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Early week prices were higher and continued to climb during the week. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was in a full range, light to good. Supplies were fully sufficient to balanced and to continue to be held confidently. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to 2 cents higher and check and undergrades prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the limited demand. Supplies were adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Light type hen offerings were adequate for the good demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-5 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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to good, best in areas with feature activity. Loose egg sales were mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate and were held with confidence. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the limited demand. Supplies were adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	40-49	44-46
LARGE	40-48	42-45
MEDIUM	30-36	33-35

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 higher. Trade sentiment ranged fully steady to at times firm. Retail and distributive demand was light to good. Supplies were adequate to balanced and held with increased confidence. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to fully sufficient and demand was reported as light to moderate. Spent hens were generally adequate for the at least moderate to fairly good demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	47-61	49-53
LARGE	42-56	47-51
MEDIUM	31-44	36-38

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

COMBINED REGIONAL

Oct 29, 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	49.00	47.00	31.00
SOUTHEAST	48.50	46.50	30.00
MIDWEST	44.00	42.50	28.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	49.50	47.50	31.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.81	45.93	30.16

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

	11-02-04	10-26-04	11-04-03
Large	23-30	22-29	74-78
Medium	13-17	7-11	67-71

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOVEMBER 01, 2004

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.6	17.2	7.1	13.8	11.8	62.5
	Change	0.3	-4.5	0.2	-1.1	-0.6	-8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.4	61.0	18.5	31.4	38.3	174.6
	Change	2.7	4.2	1.0	-1.1	5.9	8%
Large	Curr Wk	73.8	134.1	84.2	124.6	111.3	528.0
	Change	-2.5	-10.5	1.1	-6.6	-8.2	-5%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.8	46.6	15.9	20.6	30.9	126.8
	Change	0.4	1.8	2.4	-1.8	-3.7	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	20.5	2.9	5.2	9.4	42.5
	Change	-0.1	1.4	-0.2	-1.5	3.8	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.6	28.5	7.4	15.0	5.6	62.1
	Change	0.6	-3.1	0.2	-0.3	-2.2	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	33.3	43.7	29.6	42.1	26.2	174.9
	Change	6.3	3.1	-3.9	7.7	-6.2	4%
Total	Curr Wk	168.0	351.6	165.6	252.7	233.5	1171.4
	Percent Change	5%	-2%	0%	-2%	-5%	-1%

TOTAL Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1171.4	-1%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	246.8	-10%	35

Total Shell Egg 1418.2 -3% 208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

- 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 30-OCT-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

	CASES BROKEN	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				
		LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,320,598	31,525	13,003	7,118	2,601	4,628
PW	1,355,557	32,095	13,447	7,200	2,479	4,710
LY	1,179,440	30,308	9,917	5,386	1,974	4,068
% CHG PW	-3	-2	-3	-1	5	-2
% CHG LY	12	4	31	32	32	14
2004	53,348,763	1,264,707	514,369	277,892	117,129	183,000
2003	50,345,889	1,232,164	456,682	248,416	100,884	180,117
% CHG YTD	6	3	13	12	16	2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.61	42.38	42.12
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.11	38.91	38.67

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	OCT 23	OCT 30	OCT 23	OCT 30
	Thousand			
AL	27,335	27,822	20,948	20,203
AR	28,453	27,423	*23,138	23,670
DE	3,366	3,500	4,631	5,463
FL	1,346	1,345	1,512	1,563
GA	31,182	31,844	*25,549	26,277
KY	5,838	7,010	5,639	5,968
LA	3,665	3,750	3,424	3,785
MD	7,967	8,547	6,000	4,728
MS	*17,826	17,752	*16,306	16,567
NC	*17,476	17,604	*13,830	13,216
OK	*5,922	5,698	3,779	4,813
PA	*3,588	3,873	*2,794	2,720
SC	4,583	4,415	*3,951	4,538
TX	13,051	14,488	12,012	12,358
VA	6,573	5,987	4,699	5,103
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,257	16,759	*16,632	15,678
19 State Total	*194,428	197,817	*164,844	166,650
Previous Year Total	190,088	192,346	159,007	160,094
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	104	104

