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Prices remained unchanged throughout the week. The market tone continues to be steady. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good best into feature activity. Supplies were adequate to at times ample. Breaking stock prices were lower while checks and undergrades were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate with a light demand. Producers were beginning to sell future shell egg production into breaking channels. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to instances weak. The light type hen demand was unchanged to sharply higher. Additional offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the mostly fair demand. Schedules were full-time. Removal prices were 0-12 cents, mostly 6.5-8.5 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. Cartoned egg sales were light to fairly good, best for feature activity. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central States breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the fully adequate offerings. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-55	46-52
LARGE	44-54	45-48
MEDIUM	31-41	33-36

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 continued steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light demand. Spent hens were fully adequate and demand was reported as at least moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-70	56-59
LARGE	49-63	54-58
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

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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	57.50	56.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	56.50	54.50	40.00
MIDWEST	49.00	46.50	34.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.50	59.50	43.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	56.37	54.36	39.91

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

	03-08-05	03-01-05	03-09-04
Large	27-36	27-36	87-94
Medium	14-20	14-20	77-81

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- March 07, 2005

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	15.5	19.0	8.9	14.0	14.1	71.5
	Change	1.5	-3.4	-0.6	1.7	0.5	0%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.0	51.8	13.9	42.8	43.9	180.4
	Change	-1.6	0.3	-1.5	13.0	0.6	6%
Large	Curr Wk	91.0	158.8	98.0	129.7	150.3	627.8
	Change	11.5	-7.4	6.5	18.3	23.9	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	51.0	20.0	24.9	32.7	139.4
	Change	-0.7	-4.5	2.4	0.2	-1.6	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	6.7	3.0	6.6	4.4	24.3
	Change	1.0	-0.2	0.6	-1.0	-0.1	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.0	23.4	8.6	12.6	5.4	54.0
	Change	-1.7	5.1	1.4	-1.6	0.6	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.8	55.5	42.3	41.1	38.4	201.1
	Change	0.9	-5.2	-2.3	1.8	3.9	0%
Total	Curr Wk	176.7	366.2	194.7	271.7	289.2	1298.5
	Change	7%	-4%	3%	14%	11%	5%

TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1298.5	5%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	253.3	-4%	35

Total Shell Egg 1551.8 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.

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 05-MAR-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,263,843	30,745	11,823	6,114	2,259	4,452
PW	1,239,906	30,324	11,917	6,138	2,520	4,320
LY	1,184,079	29,179	10,820	6,342	2,418	4,156
% CHG PWK	2	1	-1	0	-10	3
% CHG LY	7	5	9	-4	-7	7
2005	11,114,319	266,121	108,256	57,331	25,641	39,119
2004	10,428,723	244,972	101,313	56,746	24,286	36,744
% CHG YTD	7	9	7	1	6	6

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.04	42.50	42.65
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.52	39.02	39.14

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	FEB 26	MAR 05	FEB 26	MAR 05
	Thousand			
AL	*29,754	30,331	*21,639	21,620
AR	31,259	31,198	*24,831	24,076
DE	3,929	3,955	*6,723	5,948
FL	1,357	1,358	1,437	1,503
GA	*33,611	33,214	*27,162	27,631
KY	7,392	7,191	*6,286	6,262
LA	4,043	4,044	3,746	3,581
MD	8,931	8,972	*4,214	5,122
MS	19,277	19,314	17,963	17,817
NC	*18,202	18,870	*14,556	15,140
OK	*6,426	6,386	5,560	6,359
PA	*3,881	4,039	*3,166	3,029
SC	5,279	6,073	4,449	3,957
TX	*15,240	15,155	*12,714	12,739
VA	6,528	6,525	5,372	4,898
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,937	18,392	*17,108	17,343
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19 State Total	*213,046	215,017	*176,926	177,025
Previous Year Total	210,864	210,313	168,319	169,208
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	102	105	105

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 16-Apr-05 is estimated at 162.9 million head. This compares to 161.8 million head the previous week and to 158.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 76.00 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/03/05-03/09/05

