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Prices were unchanged the entire week. The market tone was steady to barely steady. Retail and fast food movement was moderate to fairly good with feature activity showing the best interest. Supplies were fully adequate for current needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was generally moderate for the adequate offerings with little concern for additional breaking stock. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Light type hen offerings were in close balance to adequate for the fair demand. Schedules were generally 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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to usually moderate with scattered feature activity providing some additional interest. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample with the lighter weight eggs in the longest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Floor stocks in balance to adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	64-74	65-71
LARGE	63-73	64-67
MEDIUM	32-42	34-37

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, western NY, and western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available, but noted as ample in some locations. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hens were generally sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	71-85	73-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	35-48	40-42

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

**COMBINED REGIONAL** Nov 26, 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	75.00	73.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	40.00
MIDWEST	70.00	68.50	38.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	76.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	74.38	72.80	40.17

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

	11-30-04	11-23-04	12-02-03
Large	47-55	47-55	100-104
Medium	16-21	16-21	78-82

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOVEMBER 29, 2004 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		NO	CENT	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific
		NO	CENT	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.3	15.5	7.7	13.8	12.6	59.9
	Change	0.2	1.5	1.6	1.8	0.3	10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.4	49.6	9.9	23.2	32.8	141.9
	Change	7.1	14.1	2.9	-0.4	-0.4	20%
Large	Curr Wk	62.3	131.5	60.8	109.6	102.5	466.7
	Change	3.8	32.4	15.4	5.8	16.5	19%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.1	67.0	15.3	23.1	33.7	156.2
	Change	2.1	12.6	-0.4	0.1	0.6	11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.8	46.3	0.6	6.9	6.4	64.0
	Change	-1.3	31.8	-1.3	0.8	-0.6	85%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.9	32.9	11.7	15.8	7.1	74.4
	Change	-2.4	-0.2	3.7	2.9	1.7	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.7	56.7	16.5	40.2	34.6	164.7
	Change	8.9	21.1	-3.1	4.1	6.5	29%
Total	Curr Wk	143.5	399.5	122.5	232.6	229.7	1127.8
Percent	Change	15%	40%	18%	7%	12%	20%
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>Number of</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number of</b>	
				<b>Cases</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Cooperators</b>	
Shell Egg				1127.8	20%	173	
Shell Egg Breaking Stock				239.2	16%	35	
Total Shell Egg				1367.0	20%	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.

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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 27-NOV-04  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED	CURRENT PREVIOUS LAST		
							WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
CW	1,108,920	27,686	10,374	5,441	1,811	3,885			
PW	1,255,972	31,336	11,467	6,173	1,988	4,435			
LY	1,026,258	26,536	8,070	4,508	1,168	3,566			
% CHG PW	-12	-12	-10	-12	-9	-12			
% CHG LY	8	4	29	21	55	9			
2004	58,265,034	1,385,802	560,287	302,572	125,509	200,370			
2003	54,917,416	1,350,373	494,360	269,005	107,184	196,249			
% CHG YTD	6	3	13	12	17	2			
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -</b> (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)					42.73	42.53	41.59		
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)					39.23	38.99	38.11		

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004	Nov 20 2004	Nov 27 2004
	THOUSAND			
AL:	28,956	29,233	20,257	20,715
AR:	30,578	30,920	22,691	22,275
DE:	3,568	3,815	4,666	5,124
FL:	1,338	1,329	1,492	1,354
GA:	*31,549	33,769	*25,011	26,718
KY:	7,169	7,014	*5,562	5,849
LA:	3,984	3,979	3,752	4,208
MD:	8,616	8,733	5,661	5,380
MS:	19,312	19,540	15,402	16,631
NC:	17,845	17,451	14,743	14,317
OK:	6,648	6,674	4,250	4,956
PA:	*3,889	3,693	*2,900	2,791
SC:	4,407	4,559	4,112	3,664
TX:	14,826	14,492	12,115	12,428
VA:	6,355	6,499	4,759	4,913
CA, MO, TN, & WV:	17,484	17,990	*15,626	16,275
19 State Total:	*206,524	209,690	*162,999	167,598
Previous Year Total:	204,537	208,986	156,626	164,561
Pct. of Prev. Year:	101	100	104	102
*Revised				

