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Prices continued to be unchanged in all locations. The trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand was light to occasionally very good, with promotions showing best interest. Supplies were sufficient to available. Breaking stock prices along with check and undergrades were unchanged to slightly lower. Demand was light with fully adequate offerings. Many breakers were not interested in breaking stock outside of regular commitments as they prepare for holiday schedules. Floor stocks were balanced. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. Light type hen offerings were adequate for the fair demand. A few producers were exploring alternate means of disposal. 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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand continued to range light to at times very good with features still moving the most product. Loose egg sales were moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate to fully adequate. Floor stocks balanced 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 into all outlets ranged light to moderate, fairly good in areas with features in progress. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were usually sufficient and demand was reported as light to moderate. Spent hen offerings were fully 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 Dec 10, 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	68.00	65.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	77.50	76.50	41.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.90	72.08	39.57

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

	12-14-04	12-07-04	12-16-03
Large	47-55	47-55	69-73
Medium	16-21	16-21	50-54

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - DECEMBER 13, 2004 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	13.0	16.1	10.5	15.1	13.9	68.6
	Change	2.6	0.0	-1.1	-0.1	1.9	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.0	49.6	18.9	34.4	35.9	166.8
	Change	1.6	-6.0	-0.7	1.7	1.1	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	68.7	124.8	95.1	170.2	125.5	584.3
	Change	7.5	-26.7	4.5	11.0	11.8	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.3	46.4	14.4	25.2	32.4	135.7
	Change	1.3	-12.9	-1.7	3.9	1.6	-5%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	8.8	0.6	4.0	9.3	26.7
	Change	0.2	-4.3	0.1	0.5	1.5	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.1	28.3	9.2	13.5	6.0	63.1
	Change	-0.2	-5.9	-0.1	-1.3	0.3	-10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	28.2	46.8	29.5	38.3	34.2	177.0
	Change	4.0	-8.0	11.3	0.2	1.4	5%
Total	Curr Wk	165.3	320.8	178.2	300.7	257.2	1222.2
	Percent Change	11%	-17%	7%	6%	8%	0%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1222.2	0%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	201.8	-14%	35

Total Shell Egg 1424.0 -2% 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.

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 11-DEC-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

	CASES BROKEN	(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)			DRIED	INED
		LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK		
CW	1,286,728	31,959	11,639	6,655	2,188	4,522
PW	1,269,751	30,795	12,016	6,592	2,177	4,313
LY	1,189,328	30,302	10,280	5,552	2,033	4,331
% CHG PW	1	4	-3	1	1	5
% CHG LY	8	5	13	20	8	4
2004	60,821,513	1,448,555	583,941	315,818	129,875	209,205
2003	57,306,078	1,411,166	515,156	280,286	111,192	204,880
% CHANGE YTD	6	3	13	13	17	2

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.57	42.30	42.43
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.05	38.91	38.79

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	DEC 04	DEC 11	DEC 04	DEC 11
	Thousand			
AL	29,704	29,432	20,604	22,434
AR	30,902	30,746	*24,740	23,661
DE	*3,473	3,854	*5,267	5,706
FL	1,339	1,359	1,639	1,438
GA	*33,096	33,766	26,637	26,171
KY	7,036	7,071	*5,869	5,957
LA	3,984	3,984	3,821	4,074
MD	*8,596	8,777	*4,499	4,852
MS	19,249	19,018	16,887	17,334
NC	17,725	17,587	14,867	14,584
OK	6,503	6,340	4,423	5,020
PA	*3,778	3,970	*2,896	2,870
SC	4,555	4,409	4,267	3,817
TX	14,980	15,001	12,074	12,390
VA	6,398	6,369	5,561	5,178
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,697	17,772	*17,206	16,256
19 State Total	*208,015	209,455	*171,257	171,742
Previous Year Total	204,662	207,313	167,566	166,640
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	102	103

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 22-Jan-05 is estimated at 157.9 million head. This compares to 155.5 million head the previous week and to 157.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 149.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.79 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/09/04-12/15/04

