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Early week prices in all locations were higher on the larger sizes but unchanged on smaller sizes except New York where prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices continued higher on larger weights and unchanged on smaller weights in all locations. Trade sentiment was steady to at times firm. Demand into all channels was light to good. Supplies for lighter weights were sufficient while larger sizes were tight to adequate. Breaking stock prices were mostly unchanged. Trading and demand generally moderate for the close to adequate offers. Breakers purchasing product were paying the high side of the mostly range. Floor stocks were generally adequate. Schedules were full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for the good demand. Removal prices were steady at 0-10.5 cents, mostly 5-6 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 2 cent higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Retail demand ranged light to good, mostly moderate to fairly good features were limited. Food service movement was moderate to instances fairly good. Supplies ranged from tight to fully adequate with the larger sizes in the closest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were close to adequate. Trading and demand were moderate to fairly good with spot sales firm.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	55-64	59-61
LARGE	55-63	57-60
MEDIUM	50-56	53-55

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 the larger sizes continued to trend higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock demand was fair for sufficient to fully sufficient offerings. Spent hen supplies were generally more than sufficient for the at least moderate demand.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	63-77	63-66
LARGE	57-71	62-66
MEDIUM	51-64	56-58

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

### COMBINED REGIONAL

May 14, 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	64.50	64.00	57.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	56.00
MIDWEST	60.00	58.50	54.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	67.50	63.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.29	62.18	56.19

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

	<b>05-18-04</b>	<b>05-11-04</b>	<b>05-20-03</b>
Large	38-45	38-45	34-38
Medium	33-37	33-37	30-32

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-MAY 17, 2004

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

		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Northeast	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.2	12.5	4.8	12.4	10.7	49.6
	Change	0.8	-2.0	-0.3	1.9	-0.2	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.2	40.4	12.7	20.7	33.7	133.7
	Change	4.4	-4.8	-0.1	-4.4	1.2	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	42.4	107.3	51.6	82.8	94.5	378.6
	Change	2.0	-6.9	-14.5	-16.0	-15.6	-12%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.7	43.3	16.4	26.5	32.6	135.5
	Change	4.7	10.1	2.5	0.2	1.3	16%
Small	Curr Wk	5.9	9.2	2.4	5.8	8.1	31.4
	Change	0.6	-0.1	0.4	0.1	-0.4	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.6	22.0	12.0	12.8	4.5	56.9
	Change	-0.2	1.1	1.6	-2.9	0.2	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.1	60.0	24.0	29.0	22.6	147.7
	Change	1.4	1.2	-2.5	-5.1	2.8	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	118.1	294.7	123.9	190.0	206.7	933.4
Percent	Change	13%	0%	-9%	-12%	-5%	-4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	933.4	-4%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	257.0	-8%	35
Total Shell Egg	1190.4	-5%	205

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 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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Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 15-MAY-04**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,304,131	30,602	12,936	7,070	3,170	4,357
PW	1,304,625	29,867	12,783	7,497	3,066	4,428
LY	1,241,568	30,113	11,856	6,225	2,545	4,178
% CHG PWK	0	2	1	-6	3	-2
% CHG LY	5	2	9	14	25	4
2004	22,724,228	539,236	218,357	121,439	50,545	78,866
2003	21,395,800	520,945	195,262	107,678	42,711	78,919
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	13	18	0

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.15	41.83	42.18
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.81	38.44	38.82

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	May 08	May 15	May 08	May 15
	Thousand			
AL	30,556	30,590	22,735	21,805
AR	31,961	31,494	*26,707	25,596
DE	*3,740	3,857	*4,686	4,600
FL	1,348	1,364	1,495	1,640
GA	32,369	33,149	*26,700	26,979
KY	6,954	7,027	6,116	6,064
LA	*4,014	3,998	*4,070	3,744
MD	8,901	8,900	*5,689	6,351
MS	19,301	19,393	16,915	16,807
NC	*19,006	18,905	*15,200	15,013
OK	6,588	6,539	3,929	5,001
PA	*3,921	3,853	*2,902	2,785
SC	3,760	3,774	*4,352	3,863
TX	15,475	15,463	12,858	12,769
VA	6,653	6,644	5,236	5,609
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,066	17,911	*14,981	15,643
<b>19 State Total</b>	<b>*212,613</b>	<b>212,861</b>	<b>*174,571</b>	<b>174,269</b>
Previous Year Total	206,679	210,125	171,830	170,953
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	101	102	102

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 26-Jun-04 is estimated at 160.6 million head. This compares to 160.9 million head the previous week and to 160.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 61.96 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 05/13/04-05/19/04

