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Prices at the beginning of the week were unchanged in all locations. As the week progressed prices were slightly higher on all sizes in New York. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good, best where promotions were present. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate on larger sizes and closely balanced to tight on balance of sizes. Breaking stock prices were higher while checks and undergrades were unchanged. Offerings were tight to unavailable with current bids going unnoticed. Demand was fair to instances fairly good. Floor stocks were balanced to adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Removal costs for light type hens remain unchanged. Demand was good with fully adequate to ample offerings. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices continue at 0-8.5 cents, mostly 5.5-8.5 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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for mediums. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady for mediums and steady for the balance. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to fairly good. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for large and adequate to tight for the balance with mediums in the tightest position. Central States breaking stock prices were higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight to unavailable with current bids going unnoticed. Demand was fair to instances fairly good. Floor stocks balanced to adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43
LARGE	35-45	36-39
MEDIUM	22-32	24-27

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 slightly higher. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was light to fairly good, best where features were in progress. Large eggs were advertised for 99 cents a dozen. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate on large while the balance of sizes remained close to tight. Breaking stock demand was noted as light to moderate for sufficient offerings. Spent hen supplies were fully adequate to instances ample for the at least moderate to good demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-62	48-50
LARGE	39-53	44-48
MEDIUM	26-39	31-33

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

COMBINED REGIONAL Apr 8, 2005
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	46.00	32.00
SOUTHEAST	46.50	44.50	31.00
MIDWEST	40.00	37.50	25.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	46.50	30.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.25	43.73	29.75

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

	04-12-05	04-05-05	04-13-04
Large	18-27	18-27	60-67
Medium	6-11	6-11	45-49

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- April 11, 2005

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

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		NO	CENT	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.0	15.0	8.7	14.2	11.0	59.9
	Change	0.3	-0.2	0.8	0.9	-0.6	2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.1	39.7	10.1	26.2	33.3	125.4
	Change	-4.2	-1.7	2.1	-0.1	-2.3	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	34.5	124.7	53.9	116.7	77.4	407.2
	Change	-29.2	6.7	8.3	20.0	-6.9	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.8	41.2	14.6	21.7	25.4	114.7
	Change	1.4	-12.3	-0.7	3.1	-3.0	-9%
Small	Curr Wk	7.4	6.3	2.5	5.4	3.4	25.0
	Change	0.5	-4.6	-0.7	0.8	-0.7	-16%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.3	23.6	9.8	11.3	6.5	55.5
	Change	-0.1	-1.9	0.4	-0.9	0.5	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.2	42.5	25.1	35.6	28.2	145.6
	Change	6.2	7.5	4.7	12.6	-1.9	25%
Total	Curr Wk	99.3	293.0	124.7	231.1	185.2	933.3
	Percent Change	-20%	-2%	14%	19%	-7%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	933.3	1%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	250.0	2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1183.3	1%	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 09-APR-05

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,339,912	31,659	13,567	7,143	3,055	4,385
PW	1,356,492	30,897	14,034	7,734	3,140	4,622
LY	1,177,138	28,021	11,203	6,130	2,613	3,851
% CHG PWK	-1	2	-3	-8	-3	-5
% CHG LY	14	13	21	17	17	14
2005	17,656,167	421,047	172,838	92,605	39,465	61,531
2004	16,320,375	388,724	155,493	86,546	35,674	57,029
% CHG YTD	8	8	11	7	11	8

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.36	42.23	41.80
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.08	38.82	38.53

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	APR 2	APR 9	APR 2	APR 9
	Thousand			
AL	30,740	30,445	21,408	21,072
AR	30,537	31,153	25,665	24,086
DE	3,943	4,031	4,962	5,544
FL	1,356	1,353	1,560	1,699
GA	31,702	33,111	27,362	27,040
KY	*7,183	7,254	*6,051	5,425
LA	4,165	4,165	3,834	3,871
MD	8,566	8,782	5,763	5,311
MS	19,539	18,866	17,641	17,940
NC	18,628	18,888	15,148	15,361
OK	6,187	6,627	5,163	5,362
PA	*4,048	4,209	*3,106	2,956
SC	5,196	5,106	4,232	4,512
TX	15,403	15,480	12,885	12,910
VA	6,678	6,601	*5,320	5,703
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,228	18,701	*16,543	16,780
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19 State Total	*212,099	214,772	*176,643	175,572
Previous Year Total	211,621	212,729	173,152	171,903
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	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 21-May-05 is estimated at 162.3 million head. This compares to 162.8 million head the previous week and to 162.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 80.50 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/07/05-04/13/05