CURRENT LDS 45.00 FUTURE LDS 52.50 TOTAL LDS 97.50
SE NE MW

CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	32.00	35.50	32.50	36.25	—	35.00	18.00
GNR W 3	—	25.50	—	—	23.50	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	53.00	54.50	44.78	—	4.25
GL W XL	47.50	48.90	44.80	47.85	41.29	—	27.75
GL W LG	45.50	47.08	38.50	40.00	40.20	41.00	10.75
GL W MD	34.00	35.00	—	32.20	27.95	29.25	17.75
GL W SM	23.50	26.00	25.58	28.08	—	—	3.50
NRBS - 48	—	28.00	—	—	—	32.33	17.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	27.50	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 05-MAR-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	26.8	30.0	-11	-9
Boston	3.3	3.0	10	0
Chicago	72.4	75.1	-4	-12
Detroit	23.5	25.5	-8	-10
Kansas City	3.2	8.5	-62	-26
Los Angeles	110.4	103.9	6	21
New Orleans	7.0	7.3	-4	8
New York	32.1	32.3	-1	9
St. Louis	17.3	14.5	19	6
San Francisco	20.5	19.8	4	-6
Total	316.5	319.9	-1	2
4 Week Moving Avg.	304.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 05-MAR-05

TOTAL	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG OLD TOMS		BREEDERS
	TURKEYS				
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	1,466	2,470	25	0	3,961
Avg Wt	16.43	38.34	26.53	0.00	30.16
Last week	1,473	2,441	32	0	3,946
Same wk yr ago	1,729	2,515	73	24	4,341
Avg Wt	15.38	35.86	26.17	30.35	27.51
To-date/2005	13,699	22,543	267	32	36,541
To-date/2004	15,197	21,991	353	81	37,622

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 05-MAR-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		THOUSAND	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT		HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	705	-5	24.58	(A)	705	24.58
South Atlantic	532	-9	33.70	(A)	532	33.70
North Central	1,928	3	34.13	(A)	1,928	34.13
South Central	474	6	22.05	(A)	474	22.05
West	322	9	24.67	(A)	322	24.67
U.S. total	3,961(B)	0	30.16	0	3,961	30.16
To-date						
2005	36,509(B)			32	36,541	
To-date						
2004	37,541(B)			81	37,622	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 25,000; for the current year to date 267,000; for last year to date 353,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 05-Mar-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	160,095	1,547	1,451	2,998	529
Avg Wt	5.24	3.35	8.01	5.61	6.80
Last week	156,421	1,511	1,477	2,988	551
Same wk yr ago	153,459	1,129	1,250	2,379	440
Avg Wt	5.41	3.22	7.80	5.63	5.39
To-date/2005	1,411,064	12,815	11,602	24,417	4,581
To-date/2004	1,379,453	11,393	11,481	22,874	4,081

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.0 million head, or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 12-Mar-05

CLASS	Current Week 03/12/05(1)	Previous Week 03/05/05
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	165,098(2)	163,044
Light hens	1,761	1,488
Heavy hens	1,327	1,449
Total	168,186	165,981

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 12-Mar-05 is 161.9 million head compared to 159.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.4 million head or 3.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 19-Mar-05 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
January	29 159.7	162.4	98%	5.28
February	5 158.5	162.5	98%	5.35
	12 156.3	162.1	96%	5.29
	19 158.6	162.8	97%	5.16
	26 158.3	163.4	97%	5.28
March	5 162.0	163.0	99%	5.24
Year to date	1428.2	1451.4	98%	
March	12 161.9			
	19 162.0			

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 07-MAR-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	63.00-66.00	66.64	40	68.39	79
Los Angeles	80.00	78.87	62	76.29	140
New York	67.00-70.00	69.57	23	69.01	55

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
07-MAR-2005	28-FEB-2005	28-FEB-2005	08-MAR-2004
71.74	.22	71.52	75.92

NUMBER OF LOADS 583

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
February	71.43	2,302.40

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/	64-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	63-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-65	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	62-64	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-63	62	62.00	10
WESTERN REGION	62-63	-	-	-