CURRENT LDS	94.00	FUTURE LDS	54.25	TOTAL LDS	148.25		
	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	45.40	52.50	44.50	46.00	48.75	50.17	22.00
GNR W 2	—	51.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR W 4	—	36.50	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	61.00	62.00	67.00	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	56.41	54.94	56.06	54.18	54.75	35.00
GL W LG	—	53.90	51.20	53.42	52.19	51.89	34.50
GL W MD	47.86	47.00	44.43	46.67	42.25	45.40	20.00
GL W SM	36.25	38.13	35.00	36.73	32.00	34.50	11.25
NRBS - 48	—	52.00	—	44.00	48.67	46.20	48.00
NRBS - 45	—	42.00	—	—	—	43.50	8.00
NRBS - 42	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 39	—	37.25	—	—	34.00	—	4.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 15-MAY-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.2	25.5	-1	19
BOSTON	3.6	3.4	6	-5
CHICAGO	62.1	62.8	-1	-4
DETROIT	26.6	28.1	-5	9
KANSAS CITY	10.9	4.3	153	36
LOS ANGELES	91.7	95.5	-4	10
NEW ORLEANS	7.2	8.8	-18	-39
NEW YORK	30.1	31.3	-4	0
ST. LOUIS	15.6	16.7	-7	-16
SAN FRANCISCO	23.3	20.9	11	10
TOTAL	296.3	297.3	0	3
4 WK MVG AVG	288.5			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 15-MAY-04

	YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
HEAD	1,807	2,612	34	2 4,455
AVG WT	16.20	37.21	26.21	41.08 28.60
LAST WEEK	1,951	2,446	61	13 4,471
SAME WK YR AGO	2,120	2,863	97	10 5,090
AVG WT	16.00	36.85	26.47	30.84 27.59
TO-DATE/2004	32,564	47,076	849	139 80,628
TO-DATE/2003	33,979	51,936	1,223	289 87,427

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

Week ending 15-MAY-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	814	-4	22.41	(A)	815	22.41
SATL	761	4	31.66	(A)	762	31.66
N CENT	2,026	3	32.45	(A)	1,967	32.45
S CENT	484	-14	21.79	(A)	563	21.79
WEST	368	6	23.72	(A)	348	23.72
U.S. TOTAL	4,453 (B)	0	28.60	2	4,455	28.60
TO-DATE						
2004	80,489 (B)			139	80,628	
TO-DATE						
2003	87,138 (B)			289	87,427	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000; for the current year to date 849,000; for last year to date 1,223,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 15-May-04

(PRELIMINARY)	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	158,470	1,410	1,214	2,624	408
AVG WT	5.24	3.31	8.05	5.50	6.31
LAST WEEK	157,101	1,328	1,354	2,682	467
SAME WK YR AGO	155,533	1,493	1,313	2,806	418
AVG WT	5.25	3.42	7.93	5.53	7.01
TO-DATE/2004	2,926,562	24,795	24,173	48,968	8,694
TO-DATE/2003	2,882,015	32,516	25,246	57,762	8,034

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.4 million head or 2.2 which was 99% of estimated fryers available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-May-04

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	05/22/04(1)	05/15/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	162,971(2)	164,139
LT HENS	1,458	1,513
HVY HENS	1,439	1,019
TOTAL	165,868	166,671

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-May-04 is 162.3 million head compared to 161.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.3 million head or 1.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 29-May-04 the estimated available is 162.3 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
APRIL	10	152.3	157.6	97%	5.22
	17	154.0	158.8	97%	5.26
	24	157.9	159.9	99%	5.20
MAY	1	159.8	161.1	99%	5.30
	8	159.0	161.9	98%	5.33
	15	160.4	162.6	99%	5.24
YEAR TO DATE		2962.2	3003.9	99%	
MAY	22		162.3		
	29		162.3		

**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 05/17/04-05/21/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	77.00-80.00	78.80	40	80.87	75
Los Angeles	81.00	81.33	68	82.82	134
New York	81.00-83.00	82.25	24	78.01	60

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

	Change from			
	10-May-04	10-May-04	19-May-03	
17-May-04	80.50	2.38	78.12	60.00

NUMBER OF LOADS 605

**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)

**CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/****8-16 LB HENS**

EASTERN REGION 3/	66-67	67	67.00	100
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	66-68	66.33	240
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

## 16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	66-68	67	67.00	100
CENTRAL REGION	66-67	66-67	66.75	160
WESTERN REGION	66-68	-	-	-

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	05/17/04	3,429	181,934	46,799
AM	05/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG		234	-1524	5040
PCT CHG		7%	-1%	12%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 17-May-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
<b>Southeast (1)</b>	6.25-10.5 CENTS/LB.	9-9.5	9.28
<b>Southeast (2)</b>	TFEWR		
<b>South Central(1)</b>	6.25-12.25 CENTS/LB.	9-9.75	9.78