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 08-Jan-05 is estimated at 152.2 million head. This compares to 149.1 million head the previous week and to 156.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.75 cents per pound.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 27-Nov-2004

	YOUNG HENS TOMS		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	Thousands				
Head	844	1,516	8	15	2,383
Avg Wt	15.91	38.63	25.56	28.64	30.48
Last week	1,840	2,803	32	1	4,676
Same wk yr ago	1,018	1,605	50	5	2,678
Avg Wt	15.61	37.60	26.57	29.30	29.02
To-date/2004	81,942	120,364	2,404	329	205,039
To-date/2003	89,408	129,657	3,003	594	222,662

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 25, 2004-DEC 01, 2004

LOADS:	CURRENT 71.75		FUTURE 68.50		TOTAL 140.25		LOADS
	SE	NE	MW	SE	NE	MW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W XL	--	--	50.50	52.00	--	--	1.00
GNR W 1	52.00	54.29	50.80	53.56	51.00	52.00	52.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	50.00	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	74.00	75.00	48.50	72.00	6.00
GL W XL	--	67.00	64.00	65.35	57.71	--	30.50
GL W LG	--	66.40	--	--	58.37	--	36.00
GL W MD	34.00	--	28.00	29.67	25.00	25.00	19.75
GL W SM	23.00	25.50	19.50	23.50	18.75	21.75	3.00
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	28.00	--	3.00
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	28.00	8.00
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	--	18.00	20.00	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS**

W/E 27-Nov-2004

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)	LW	PERCENT CHANGE	
			LW	LY
ATLANTA	28.3	32.5	-13	-2
BOSTON	3.7	3.3	10	-9
CHICAGO	63.9	64.8	-1	-7
DETROIT	28.2	26.2	7	-13
KANSAS CITY	6.3	5.0	28	13
LOS ANGELES	90.7	92.5	-2	-16
NEW ORLEANS	7.1	6.6	9	-25
NEW YORK	30.5	34.5	-12	2
ST. LOUIS	22.0	19.3	14	21
SAN FRANCISCO	20.4	24.3	-16	-22
TOTAL	301.1	309.0	-3	-9
4 WK MOVING AVG	307.6			

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 27-Nov-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED -THOUSAND HEAD-	AVG LIVE WT
North East	320	-58	22.08 (A)	323 22.08
South Atlantic	376	-51	34.54 (A)	379 34.54
North Central	1,294	-40	32.99 (A)	1,297 32.99
South Central	184	-58	24.09 (A)	187 24.09
West	194	-66	25.95 (A)	197 25.95
U.S. total	2,368(B)	-49	30.48	15 2,383 30.48
To-date				
2004	204,710(B)			329 205,039
To-date				
2003	222,068(B)			594 222,662

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 8,000; for the current year to date 2,404,000; for last year to date 3,003,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 27-Nov-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	117,717	796	747	1,543	402
Avg Wt	5.27	3.35	8.30	5.75	6.70
Last week	156,060	1,380	1,501	2,881	503
Same wk yr ago	118,334	668	897	1,565	305
Avg Wt	5.35	4.10	7.98	6.32	6.81
To-date/2004	7,348,148	63,965	63,717	127,682	22,031
To-date/2003	7,229,565	66,680	65,946	132,626	19,417

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 153.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 119.1 million head, or 34.0 million less than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Dec-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/04/04(1)	11/27/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	162,481(2)	129,389
Light hens	1,409	829
Heavy hens	1,423	737
Total	165,313	130,955

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Dec-04 is 155.3 million head compared to 156.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.8 million head or 7.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Dec-04 the estimated available is 155.8 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/  
FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
October	23	164.1	163.9	100%	5.41
	30	162.5	163.4	99%	5.33
November	6	161.5	162.0	100%	5.32
	13	163.9	159.1	103%	5.30
	20	158.0	154.1	103%	5.28
	27	119.1	153.1	78%	5.27
Year to date		7437.4	7576.5	98%	
December	4		155.3		
	11		155.8		

**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 29-NOV-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	62.23	40	64.55	66
Los Angeles	80.00	77.83	53	73.61	121
New York	63.00-65.00	63.96	27	65.55	64

