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Earlier in the week prices were unchanged in New York and mostly lower in all other reported regions. As the week progressed, prices in New York increased slightly for mediums. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for the larger sizes and fully steady to instances firm for mediums. Retail demand has continued to improve over the course of the week and is mostly moderate to fairly good. Institutional movement is mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to usually in good balance for current needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate and held with confidence while demand remained light to mostly moderate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was steady. Light type fowl prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate to instances good. Offerings were adequate to slightly short of current needs. Removal prices were steady at 0 to 7 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 1 cent higher for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for the larger sizes and fully steady to at times firm for mediums. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to fairly good and were noted as improved from earlier in the week. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were well balanced to adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate and held with confidence while demand remained light to mostly moderate. Floor stocks balanced to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	91-93
LARGE	87-95	89-92
MEDIUM	71-77	74-76

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 mediums were trending slightly higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times available. Breaking stock supplies were usually adequate for the light to fair demand. Light type hens were about sufficient to sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-109	95-101
LARGE	90-104	97-99
MEDIUM	78-87	78-81

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

COMBINED REGIONAL

Feb 13, 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	102.50	101.00	85.50
SOUTHEAST	102.50	100.50	84.00
MIDWEST	96.00	94.50	81.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	102.50	100.50	84.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	100.93	99.17	83.77

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

	02-17-04	02-10-04	02-18-03
Large	70-77	74-81	38-42
Medium	54-58	60-64	28-32

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-FEB 16, 2004

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	8.6	16.7	8.6	23.4	10.7	68.0
	Change	0.1	-0.2	1.3	7.4	-1.5	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.4	43.5	12.5	22.2	39.1	140.7
	Change	2.7	-8.6	0.8	-3.3	-2.1	-7%
Large	Curr Wk	42.0	107.2	64.2	112.1	113.8	439.3
	Change	5.0	-4.3	-2.2	-5.3	-7.6	-3%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.6	33.2	13.3	21.6	29.8	112.5
	Change	-3.8	-3.8	-4.4	0.8	-4.0	-12%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	3.3	5.8	6.6	2.2	20.9
	Change	0.4	-2.1	2.0	3.7	-2.4	8%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.4	19.4	12.3	13.4	4.8	54.3
	Change	0.7	-2.1	1.9	0.6	-0.8	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.0	40.6	18.2	18.3	39.4	135.5
	Change	6.8	2.8	5.1	-14.5	4.4	3%
Total	Curr Wk	115.0	263.9	134.9	217.6	239.8	971.2
	Percent Change	11%	-7%	4%	-5%	-6%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	971.2	-3%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	243.6	13%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,214.8	0%	204

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 14-FEB-04**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,191,901	27,870	11,484	6,643	2,762	4,063
PW	1,150,257	25,767	12,068	6,592	2,835	4,107
LY	1,133,238	27,185	10,353	5,735	2,656	4,150
% CHG PW	4	8	-5	1	-3	-1
% CHG LY	5	3	11	16	4	-2
2004	6,875,936	160,089	67,573	37,618	16,350	24,548
2003	6,817,611	159,788	64,664	36,020	16,881	25,288
% CHG YTD	1	0	4	4	-3	-3

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.00	42.19	41.85
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.59	38.62	38.19

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Feb 7	Feb 14	Feb 7	Feb 14
	Thousand			
AL	29,171	29,273	21,502	21,695
AR	30,374	31,055	24,701	24,281
DE	3,710	3,703	4,860	4,216
FL	1,364	1,354	1,859	1,689
GA	33,374	32,887	25,780	25,613
KY	*7,099	7,016	*5,582	4,550
LA	3,673	3,774	3,702	3,532
MD	8,570	8,930	5,508	6,353
MS	18,928	19,229	16,598	16,309
NC	18,097	18,337	14,056	13,703
OK	6,338	6,346	4,902	4,917
PA	*3,722	3,788	*2,646	2,656
SC	3,638	3,488	*4,162	4,154
TX	14,785	14,976	12,165	12,172
VA	6,363	6,308	5,634	5,099
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,313	17,161	*15,210	15,3202
19 State Total	*206,519	207,625	*168,867	166,259
Previous Year Total	202,772	202,449	164,887	165,871
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	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 27-Mar-04 is estimated at 154.3 million head. This compares to 155.1 million head the previous week and to 155.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.7 million head and the composite weighted average price 58.01 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 02/12/04-02/18/04

