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Early week prices in New York declined sharply on all sizes. Prices in most other locations were unchanged to lower on all weights. As the week progressed prices continued lower for all sizes. Trade sentiment was unsettled and ranged cautiously steady to weak. Demand was light to at times fairly good in especially in areas where scattered features and winter weather provided additional interest. Supplies were adequate to ample for present needs. Breaking stock as well as checks and undergrades' prices were unchanged to slightly lower. Demand was light to moderate as buyers continue to resist offerings of additional breaking stock and graded loose shell eggs. The limited completed trades have been within the quoted range. Floor stocks in balance to usually adequate. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Light type fowl prices ranged lower. Offerings were in a wide range of barely adequate to fully adequate. Removal prices were unsettled 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 lower for all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was cautiously steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales continued to improve and were light to at times good. Institutional sales were mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies were usually fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the fully adequate offerings. Limited outside trades were being made within the quoted range. Floor stocks in balance to usually adequate. Trade sentiment cautiously steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	112-121	116-118
LARGE	112-120	114-117
MEDIUM	99-105	102-104

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 unsettled. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to moderate, slightly better where limited features were in progress. Large dozen eggs were on special for 99 cents. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Breaking stock demand was light to moderate for short to about adequate supplies. Spent hen offerings were about sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	116-129	119-122
LARGE	111-126	116-120
MEDIUM	99-114	104-106

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

## SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL Jan 30, 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	121.00	118.00	105.50
SOUTHEAST	121.50	119.50	104.00
MIDWEST	119.00	117.50	104.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	122.50	120.50	105.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	121.07	118.96	104.79

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

	02-03-04	01-27-04	02-04-03
Large	90-97	97-104	47-51
Medium	76-80	83-87	37-41

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-FEB 02, 2004

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

		Northeast		No So		So Atl Pacific		5-Area
		Cent	Cent	Cent	Cent	Cent	Cent	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.6	16.0	6.5	15.5	11.5	58.1	
	Change	1.4	1.2	0.0	0.1	2.8	10%	
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.4	46.4	8.2	26.9	42.8	143.7	
	Change	-0.9	7.9	-3.2	-0.5	12.5	13%	
Large	Curr Wk	37.2	110.1	53.2	114.4	128.2	443.1	
	Change	-1.3	8.5	-6.0	30.0	49.0	22%	
Medium	Curr Wk	15.1	34.3	10.9	23.3	34.9	118.5	
	Change	1.0	2.1	-4.8	4.9	8.6	11%	
Small	Curr Wk	3.1	5.6	5.1	4.4	5.3	23.5	
	Change	-1.3	-1.2	2.4	-0.1	1.1	4%	
Misc	Curr Wk	4.8	16.8	8.8	11.1	5.9	47.4	
	Change	-0.4	-6.7	-1.3	-2.9	0.3	-19%	
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.4	40.0	24.7	28.9	38.8	147.8	
	Change	-2.3	1.4	12.6	-4.9	9.4	12%	
Total	Curr Wk	103.6	269.2	117.4	224.5	267.4	982.1	
	Percent Change	-3%	5%	0%	13%	46%	14%	

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	982.1	14%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	212.4	-4%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,194.5	10%	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.

Due to a change in the breaking stock cooperator base, last week was revised to 220.4.

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 31-JAN-04**

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS)		(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,118,124	25,723	11,045	6,112	2,584	3,906
PW	1,127,852	26,152	11,283	6,152	2,724	4,160
LY	1,131,969	25,475	11,463	6,385	2,588	4,286
% CHG PW	-1	-2	-2	-1	-5	-6
% CHG LY	-1	1	-4	-4	0	-9
2004	4,533,778	106,452	44,021	24,383	10,753	16,378
2003	4,559,686	106,227	43,361	24,199	11,332	16,991
% CHG YTD	-1	0	2	1	-5	-4

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.84	42.33	42.06
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.35	38.65	38.27