CURRENT LDS 80.50 FUTURE LDS 46.75 TOTAL LDS 127.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	49.75	53.00	50.00	52.23	51.00	50.67	33.00
GNR BR 1	—	59.00	—	—	66.00	—	7.00
GL W J	—	—	73.50	75.00	51.50	73.00	4.00
GL W XL	—	66.00	61.18	65.22	56.55	55.00	20.25
GL W LG	—	63.58	50.27	57.00	61.65	—	30.25
GL W MD	34.00	32.20	23.60	25.38	28.60	—	14.75
GL W SM	23.50	26.00	21.00	22.50	—	—	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	26.82	28.35	27.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	26.50	28.00	—	26.00	5.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	23.50	25.50	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.50	20.00	19.00	20.00	2.75

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 11-DEC-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.4	25.3	4	-8
BOSTON	3.1	3.6	-14	-21
CHICAGO	60.0	61.4	-2	-17
DETROIT	36.2	25.2	44	2
KANSAS CITY	4.2	5.2	-18	-26
LOS ANGELES	88.1	93.2	-5	-13
NEW ORLEANS	8.8	7.2	22	0
NEW YORK	31.8	30.0	6	0
ST. LOUIS	18.2	14.4	26	-15
SAN FRANCISCO	20.1	20.3	-1	-19
TOTAL	297.0	285.8	4	-11
4 WK MOVING AVG	298.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 11-DEC-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,850	2,571	46	1	4,468
Avg Wt	16.05	38.35	26.46	34.54	28.99
Last week	1,718	2,686	61	23	4,488
Same wk yr ago	2,132	2,805	35	1	4,973
Avg Wt	15.44	35.28	24.84	52.33	26.71
To-date/2004	85,510	125,621	2,511	353	213,995
To-date/2003	93,464	135,303	3,107	596	232,470

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 11-DEC-04 (Preliminary)						
	--YOUNG TURKEYS--			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND HEAD	PCT CHG PW	AVG LIVE WT		THOUSAND HEAD	AVG LIVE WT
North East	762	-13	22.68	(A)	763	22.68
South Atlantic	609	-15	37.71	(A)	609	37.71
North Central	1,985	0	33.10	(A)	1,985	33.10
South Central	613	17	21.61	(A)	613	21.61
West	498	35	21.94	(A)	498	21.94
U.S. total	4,467(B)	0	28.99	1	4,468	28.99
To-date						
2004	213,642(B)				353	213,995
To-date						
2003	231,874(B)				596	232,470

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 46,000; for the current year to date 2,511,000; for last year to date 3,107,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 11-Dec-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	159,818	1,534	1,403	2,937	523
Avg Wt	5.21	3.41	8.02	5.61	6.81
Last week	162,589	1,413	1,465	2,878	565
Same wk yr ago	153,501	1,379	1,292	2,671	453
Avg Wt	5.23	3.40	8.05	5.65	6.62
To-date/2004	7,670,555	66,912	66,585	133,497	23,119
To-date/2003	7,537,978	69,458	68,675	138,133	20,264

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 155.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 161.8 million head, or 6.0 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Dec-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	12/18/04(1)	12/11/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	170,324(2)	166,469
Light hens	1,441	1,593
Heavy hens	1,455	1,349
Total	173,220	169,411

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Dec-04 is 154.3 million head compared to 156.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.7 million head or 16.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 25-Dec-04 the estimated available is 152.1 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
November	6	161.5	162.0	5.32
	13	163.9	159.1	5.30
	20	158.0	154.1	5.28
	27	119.1	153.1	5.27
December	4	164.6	155.3	5.41
	11	161.8	155.8	5.21
Year to date		7763.8	7887.6	98%
December	18		154.3	
	25		152.1	

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 13-DEC-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.72	42	62.45	78
Los Angeles	80.00	78.28	68	73.77	158
New York	63.00-65.00	64.07	27	65.97	52

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

13-DEC-2004	Change from		
	06-DEC-2004	06-DEC-2004	15-DEC-2003
68.00	.52	67.48	65.77
NUMBER OF LOADS	615		

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/	73-80	75	75.00	120
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-80	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-81	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-71	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-73	-	-	-