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

29-NOV-2004	Change from		
	22-NOV-2004	22-NOV-2004	01-DED-2003
68.43	.07	68.36	65.37
NUMBER OF LOADS	528		

**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/ 8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	75-80	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-79	79	79.00	80
WESTERN REGION 5/	79-80	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION	70-72	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-

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)

		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM	11/29/04	3,865	67,212	60,147
AM	11/01/04	4,173	138,953	65,304
CHG		-308	-71741	-5157
PCT CHG		-7%	-52%	-8%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 29-NOV-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.89
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.75-14.75 CENTS/LB.	10.25-11.5	11.09

(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	4-9	6-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-5	

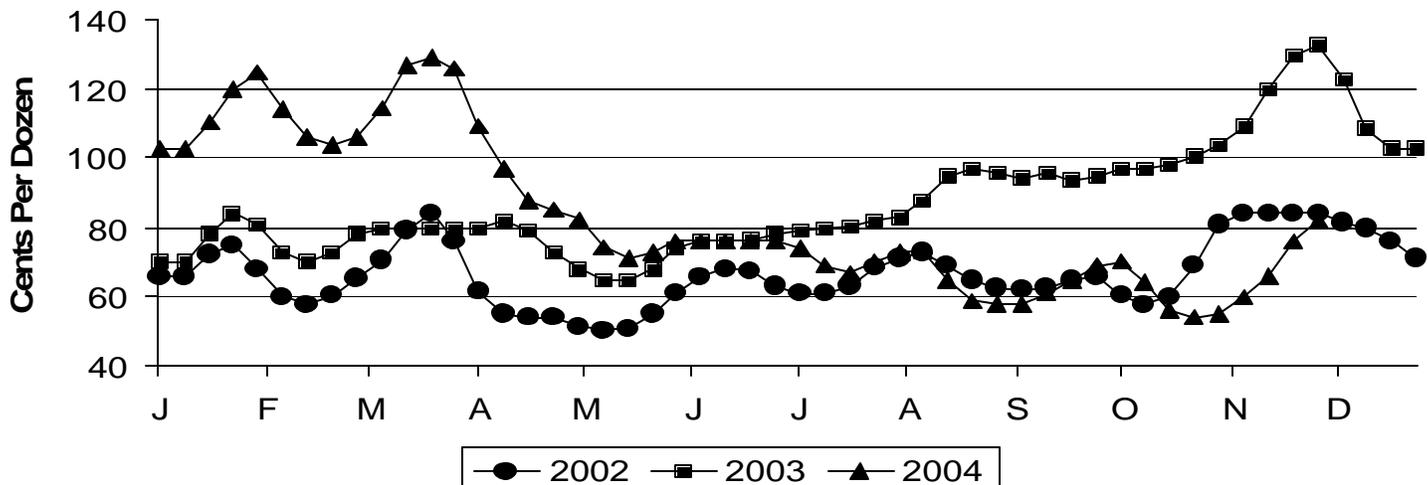
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 27-Nov-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	257.0	4	14
E.N. CENTRAL	591.6	-5	0
W.N. CENTRAL	294.3	-5	15
S. ATLANTIC	232.5	-0	1
S. CENTRAL	74.6	1	7
WEST	186.4	-5	-4
TOTAL	1636.3	-3	5