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 69.50		FUTURE LDS 70.50		TOTAL LDS 140.00		LOADS
	SE	DST	NE	DST	MW	DST	
GNR W 1	24.00	27.86	24.00	26.43	—	26.50	35.00
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	41.86	—	—	2.75
GL W J	—	—	48.00	49.50	38.75	—	7.00
GL W XL	—	36.00	37.80	38.87	33.28	36.00	46.50
GL W LG	—	38.45	31.67	34.29	27.95	—	23.75
GL W MD	—	23.85	23.50	24.80	22.53	22.67	23.00
GL W SM	25.92	28.42	22.87	25.13	—	—	8.75
GL BR SM	—	—	22.00	24.00	—	—	.75
NRBS - 48	—	21.67	—	—	24.00	24.18	31.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	15.50	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 09-APR-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
Atlanta	25.2	26.3	-4	-24
Boston	3.3	3.1	6	-28
Chicago	66.1	64.2	3	-45
Detroit	28.1	20.1	40	-28
Kansas City	3.1	3.1	0	-45
Los Angeles	101.2	104.5	-3	-9
New Orleans	7.8	6.1	28	-17
New York	30.6	28.2	9	-14
St. Louis	15.7	15.7	0	-16
San Francisco	25.8	19.2	34	-15
Total	306.9	290.5	6	-25
4 Week Moving Avg.	343.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 09-APR-05

TOTAL	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		BREEDERS
	HENS	TOMS	TOMS	BREEDERS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,637	2,545	30	0	4,212
Avg Wt	16.16	38.16	26.85	0.00	29.53
Last week	1,660	2,516	5	5	4,186
Same wk yr ago	1,589	2,278	38	12	3,917
Avg Wt	15.46	36.96	25.79	31.99	28.11
To-date/2005	21,597	35,100	344	47	57,088
To-date/2004	23,676	34,501	626	116	58,919

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 09-APR-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	AVG	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	813	10	23.97	(A)	813	23.97	
South Atlantic	515	-19	32.99	(A)	515	32.99	
North Central	2,023	3	33.50	(A)	2,023	33.50	
South Central	543	8	22.60	(A)	543	22.60	
West	318	-6	24.75	(A)	318	24.75	
U.S. total	4,212(B)	1	29.53	0	4,212	29.53	
To-date							
2005	57,041(B)			47	57,088		
To-date							
2004	58,803(B)			116	58,919		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 30,000; for the current year to date 344,000; for last year to date 626,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 09-Apr-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	157,429	1,740	1,314	3,054	501
Avg Wt	5.21	3.31	7.95	5.31	6.80
Last week	155,010	1,671	1,421	3,092	500
Same wk yr ago	150,462	1,362	1,305	2,667	464
Avg Wt	5.22	3.41	8.06	5.69	6.74
To-date/2005	2,189,629	21,042	18,412	39,454	7,103
To-date/2004	2,144,901	17,870	17,683	35,553	6,483

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.3 million head, or 6.7 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Apr-05

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/16/05(1)	04/09/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	165,021(2)	161,774
Light hens	1,733	1,772
Heavy hens	1,460	1,316
Total	168,214	164,862

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Apr-05 is 166.2 million head compared to 154.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.4 million head or 0.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 23-Apr-05 the estimated available is 166.1 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
March	5	162.0	163.0	99%	5.24
	12	159.5	161.9	99%	5.16
	19	159.2	162.0	98%	5.20
	26	153.0	164.0	93%	5.19
April	2	156.9	165.4	95%	5.17
	9	159.3	166.0	96%	5.21
Year to date	2216.1	2270.7	98%		
April	16		166.2		
	23		166.1		