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 12/13/04	3,677	61,434	61,183
AM 12/01/04	3,806	66,595	60,214
CHG	-129	-5161	969
PCT CHG	-3%	-8%	2%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 13-Dec-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	11.90
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.75-15 CENTS/LB.	10.25-11.5	11.16

(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)

10-Dec-04	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE MAJORITY
Eastern	5-9 7-9
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	0-5

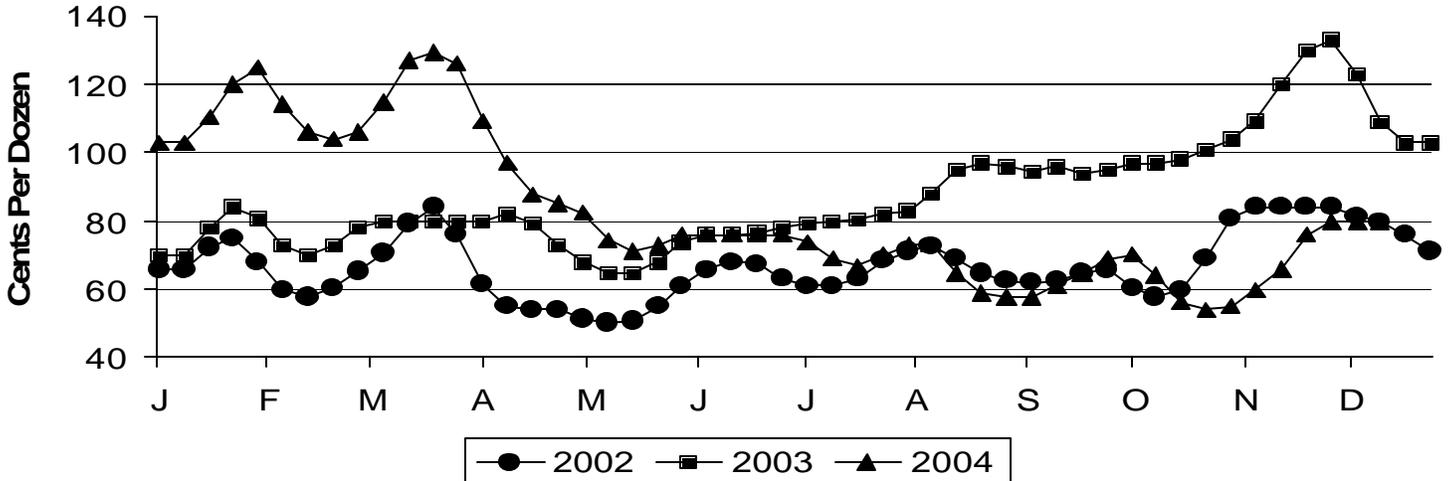
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 11-Dec-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	267.2	7	21
East North Central	597.6	0	6
West North Central	285.4	0	-6
South Atlantic	241.7	3	6
South Central	72	2	3
West	197.4	8	2
Total	1661.3	2	5