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	Jan 24	Jan 31	Jan 24	Jan 31
	Thousand			
AL	29,462	29,084	22,008	22,264
AR	*30,728	30,944	*23,942	23,910
DE	3,917	3,624	5,397	5,367
FL	1,364	1,347	1,561	1,603
GA	32,451	33,063	25,937	25,636
KY	*5,619	6,462	*5,744	5,559
LA	3,666	3,657	3,640	3,668
MD	8,680	8,810	4,698	5,459
MS	18,957	19,207	16,314	16,391
NC	*17,855	17,573	*13,863	14,093
OK	6,423	5,655	4,648	5,250
PA	*3,748	3,501	*2,530	2,527
SC	3,683	3,701	4,308	4,331
TX	14,787	14,756	11,848	12,081
VA	6,266	6,129	4,779	4,751
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,135	17,191	*14,277	15,441
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>*204,741</b>	<b>204,704</b>	<b>*165,494</b>	<b>168,331</b>
Previous Year Total	204,707	203,905	166,045	166,420
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	100	101

\* 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 12-Mar-04 is estimated at 153.7 million head. This compares to 152.8 million head the previous week and to 156.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.2 million head and the composite weighted average price 61.12 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/29/04-02/04/04****CURRENT LDS 60.50 FUTURE LDS 35.50 TOTAL LDS 96.00**

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	89.33	96.17	77.00	91.33	—	—	12.00
GNR W 4	—	—	47.00	67.00	—	—	3.00
GNR BR 1	—	102.00	—	—	—	—	3.75
GL W XL	—	114.10	103.88	104.20	86.97	—	26.00
GL W LG	—	116.75	104.50	106.00	81.64	—	8.50
GL W MD	98.00	91.00	83.16	82.00	71.94	—	16.00
GL W SM	—	—	49.56	51.00	—	53.00	5.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	126.00	1.25
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	80.08	30.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	73.50	77.18	2.75

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 31-Jan-04**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.8	28.7	-10	11
BOSTON	3.3	3.5	-6	-3
CHICAGO	62.0	60.3	3	37
DETROIT	26.8	25.5	5	-11
KANSAS CITY	7.3	3.6	103	92
LOS ANGELES	87.0	90.3	-4	3
NEW ORLEANS	7.5	7.7	-3	-40
NEW YORK	31.1	31.6	-2	-6
ST. LOUIS	17.0	17.8	-4	13
SAN FRANCISCO	22.2	19.8	12	0
TOTAL	290.0	288.8	0	6
4 WK MVG AVG	303.5			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 31-Jan-2004**

	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG TOMS		OLD BREEDERS	TOTAL
	-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	1,571	2,295	33	8		3,907
AVG WT	15.19	36.68	23.80	36.47		27.93
LAST WEEK	1,736	2,454	25	6		4,221
SAME WK YR AGO	1,656	2,695	55	5		4,411
AVG WT	15.28	36.78	24.11	30.03		28.54
TO-DATE/2004	6,696	9,715	172	25		16,608
TO-DATE/2003	6,659	10,489	255	43		17,446

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

Week ending 31-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		
N EAST	763	-21	21.67	(A)	764	21.67	
SATL	552	-15	28.05	(A)	553	28.05	
N CENT	1,813	0	33.23	(A)	1,815	33.23	
S CENT	497	-3	20.77	(A)	499	20.77	
WEST	274	2	22.77	(A)	276	22.77	
U.S. TOTAL	3,899	(B)	-7	27.93	8	3,907	27.93
TO-DATE							
2004	16,583	(B)			25	16,608	
TO-DATE							
2003	17,403	(B)			43	17,446	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 33,000 for the year 172,000; last year to date 255,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 31-Jan-04

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	150,873	1,274	1,255	2,529	444
AVG WT	5.26	3.50	8.02	5.74	6.42
LAST WEEK	147,528	1,429	1,228	2,657	489
SAME WK YR AGO	151,181	1,579	1,443	3,022	440
AVG WT	5.21	3.58	7.38	5.21	7.02
TO-DATE/2004	614,714	5,487	5,073	10,560	1,786
TO-DATE/2003	600,996	6,902	5,653	12,555	1,669

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 152.7 million head or 5.7 million head less than or 96% of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Feb-04

CLASS	Current Week 02/07/04(1)	Previous Week 01/31/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	155,047(2)	157,658
LT HENS	1,185	1,389
HVY HENS	1,341	1,299
CHECK TOTAL	157,573	160,346