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Dec-04 is estimated at 152.6 million head. This compares to 151.4 million head the previous week and to 147.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 155.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 66.01 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/28/04-11/03/04

CURRENT LDS 69.75 FUTURE LDS 56.25 TOTAL LDS 126.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.25	32.00	30.33	31.70	—	—	16.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	48.50	51.00	46.00	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	44.73	43.40	45.40	39.27	42.00	33.50
GL W LG	—	44.13	28.75	30.50	38.11	—	37.25
GL W MD	29.00	—	25.90	29.72	—	31.90	21.00
GL W SM	24.63	27.50	—	—	20.00	21.50	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	28.00	—	9.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 30-OCT-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PCT CHG	
	CW	PW	PW	LY
Atlanta	31.0	26.6	17	18
Boston	3.1	3.2	-3	-14
Chicago	60.1	61.7	-3	27
Detroit	25.5	26.9	-5	0
Kansas City	3.7	2.1	76	0
Los Angeles	95.4	95.3	0	10
New Orleans	7.5	8.6	-13	-1
New York	30.9	30.5	1	4
St. Louis	19.3	17.9	8	-5
San Francisco	19.7	19.1	3	-11
Total	296.2	291.9	1	8
4 Week Moving Avg.	291.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 30-OCT-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,165	2,926	63	2	5,156
Avg Wt	15.89	35.54	24.57	24.95	27.15
Last week	1,806	2,597	87	8	4,498
Same wk yr ago	2,391	3,124	55	2	5,572
Avg Wt	16.13	33.98	25.85	62.54	26.25
To-date/2004	74,523	110,326	2,270	310	187,429
To-date/2003	81,253	118,435	2,743	556	202,987

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 30-OCT-04 (Preliminary)						
THOUSAND	--YOUNG TURKEYS--			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	HEAD	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT		THOUSAND HEAD-	AVG LIVE WT
North East	783	6	21.51	(A)	784	21.51
South Atlantic	779	1	29.99	(A)	780	29.99
North Central	2,258	9	31.36	(A)	2,258	31.36
South Central	647	37	19.18	(A)	647	19.18
West	687	63	24.05	(A)	687	24.05
U.S. total	5,154(B)	15	27.15	2	5,156	27.15
To-date 2004	187,119(B)			310	187,429	
To-date 2003	202,431(B)			556	202,987	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 63,000; for the current year to date 2,270,000; for last year to date 2,743,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 30-Oct-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	160,527	1,433	1,519	2,952	480
Avg Wt	5.33	3.14	8.13	5.71	6.84
Last week	162,135	1,462	1,501	2,963	469
Same wk yr ago	157,750	1,093	1,314	2,407	434
Avg Wt	5.36	3.41	7.89	5.86	6.74
To-date/2004	6,752,845	58,774	58,544	117,318	20,104
To-date/2003	6,644,787	62,531	60,493	123,024	17,812

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.5 million head, or 0.9 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 06-Nov-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/06/04(1)	10/30/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	166,315(2)	167,101
Light hens	1,557	1,209
Heavy hens	1,447	1,511
Total	169,319	169,821

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 06-Nov-04 is 162.0 million head compared to 160.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 166.6 million head or 4.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 13-Nov-04 the estimated available is 159.1 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
September 25	163.7	164.3	100%	5.39
October 2	164.0	164.9	99%	5.35
9	163.6	165.1	99%	5.40
16	163.4	164.4	99%	5.46
23	164.1	163.9	100%	5.41
30	162.5	163.4	99%	5.33
Year to date	6834.9	6948.2	98%	
November 6		162.0		
13		159.1		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 01-NOV-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	60.77	43	62.52 76
Los Angeles	81.00	79.17	59	73.46 127
New York	60.00-63.00	61.86	28	64.01 52

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

01-NOV-2004	Change from		03-NOV-2003
	25-OCT-2004	25-OCT-2004	
67.76	-25	68.01	63.77

NUMBER OF LOADS 606

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 AVG	LBS (000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-81	77-77.5	77.17	30
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-79	76-78	77.33	60
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-79	78-79	78.10	200

