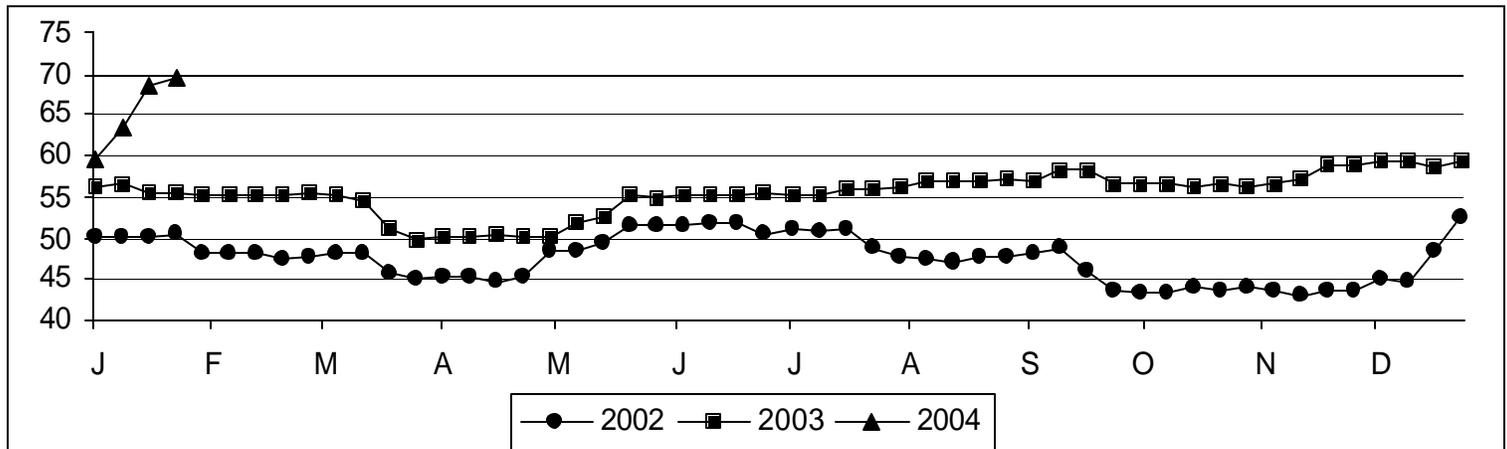
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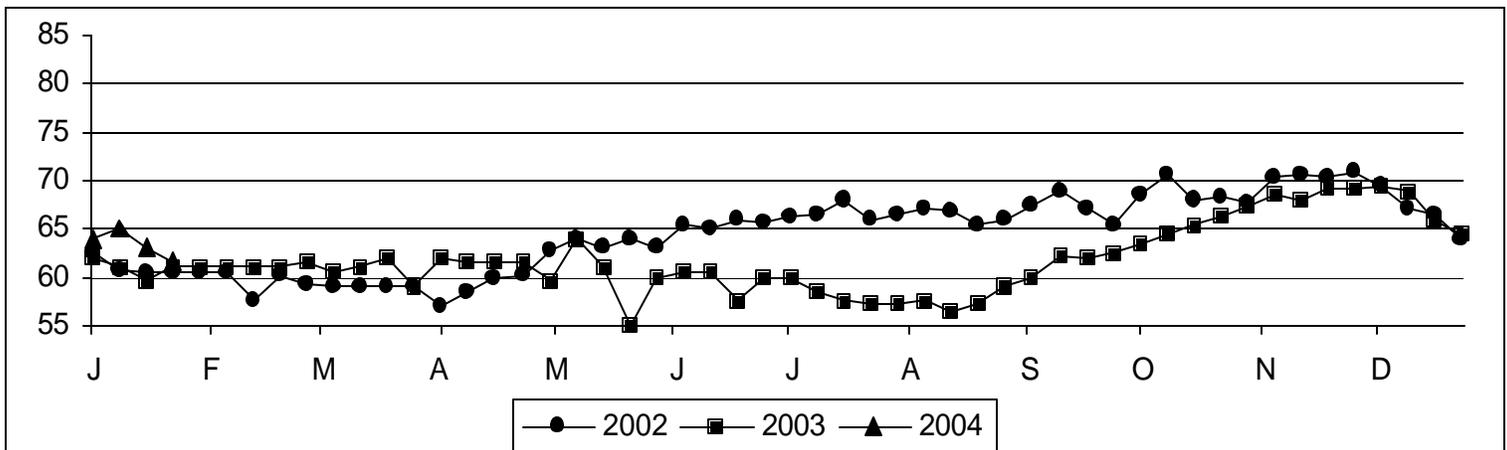
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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