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Feb-04 is 159.1 million head compared to 152.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.4 million head or 3.7 million less than estimated available. For week of 14-Feb-04 the estimated available is 158.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
DECEMBER 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
31	152.7	158.4	96%	5.26
YEAR TO DATE	622.2	623.2	100%	
FEBRUARY 7		159.1		
14		158.5		

**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 2/02/04-02/06/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	69.00-72.00	72.59	37	73.16	73	
Los Angeles	76.00	76.21	61	77.26	124	
New York	76.00-79.00	77.17	23	74.17	57	

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

	Change from			
	2-Feb-04	26-Jan-04	26-Jan-04	3-Feb-03
	74.90	2.36	72.54	60.49
NUMBER OF LOADS	602			

**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)
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**CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/**

<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	60-63	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	59-61	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	60-64	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	58-59	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	57	-	-	-
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	02/02/04	3,118	141,357	40,964
AM	01/01/04	3,162	119,108	43,610
CHG		-44	22249	-2646
PCT CHG		-1%	19%	-6%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of December 31, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on February 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	18 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	419 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	905 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 02-Feb-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.5-9.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9	8.65
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.25-11.75 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9.25	8.98

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

**LIGHT TYPE** 30-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
<b>Eastern</b>		
Removal Cost	0-12	8.5-11
<b>So. Central</b>		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
<b>No. Central</b>		
Removal Cost	0-7	5.5-7

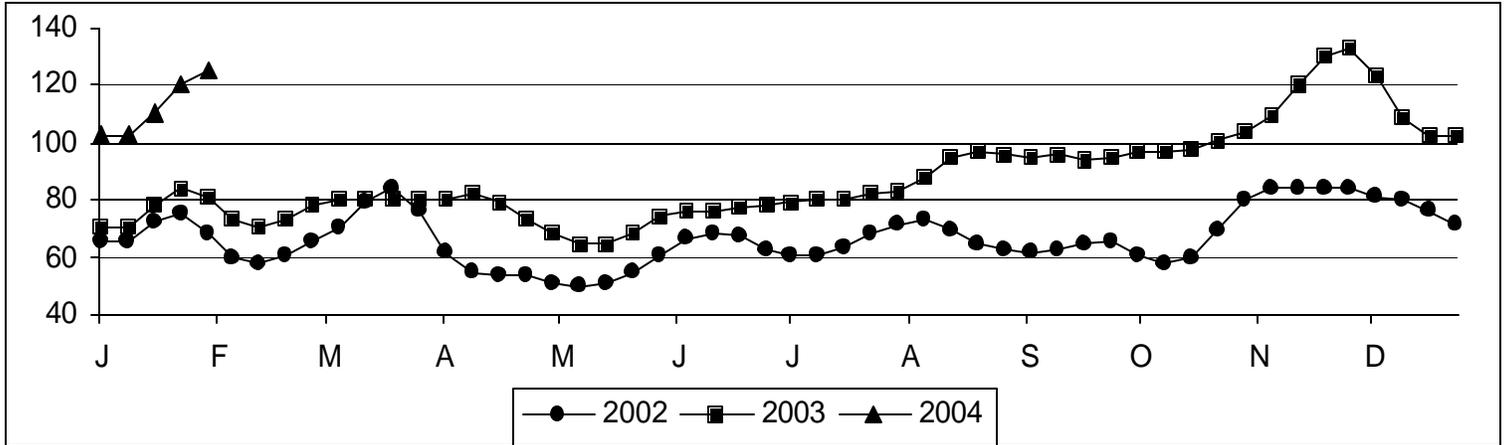
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