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	75-77	75-76.5	75.50	30
CENTRAL REGION	74-77	74.5	74.50	40
WESTERN REGION	76-78	77	77.00	100

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.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers

	(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)			Processed other
	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS	
AM 11/01/04	4,173	138,953	65,304	
AM 10/01/04	3,275	182,984	58,076	
CHG	898	-44031	7228	
PCT CHG	27%	-24%	12%	

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of September 30, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on November 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	24 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	403 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	862 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 01-NOV-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.48
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.75-15 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.25	10.23

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

LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

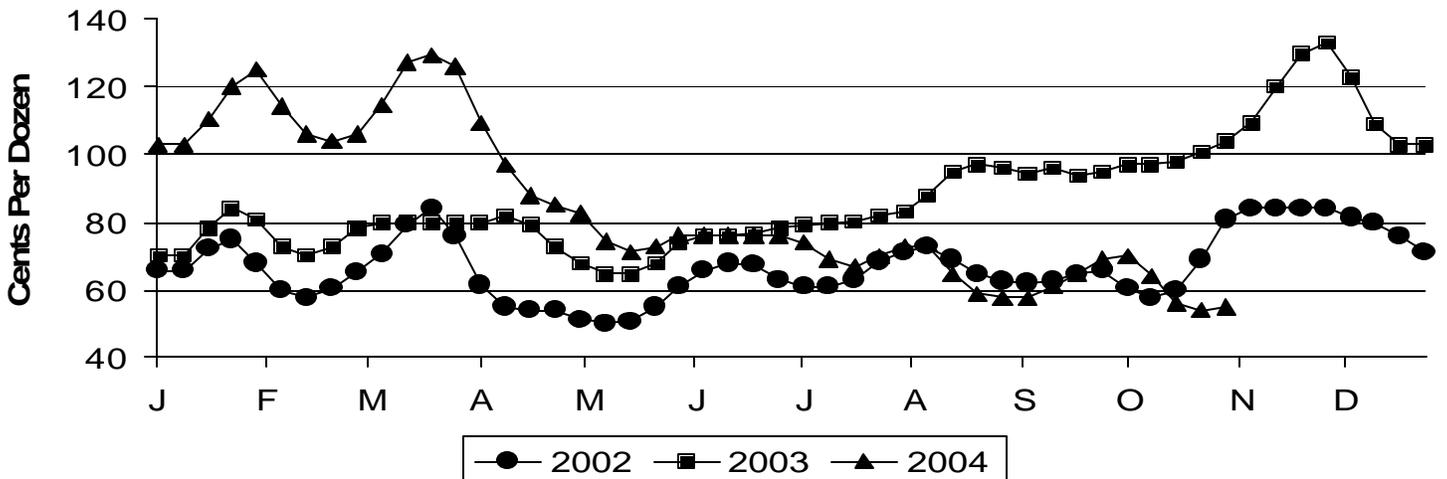
REGIONS	REMOVAL COST	
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	4-10	7-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-5	