	SE	NE	MW	LOADS			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	73.00	—	73.83	75.25	77.00	79.75	5.00
GNR W 2	—	70.50	66.00	—	—	—	2.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W J	89.00	99.00	91.50	92.50	—	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	—	87.00	88.15	81.09	84.20	50.50
GL W LG	—	85.50	84.75	86.33	77.48	84.00	26.00
GL W MD	68.00	—	69.00	70.73	66.88	67.00	25.00
GL W SM	—	—	50.50	51.86	—	—	3.50
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	105.00	112.00	2.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	77.69	18.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	47.75	49.00	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 14-Feb-04

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	LY
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	
ATLANTA	28.3	25.9	9	32
BOSTON	3.5	3.4	3	13
CHICAGO	57.0	62.0	-8	-8
DETROIT	27.1	28.9	-6	6
KANSAS CITY	3.3	10.4	-68	-15
LOS ANGELES	95.4	90.8	5	7
NEW ORLEANS	7.7	8.7	-11	-48
NEW YORK	26.5	28.1	-6	-7
ST. LOUIS	16.7	20.2	-17	-5
SAN FRANCISCO	21.0	23.0	-9	-5
TOTAL	286.5	301.4	-5	-1
4 WK MVG AVG	291.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 14-Feb-04

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,708	2,385	34	1	4,128
AVG WT	15.61	36.88	24.18	61.35	27.98
LAST WEEK	1,669	2,403	9	16	4,097
SAME WK YR AGO	1,717	2,575	52	7	4,351
AVG WT	15.59	37.60	23.67	40.51	28.75
TO-DATE/2004	10,073	14,503	215	42	24,833
TO-DATE/2003	10,134	15,568	358	70	26,130

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending W/E 14-Feb-04 (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	800	3	21.95	(A)	801	21.95
SATL	605	-13	30.77	(A)	605	30.77
N CENT	1,873	2	30.77	(A)	1,873	30.77
S CENT	534	7	20.36	(A)	534	20.36
WEST	315	15	24.91	(A)	315	24.91
U.S. TOTAL	4,127 (B)	1	27.98	1	4,128	27.98
TO-DATE						
2004	24,791 (B)			42	24,833	
TO-DATE						
2003	26,060 (B)			70	26,130	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000 for the year 215,000; last year to date 358,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 14-Feb-04

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	152,505	1,230	1,319	2,549	450
AVG WT	5.16	3.32	8.02	5.75	6.8
LAST WEEK	153,788	1,117	1,273	2,390	454
SAME WK YR AGO	152,044	1,793	1,257	3,050	418
AVG WT	5.15	3.43	7.77	5.42	6.9
TO-DATE/2004	921,007	7,834	7,665	15,499	2,690
TO-DATE/2003	903,375	10,384	8,287	18,671	2,508

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.4 million head or 4.1 million head less than or 97% of estimated fryers available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 21-Feb-04

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	02/21/04(1)	02/14/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	156,084(2)	157,862
LT HENS	1,259	1,337
HVY HENS	1,399	1,461
TOTAL	158,742	160,660

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Feb-04 is 157.7 million head compared to 149.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 156.4 million head or 1.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 28-Feb-04 the estimated available is 156.8 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
JANUARY 10	160.8	151.1	106%	5.17
17	159.4	156.3	102%	5.20
24	149.3	157.4	95%	5.24
31	152.7	158.4	96%	5.26
FEBRUARY 7	155.7	159.1	98%	5.22
14	154.4	158.5	97%	5.16
YEAR TO DATE	932.3	940.8	99%	
FEBRUARY 21		157.7		
28		156.8		