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

**LIGHT TYPE** 14-May-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)

**REMOVAL COST**

	RANGE	MAJORITY
<b>Eastern</b>	0-12	8.5-10.5
<b>So. Central</b>	Too Few To Report	
<b>No. Central</b>	0-10.5	5-6

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT**

W/E 15-May-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	215.2	1	4
E.N. CENTRAL	583.9	4	5
W.N. CENTRAL	286.5	3	-7
S. ATLANTIC	195.3	3	1
S. CENTRAL	68.8	-1	1
WEST	183.3	4	-1
TOTAL	1533.0	3	1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

AREAS COVERED:

NORTH ATLANTIC (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

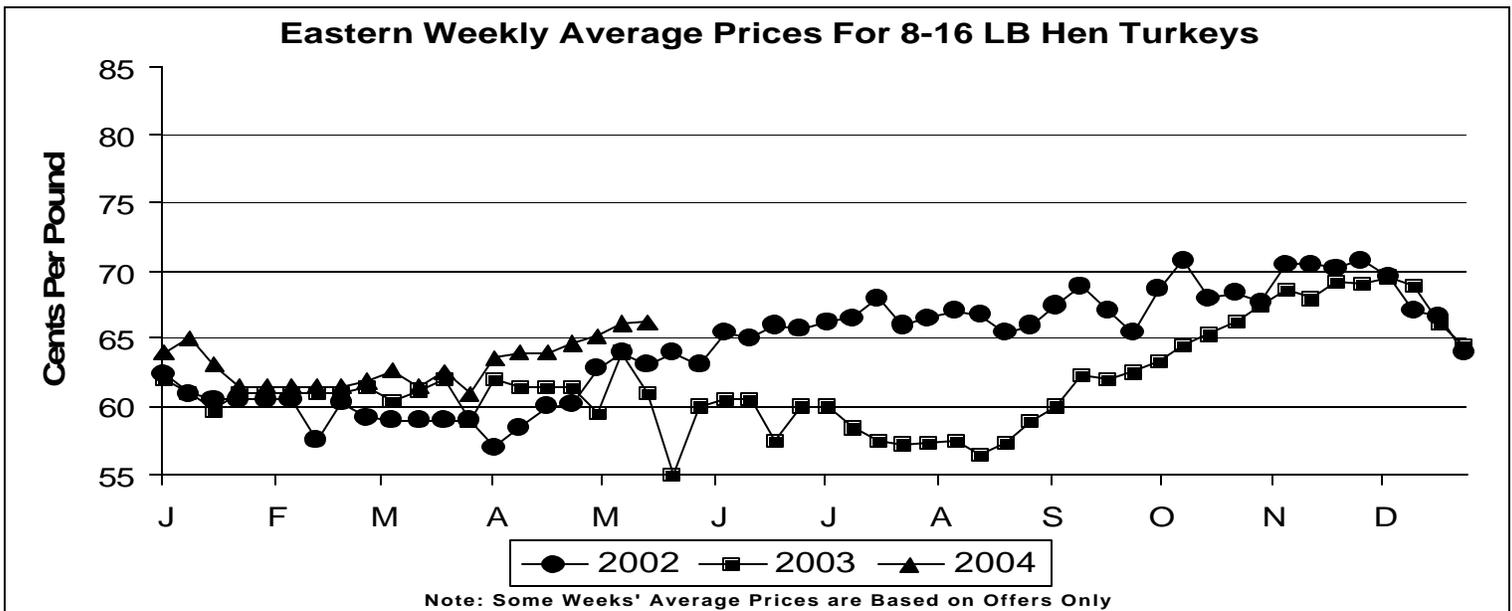
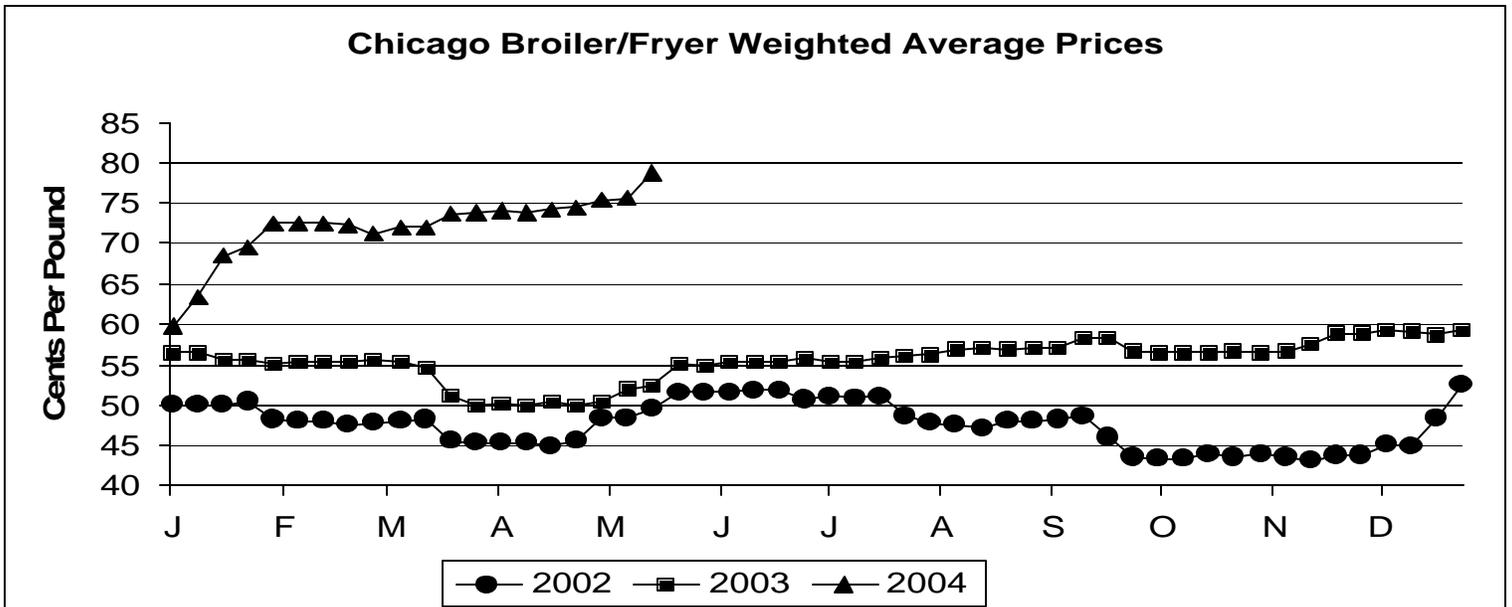
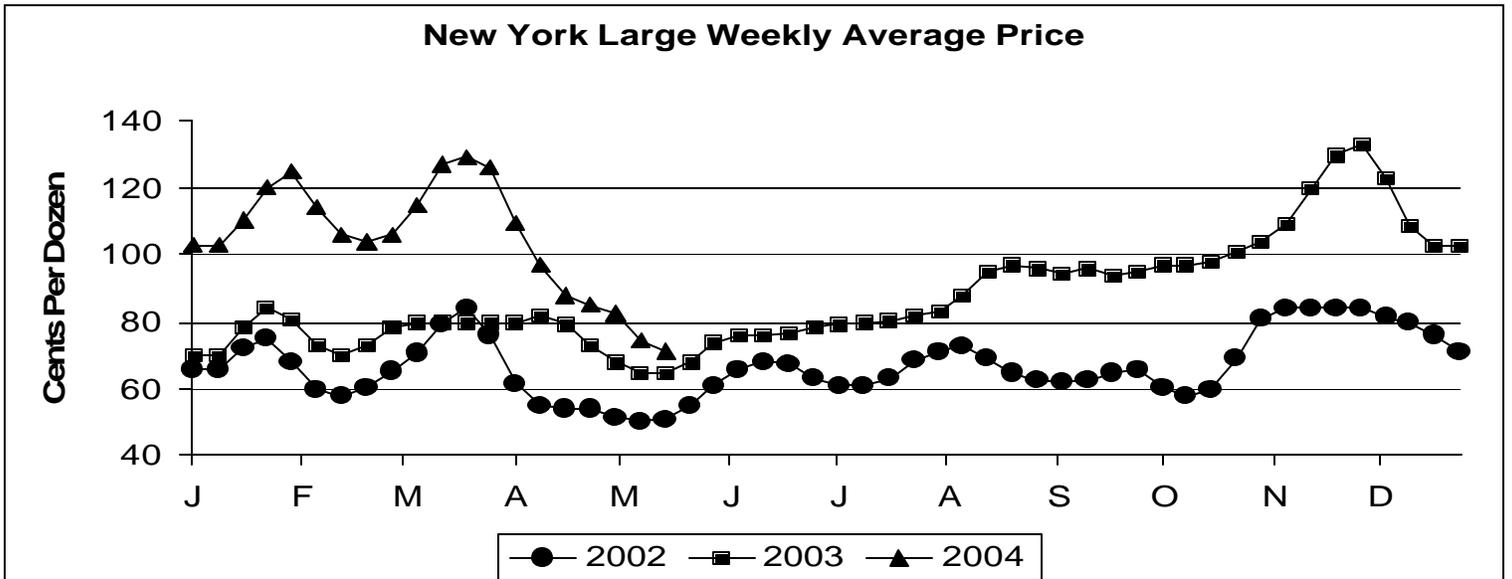
EAST NORTH CENTRAL (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN)

WEST NORTH CENTRAL (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

SOUTH ATLANTIC (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY)

SOUTH CENTRAL(TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

WEST (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)



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