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At the beginning of the week prices were higher on all sizes in all locations. As the week progressed prices were higher in New York but were unchanged in other areas. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail and food service demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times short of needs. On breaking stock, all prices were higher. Demand was fairly good with tight offerings as higher bids failed to secure additional heavy breaking stock. Floor stocks were in close balance to short of production needs. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment was firm. Removal costs for light type hens continue to be unchanged. Offerings were ample while demand is mostly good as producers continue to remove spent hens at an increased pace. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices continue at 0-8.5 cents, mostly 6-8.5 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 higher for large and medium and were unchanged for small. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to very good. Food service movement was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were balanced to tight. Central States breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was fairly good to mostly good for the tight to inadequate offerings. Floor stocks in close balance to short of production needs. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment firm.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	36-46	37-43
LARGE	35-45	36-39
MEDIUM	25-35	27-30

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 continued to trend higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were balanced to tight for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to occasionally short for the moderate demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to instances ample for slaughter requirements.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	46-62	48-51
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	28-41	33-35

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

COMBINED REGIONAL

Apr 15, 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

	04-19-05	04-12-05	04-20-04
Large	18-27	18-27	52-59
Medium	8-14	6-11	43-47

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- April 18, 2005

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.8	14.9	7.5	12.7	11.1	58.0
	Change	0.8	-0.1	-1.2	-1.5	0.1	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	19.0	38.2	10.8	24.7	33.7	126.4
	Change	2.9	-1.5	0.7	-1.5	0.4	1%
Large	Curr Wk	43.5	129.5	57.5	98.5	76.9	405.9
	Change	9.0	4.8	3.6	-18.2	-0.5	0%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.5	40.6	13.9	23.5	28.3	118.8
	Change	0.7	-0.6	-0.7	1.8	2.9	4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	4.4	3.3	3.0	4.4	19.6
	Change	-2.9	-1.9	0.8	-2.4	1.0	-22%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.0	25.0	10.4	10.9	5.7	57.0
	Change	0.7	1.4	0.6	-0.4	-0.8	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.2	34.0	18.0	33.4	22.9	129.5
	Change	7.0	-8.5	-7.1	-2.2	-5.3	-11%
Total	Curr Wk	117.5	286.6	121.4	206.7	183.0	915.2
Percent	Change	18%	-2%	-3%	-11%	-1%	-2%

TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	915.2	-2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	232.3	-7%	35
Total Shell Egg	1147.5	-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 16-APR-05

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,314,014	31,034	13,308	7,170	2,549	4,507
PWEEK	1,339,912	31,659	13,567	7,143	3,055	4,385
LY	1,250,367	29,610	11,954	6,784	2,771	4,288
% CHG PWK	-2	-2	-2	0	-17	3
% CHG LY	5	5	11	6	-8	5
2005	18,970,181	452,081	186,146	99,775	42,013	66,037
2004	17,570,742	418,334	167,447	93,330	38,445	61,317
% CHG YTD	8	8	11	7	9	8

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.63	42.36	42.10
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.20	39.08	38.67

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	APR 9	APR 16	APR 9	APR 16
	Thousand			
AL	30,445	29,672	*21,769	21,842
AR	31,153	30,994	*24,245	24,090
DE	4,031	3,902	*6,033	5,788
FL	1,353	1,344	1,699	1,488
GA	*33,221	33,573	*27,006	26,939
KY	*7,338	7,263	*5,517	6,138
LA	4,165	4,165	3,871	3,653
MD	*9,010	8,884	*5,207	4,988
MS	18,866	18,524	17,940	17,960
NC	18,888	18,702	15,361	15,174
OK	*6,465	6,507	5,362	5,075
PA	4,209	4,164	2,956	2,887
SC	5,106	5,205	4,512	4,156
TX	15,480	15,470	12,910	12,897
VA	6,601	6,515	*5,364	5,676
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,735	18,872	*16,909	17,867
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19 State Total	*215,066	213,756	*176,661	176,618
Previous Year Total	212,808	214,388	172,145	173,941
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	100	103	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-May-05 is estimated at 162.6 million head. This compares to 162.3 million head the previous week and to 162.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.77 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/14/05-04/20/05