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 2/16/04-02/20/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	69.00-72.00	72.45	43	73.98
Los Angeles	77.00	77.62	63	77.82
New York	76.00-78.00	76.36	25	73.96

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from	
	9-Feb-04	17-Feb-03
16-Feb-04	9-Feb-04	17-Feb-03
74.51	-0.90	60.26
NUMBER OF LOADS	669	

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 AVG	LBS (000)
CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-63	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57-59	-	-	-
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 02/16/04	3,412	153,937	38,664
AM 02/01/04	3,118	141,357	40,964
CHG	294	12580	-2300
PCT CHG	9%	9%	-6%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 16-Feb-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.75
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.75-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9.25	9.05

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

LIGHT TYPE 13-Feb-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	8.5-11
So. Central		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
No. Central		
Removal Cost	0-7	5.5-7

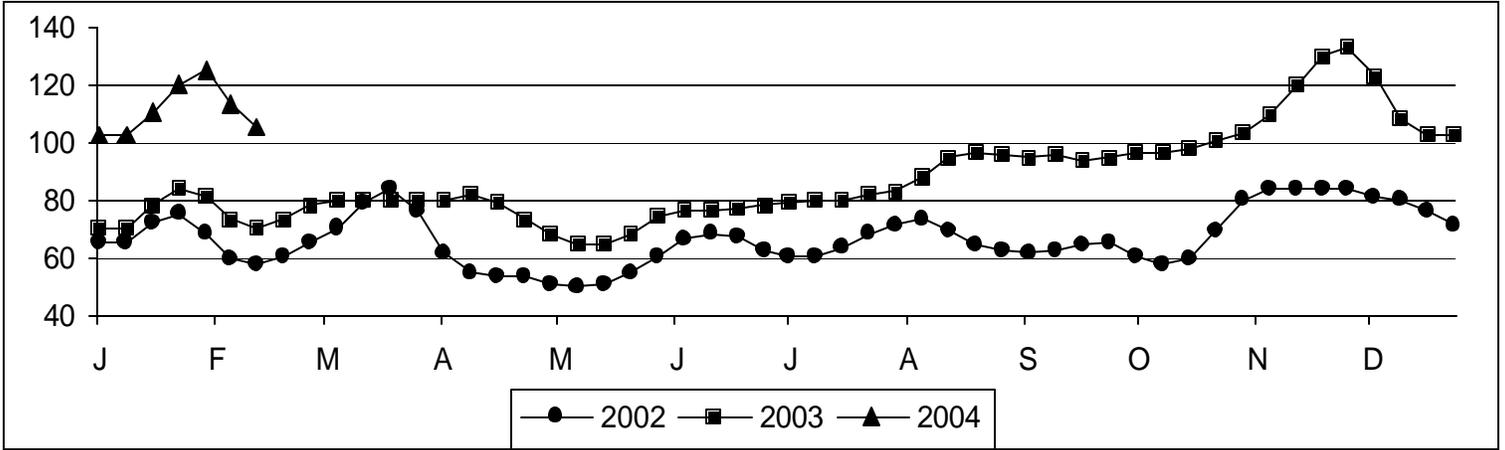
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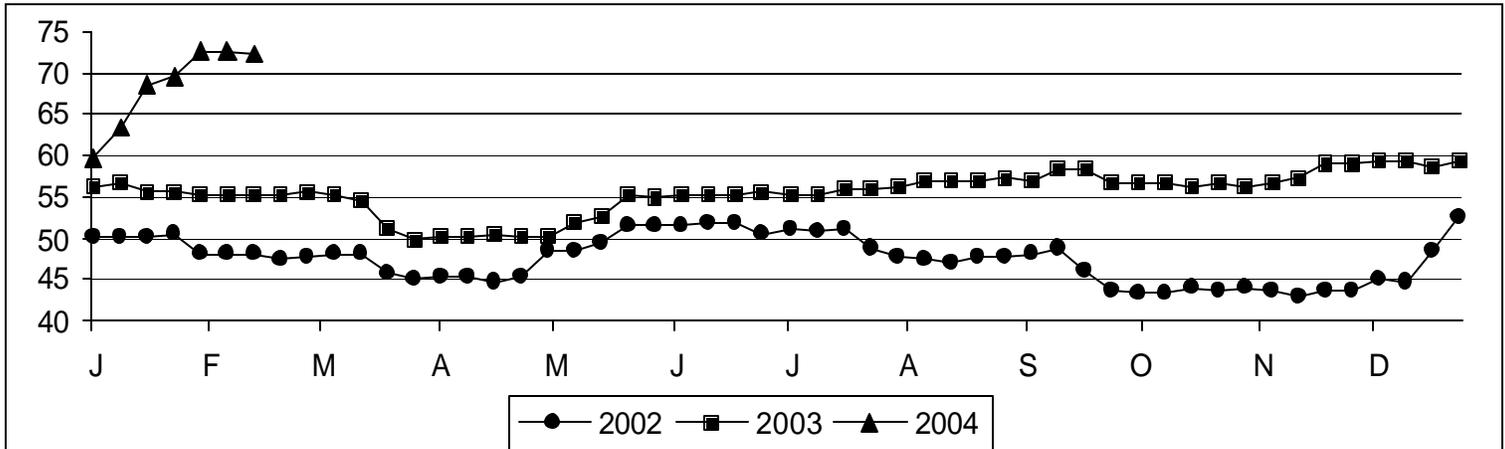
W/E 14-Feb-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	213.6	1	-1
E.N. CENTRAL	581.7	8	5
W.N. CENTRAL	286.8	2	1
S. ATLANTIC	170.9	1	-4
S. CENTRAL	101.9	2	4
WEST	181.6	-4	8
TOTAL	1536.5	3	3
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