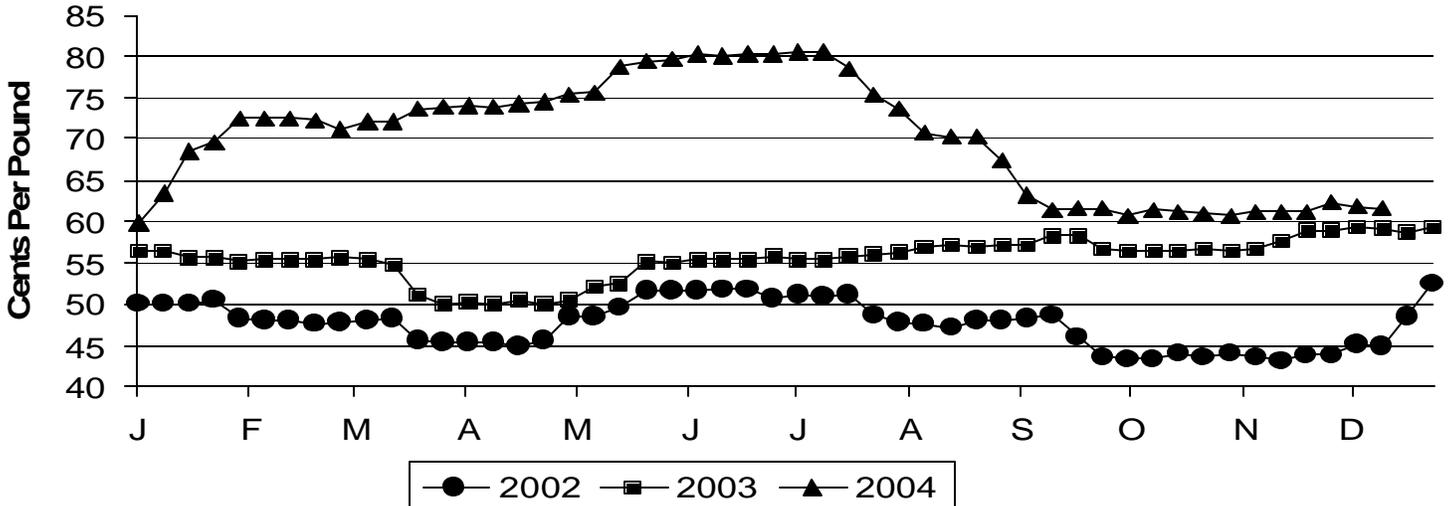
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86
Last year 85

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)

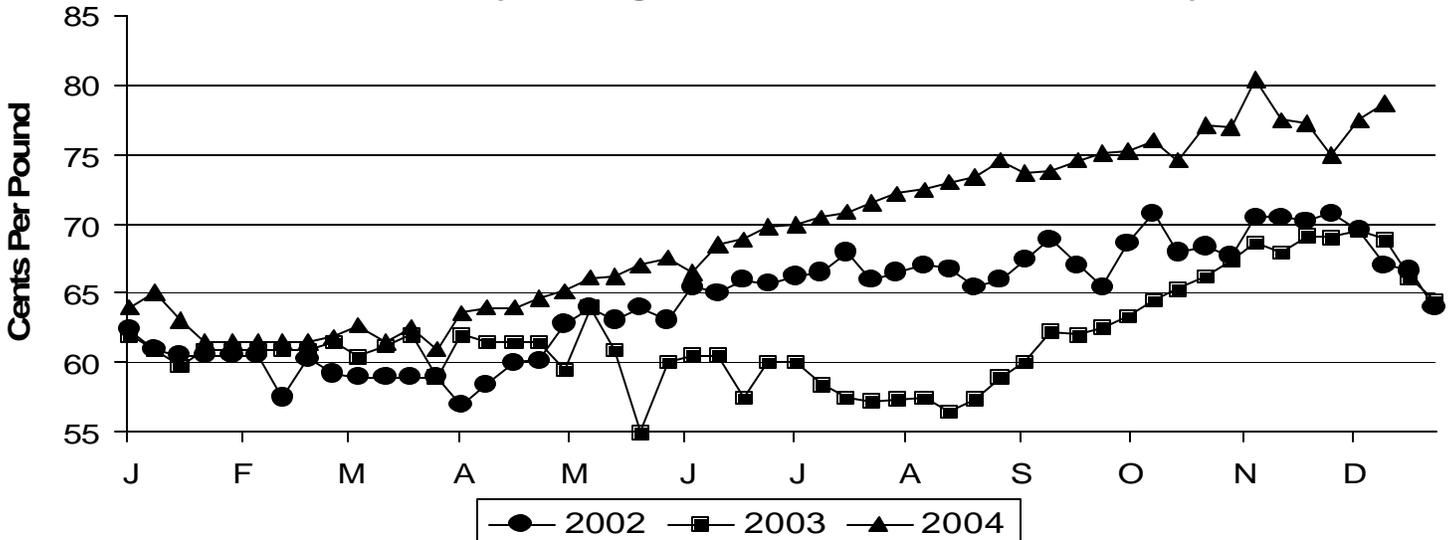
New York Large Weekly Average Price



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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