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 03/07/05	3,391	93,556	42,843
AM 02/01/05	3,613	78,113	44,671
CHG	-222	15,443	-1,828
PCT CHG	-6%	20%	-4%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of January 31, 2005 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on March 1, 2005 are:

FROZEN EGGS	18 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	402 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	607 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 07-MAR-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.25-13	12.20
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8.5-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-12.5	12.02

(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)

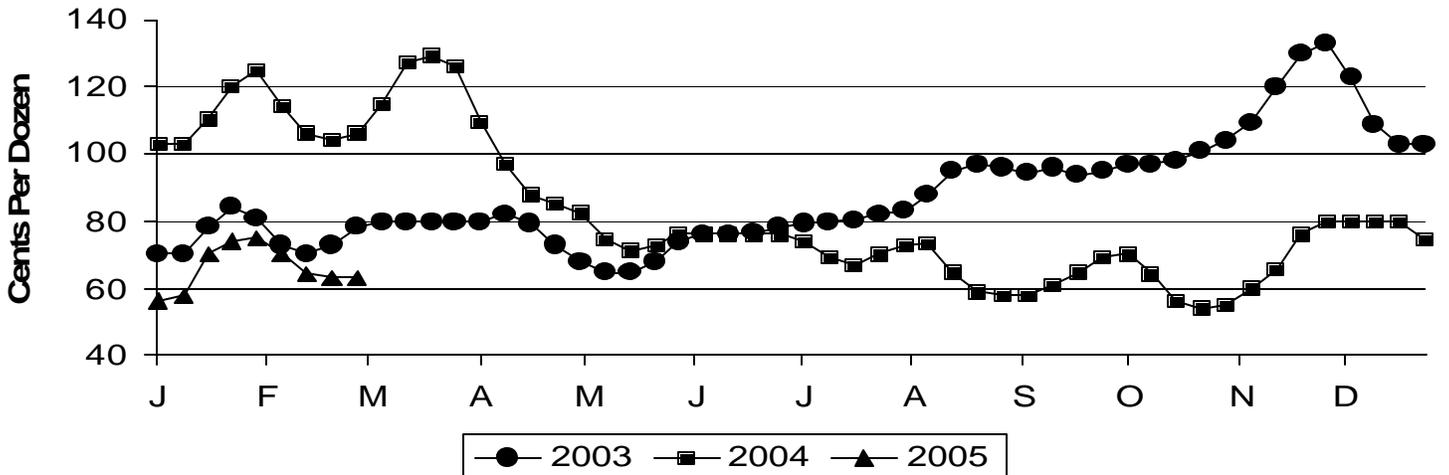
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-13	8-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-12	6.5-8.5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