CURRENT LDS	66.25		FUTURE LDS		55.00		TOTAL LDS		121.25	
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	LOADS	LOADS	LOADS	LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	LOADS	LOADS	LOADS
GNR W 1	27.00	28.50	27.67	29.22	—	27.00	17.00			
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	—	—	—	—	1.00			
GL W J	—	—	50.50	52.00	41.50	46.00	4.00			
GL W XL	—	39.00	38.67	41.00	37.70	37.00	35.00			
GL W LG	—	38.50	33.50	36.88	34.62	37.00	40.00			
GL W MD	—	29.00	26.70	28.00	27.69	28.40	22.25			
GL W SM	25.75	28.75	23.33	25.00	21.50	22.50	6.00			
NRBS - 48	—	22.50	—	32.00	31.75	29.61	26.25			
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	6.00			
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00			
NRBS - 36	—	—	15.00	16.00	12.00	16.00	.75			

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 16-APR-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS	PW	PW	LY
Atlanta	26.8	25.2	6	21
Boston	3.1	3.3	-6	-21
Chicago	59.9	66.1	-9	5
Detroit	20.4	28.1	-27	-12
Kansas City	3.1	3.1	0	8
Los Angeles	117.5	101.2	16	20
New Orleans	8.3	7.8	6	-11
New York	32.3	30.6	6	15
St. Louis	17.2	15.7	10	19
San Francisco	18.8	25.8	-27	2
Total	307.4	306.9	0	11
4 Week Moving Avg.	330.0			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 16-APR-05

TOTAL	YOUNG HENS		YOUNG OLD TOMS		BREEDERS
	TURKEYS	TURKEYS	TURKEYS	TURKEYS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,564	2,555	11	2	4,132
Avg Wt	16.35	38.07	24.72	29.42	29.81
Last week	1,637	2,545	30	0	4,212
Same wk yr ago	1,634	2,466	49	5	4,154
Avg Wt	15.81	37.29	26.36	28.67	28.70
To-date/2005	23,161	37,655	355	49	61,220
To-date/2004	25,310	36,967	675	121	63,073

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 16-APR-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDIED		TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	THOUSAND	HEAD-	AVG	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	LIVE WT
North East	739	-9	25.27	(A)	740	25.27	
South Atlantic	599	16	32.62	(A)	600	32.62	
North Central	1,984	-2	32.62	(A)	1,984	32.62	
South Central	491	-10	22.94	(A)	491	22.94	
West	317	0	24.51	(A)	317	24.51	
U.S. total	4,130(B)	-2	29.81	2	4,132	29.81	
To-date							
2005	61,171(B)			49	61,220		
To-date							
2004	62,952(B)			121	63,073		

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 11,000; for the current year to date 355,000; for last year to date 675,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 16-Apr-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	158,035	1,687	1,411	3,098	493
Avg Wt	5.27	3.39	8.26	5.61	6.32
Last week	157,429	1,740	1,314	3,054	501
Same wk yr ago	152,185	1,464	1,287	2,751	422
Avg Wt	5.26	3.37	8.05	5.56	6.54
To-date/2005	2,347,664	22,729	19,823	42,552	7,596
To-date/2004	2,297,086	19,334	18,970	38,304	6,905

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.0 million head, or 6.2 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Apr-05

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/23/05(1)	04/16/05
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	166,939(2)	165,021
Light hens	1,700	1,733
Heavy hens	1,411	1,460
Total	170,050	168,214

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Apr-05 is 166.1 million head compared to 157.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.3 million head or 1.2 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Apr-05 the estimated available is 166.1 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
March	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
	16	160.0	166.2	96%	5.27
Year to date	2376.0	2436.9	98%		
April	23	166.1			
	30	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 18-APR-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	66.00-69.00	69.07	38	69.94	71	
Los Angeles	80.00	79.43	60	75.99	147	
New York	71.00-73.00	71.52	25	71.36	52	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

18-APR-2005	Change from		
	11-APR-2005	11-APR-2005	19-APR-2004
72.77	-45	73.22	76.53
NUMBER OF LOADS	583		

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	AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	65-67	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-66	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION	64-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	63-66	66	66.00	10
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 04/18/05	3,400	115,403	51,409
AM 04/01/05	3,450	101,666	49,856
CHG	-50	13737	1553
PCT CHG	-1%	14%	3%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 18-APR-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13.5	12.66
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8.5-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.31