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

11-APR-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	66.00-69.00	68.52	40	70.36	72	
Los Angeles	80.00	79.29	63	77.56	130	
New York	71.00-73.00	71.48	23	70.52	56	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

11-APR-2005	Change from		12-APR-2004
	04-APR-2005	04-APR-2005	
73.22	-53	73.75	76.00
NUMBER OF LOADS	577		

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/ WTD LBS

8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-67	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	64-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	63-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	64-66	-	-	-

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 04/11/05	3,338	111,577	49,851
AM 04/01/05	3,450	101,666	49,856
CHG	-112	9911	-5
PCT CHG	-3%	10%	0%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 11-APR-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13	12.56
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8.5-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-12.75	11.96

(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)

08-APR-05

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-13	8-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-8.5	5.5-8.5

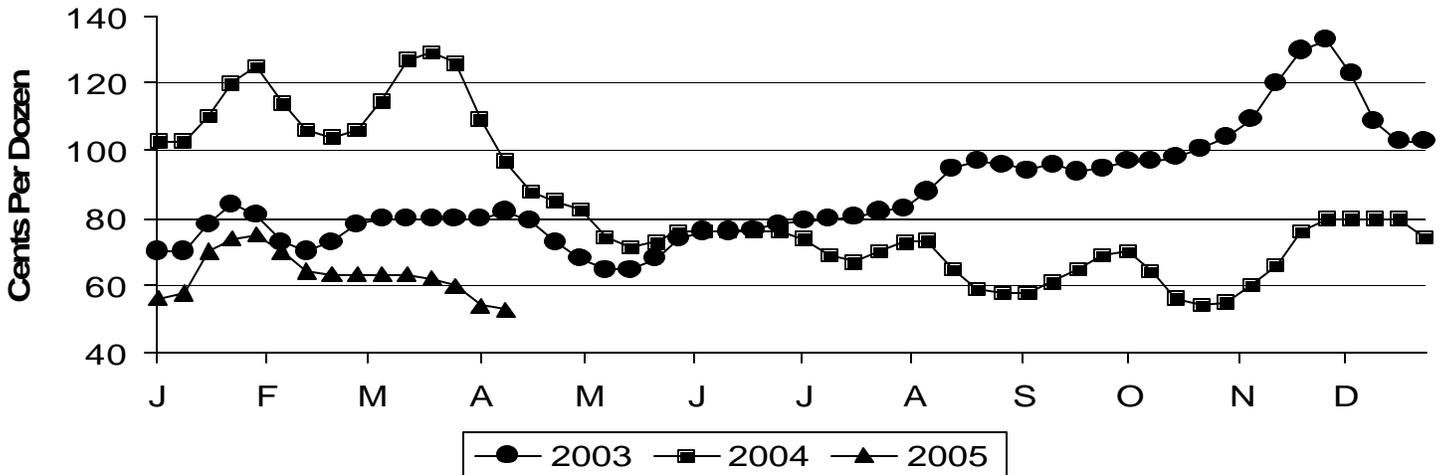
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