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

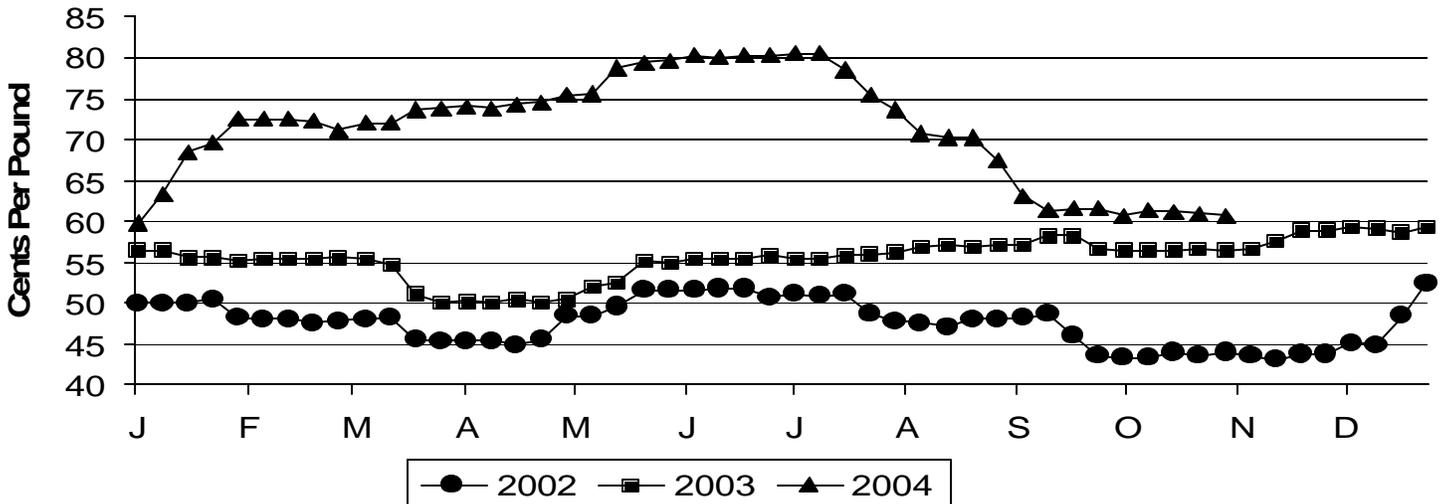
W/E 30-Oct-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	244.8	1	8
East North Central	579.8	7	5
West North Central	290.1	1	2
South Atlantic	220.4	-1	0
South Central	63.0	-4	-10
West	186.4	5	-4
Total	1584.5	3	2
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,NC,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)

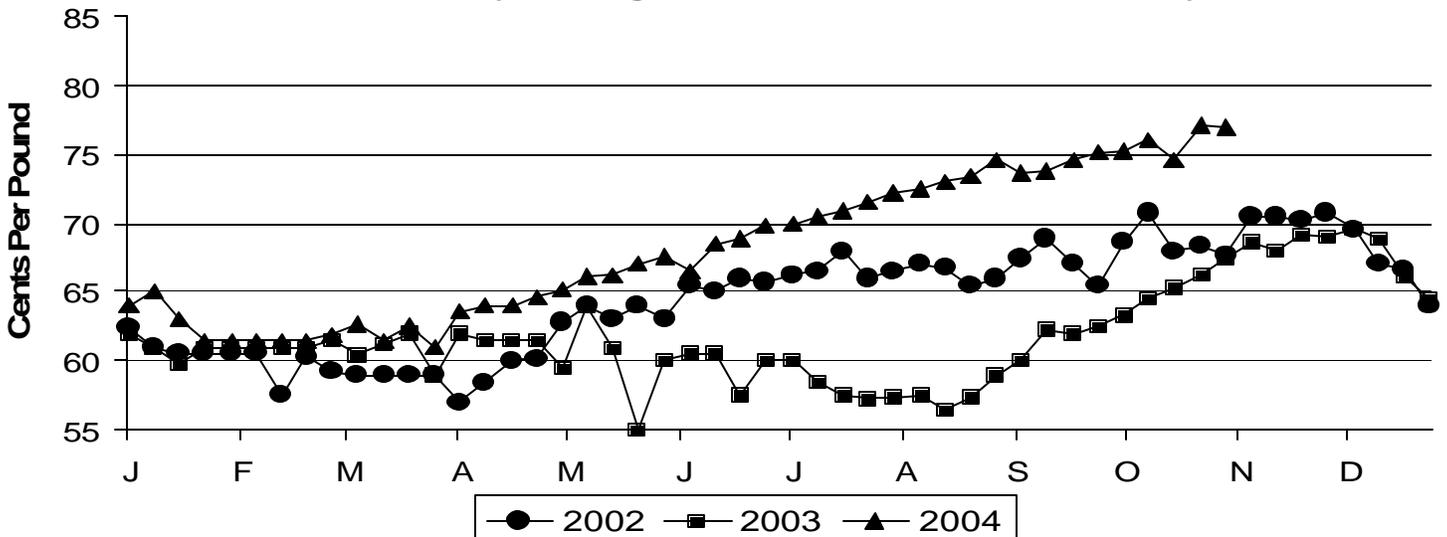
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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