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

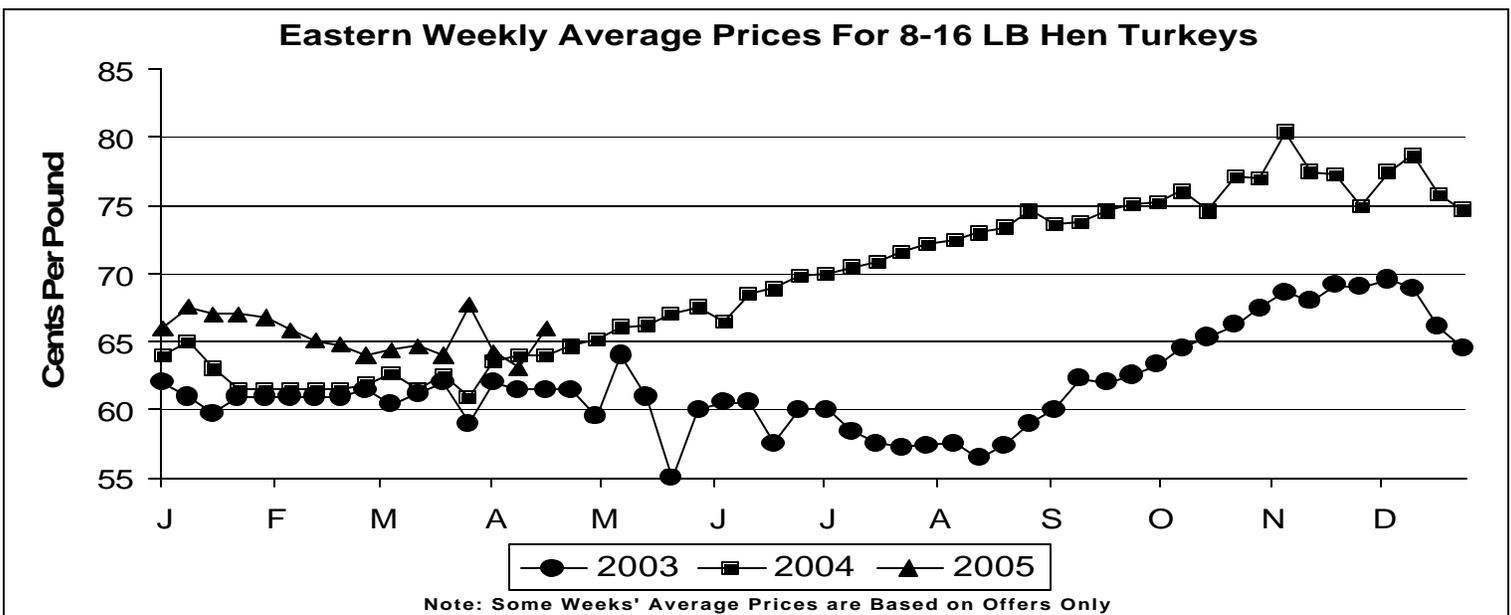
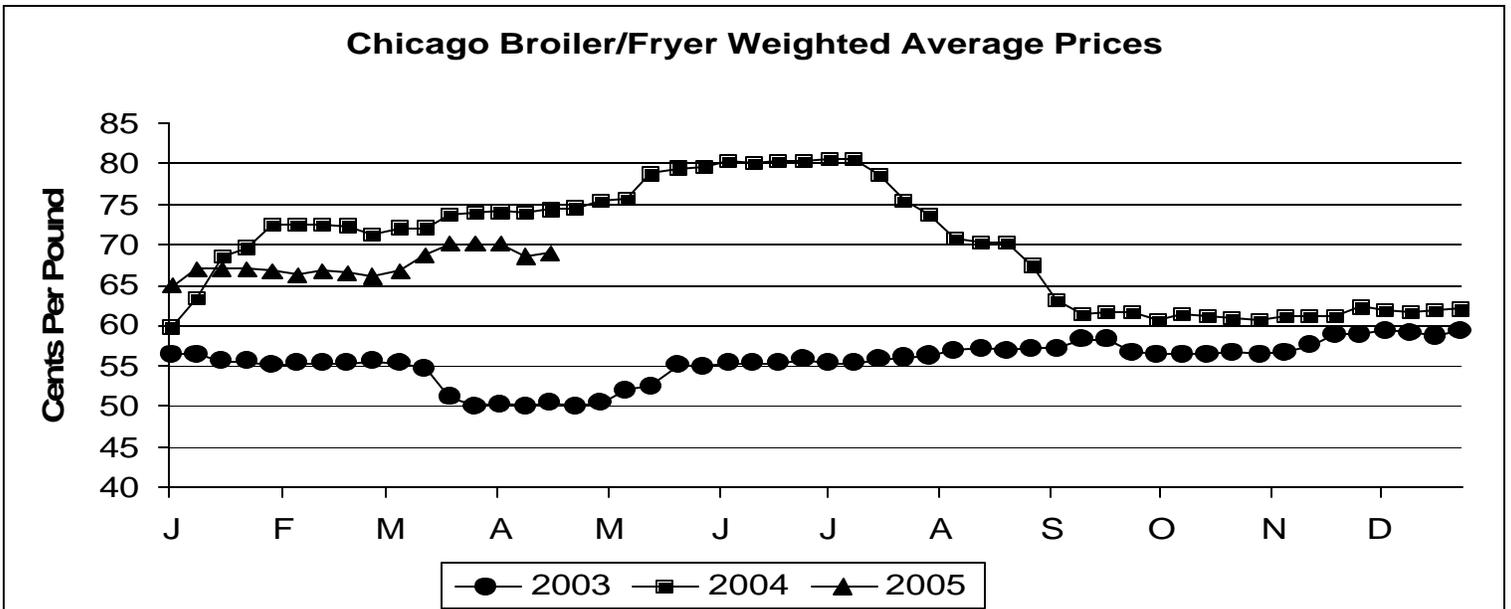
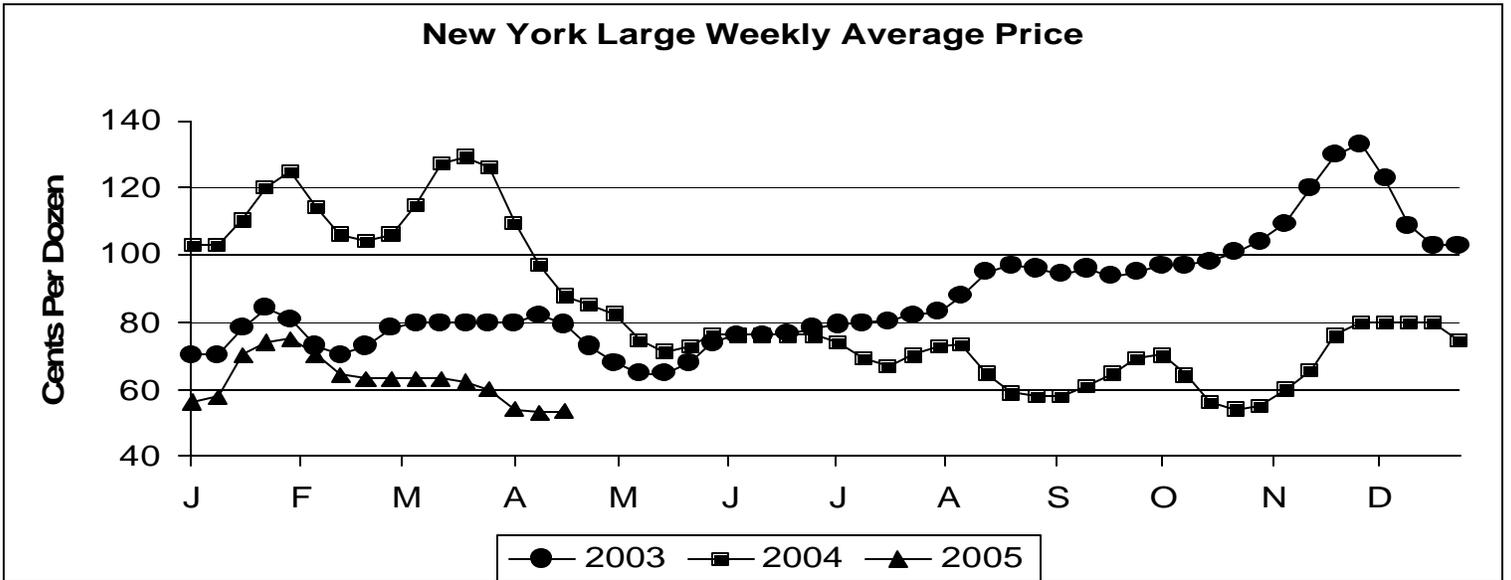
LIGHT TYPE Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

15-APR-05	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE MAJORITY
Eastern	3-13 8-11
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	0-8.5 6-8.5

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 16-Apr-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	237.1	4	-7
East North Central	556.1	-1	12
West North Central	268.5	0	3
South Atlantic	201.2	2	-7
South Central	57	-7	-18
West	211.5	4	18
Total	1531.4	1	4
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)



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