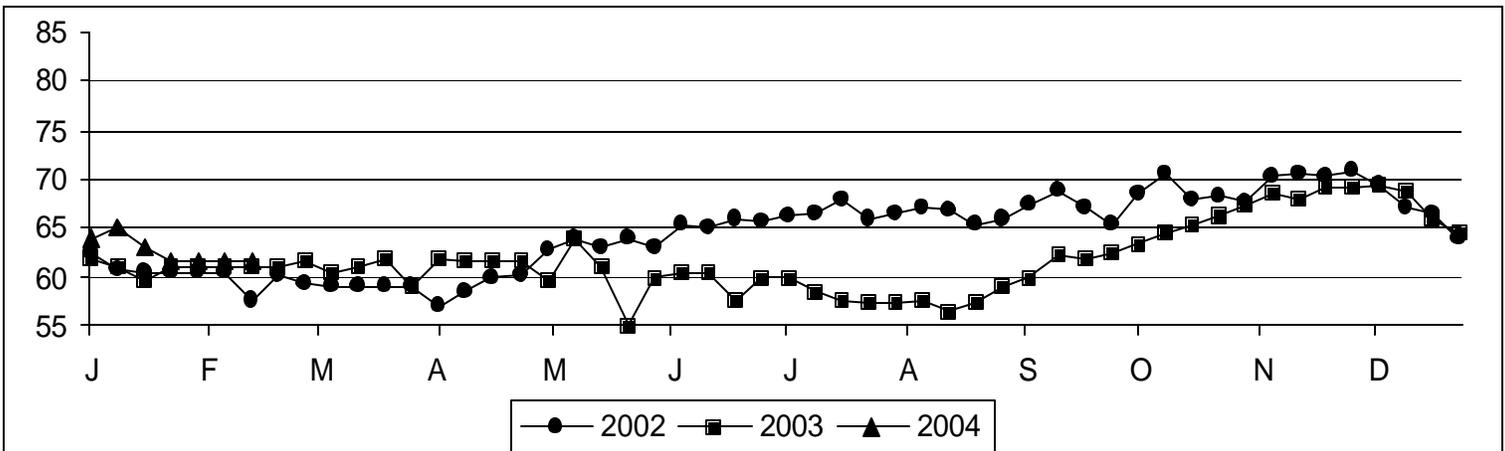
New York Large Weekly Average Price
Cents per Dozen



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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