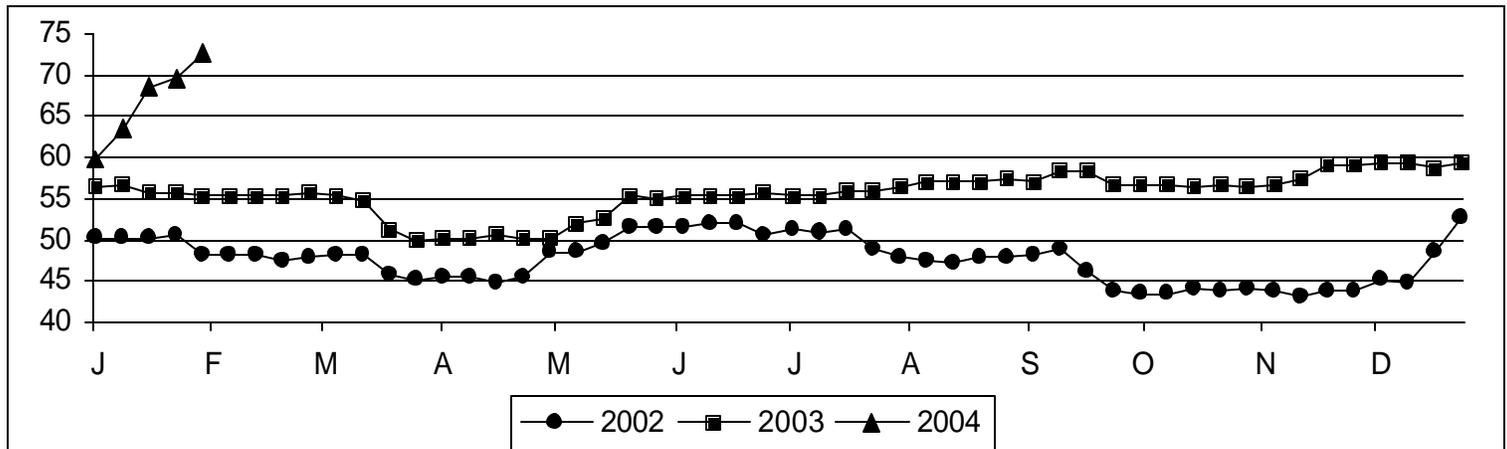
W/E 31-Jan-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	211.9	-3	-4
E.N. CENTRAL	555.4	-2	10
W.N. CENTRAL	293.2	2	8
S. ATLANTIC	178.2	0	-1
S. CENTRAL	104.0	-5	12
WEST	181.2	2	-2
TOTAL	1523.9	-1	4
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

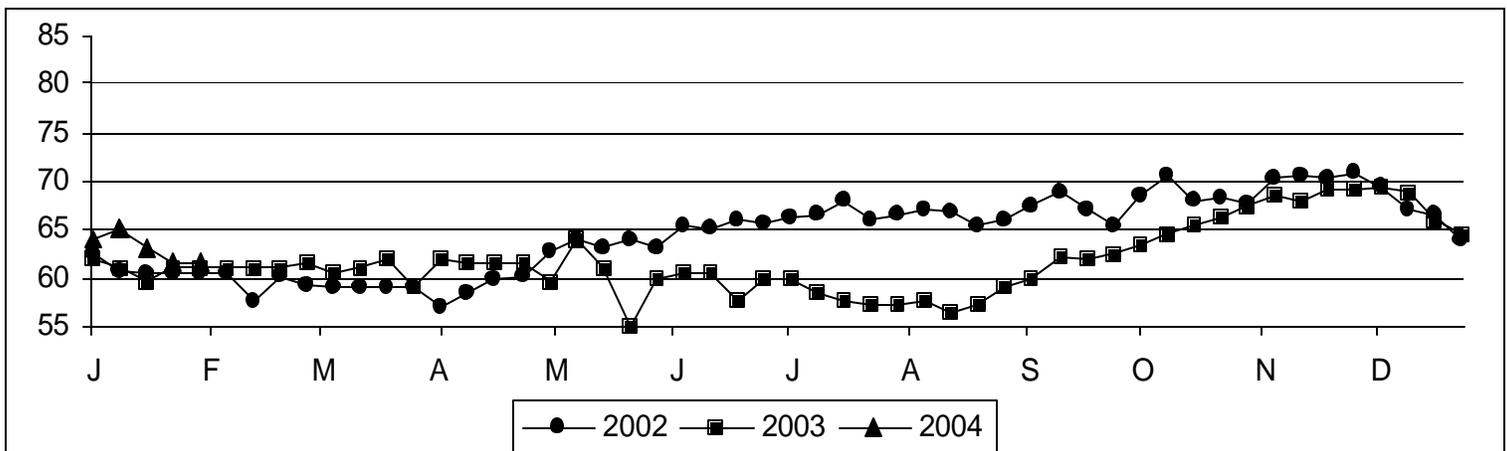
New York Large Weekly Average Price  
Cents per Dozen



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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