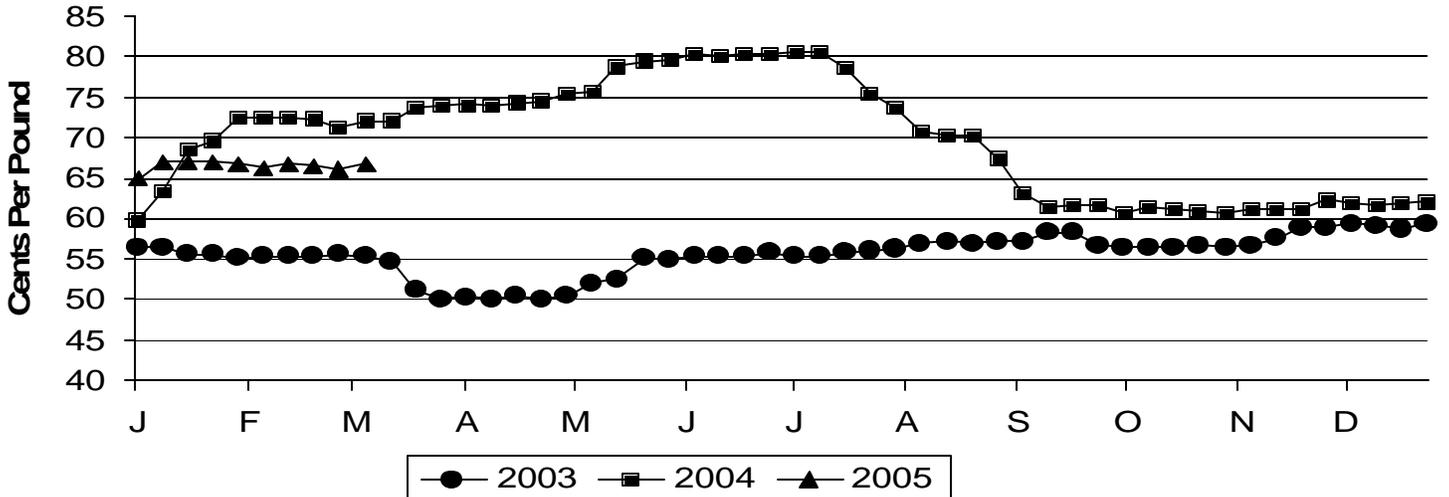
W/E 05-Mar-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	245.1	1	1
East North Central	626.8	0	10
West North Central	287.7	-3	3
South Atlantic	223.5	5	5
South Central	62.8	6	-10
West	219.7	8	10
Total	1665.6	2	6
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

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

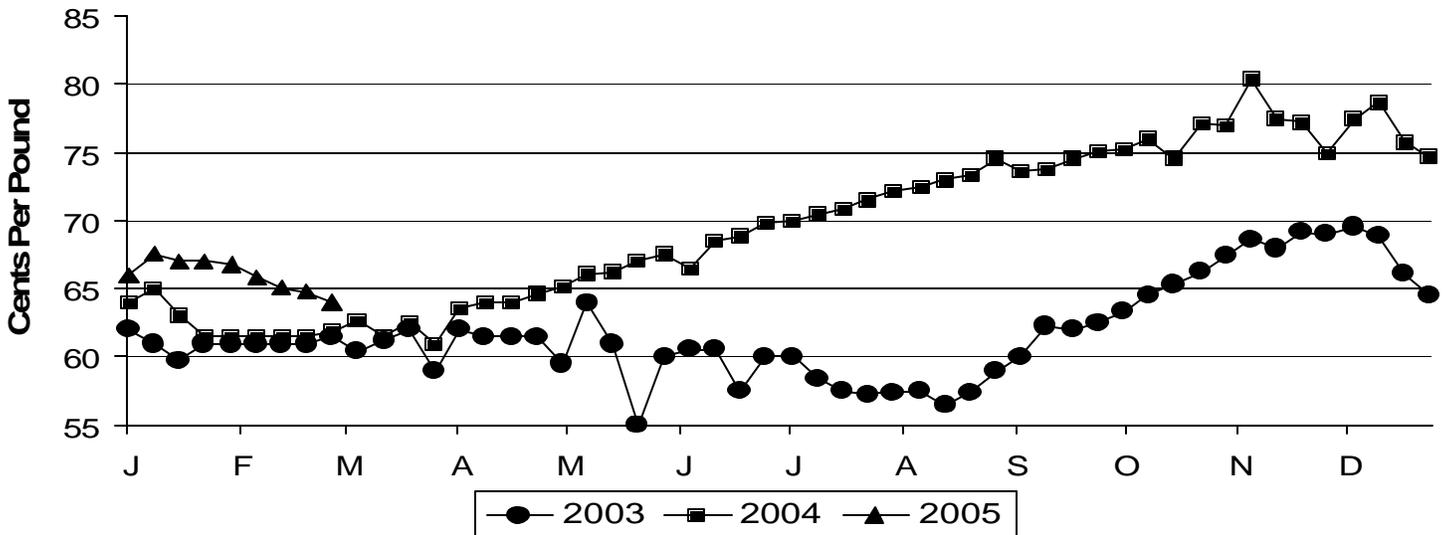
New York Large Weekly Average Price



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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