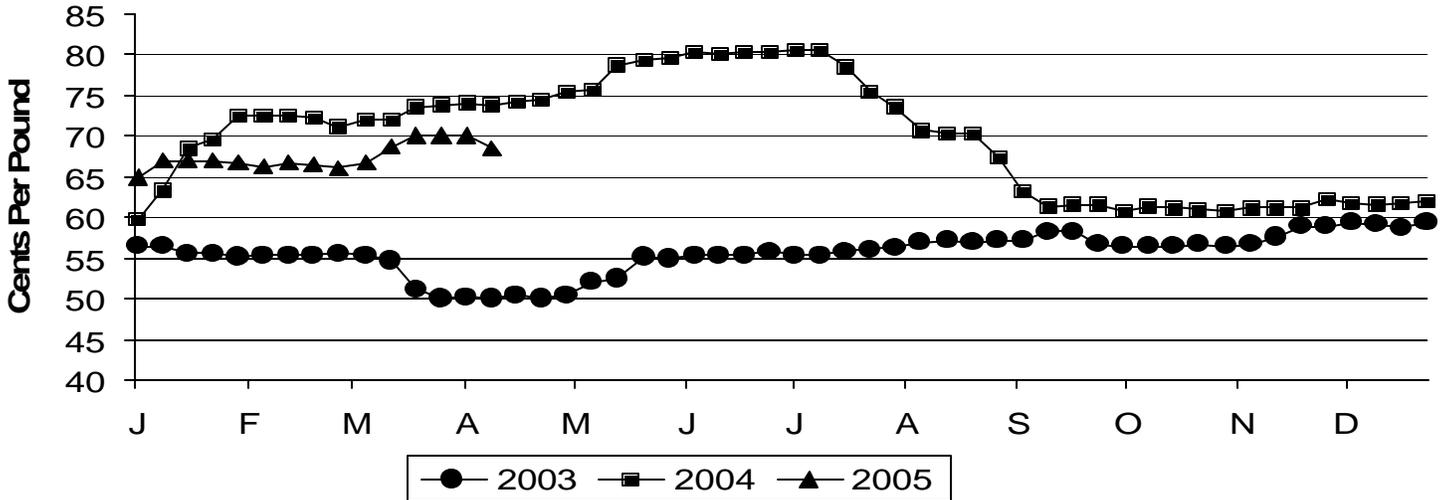
W/E 09-Apr-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	227.2	-10	-8
East North Central	562.9	-6	2
West North Central	269.5	-7	-6
South Atlantic	197.9	-6	-20
South Central	61.3	0	-12
West	202.8	-2	-11
Total	1521.6	-6	-7
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	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)

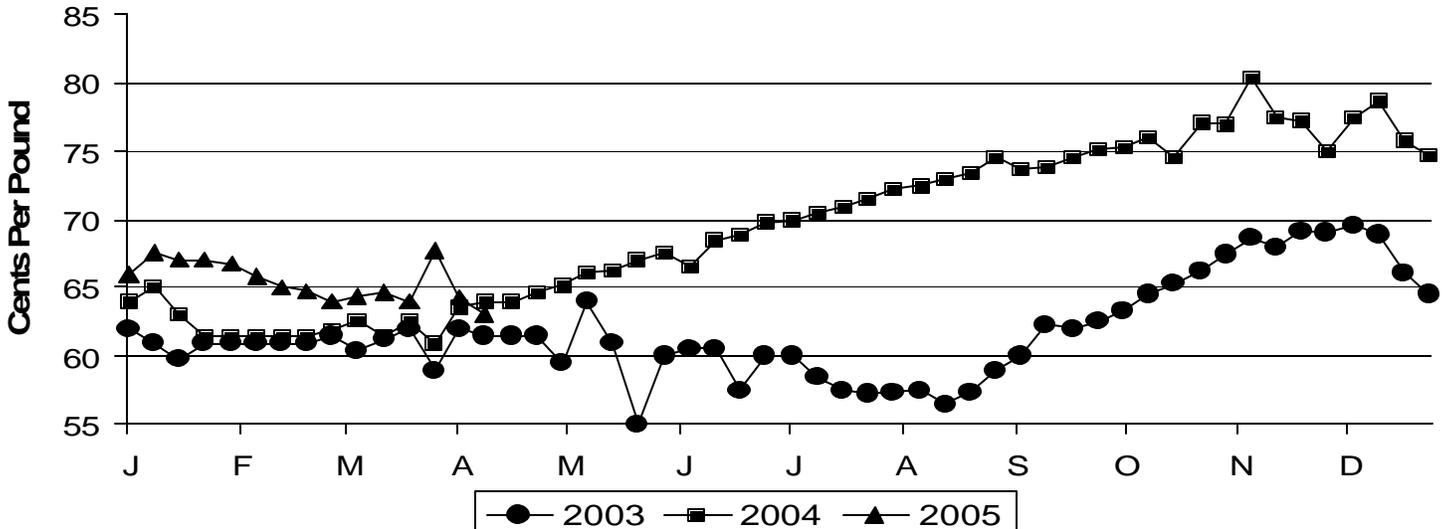
New York Large Weekly Average Price



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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