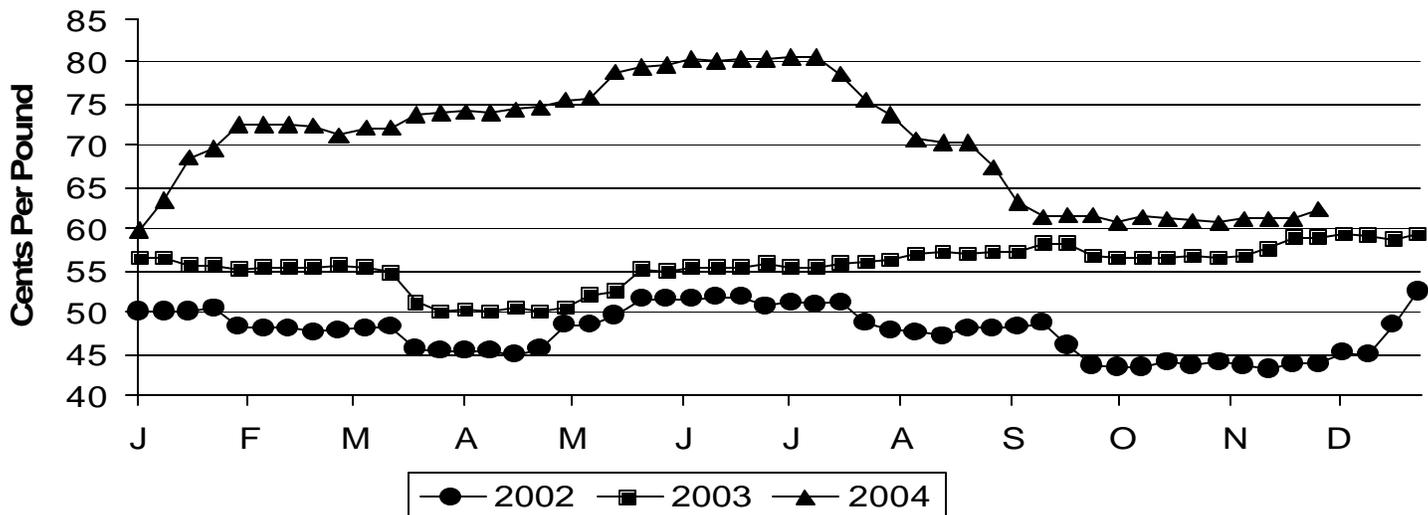
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86  
Last year 85

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)

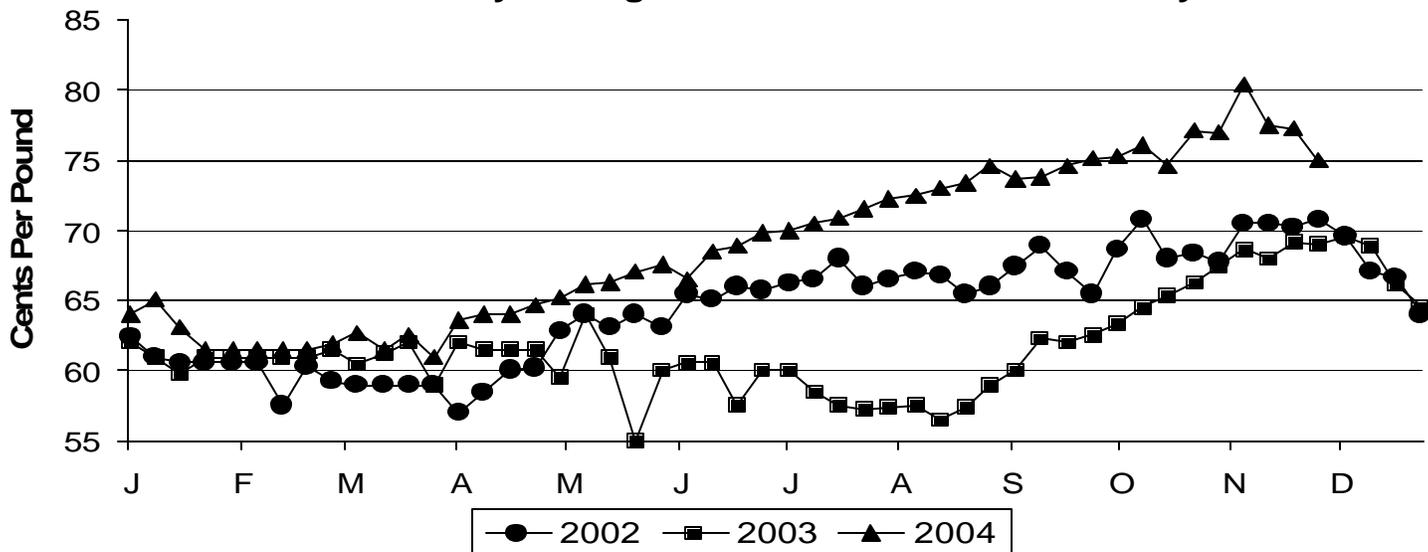
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### 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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