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Prices at the beginning of the week were unchanged in New York but higher on all sizes in other locations. As the week progressed prices were unchanged in all areas. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand ranged light to fairly good with best interest around feature activity. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. For breaking stock, all prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings adequate to close and held with confidence. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs for light type hens remain unchanged. Demand was good while offerings were ample as many producers take later slaughter dates in order to remove spent hens. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices ranged 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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was about steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to instances fairly good. Food service movement was somewhat mixed ranging light to fairly good, usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to moderate for the adequate to close offerings. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-54	45-51
LARGE	43-53	44-47
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 steady. Demand into all channels was moderate to instances good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate for full trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to occasionally tight for a moderate demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to at times ample for processing needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-68	54-57
LARGE	47-61	52-56
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 Apr 22, 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	49.50	47.00	34.00
SOUTHEAST	46.50	44.50	33.00
MIDWEST	40.00	37.50	28.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	46.50	34.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.37	43.96	32.57

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

	04-26-05	04-19-05	04-27-04
Large	26-35	18-27	52-59
Medium	15-21	8-14	43-47

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- April 25, 2005

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

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		NO	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.7	14.8	6.6	11.5	11.2	55.8
	Change	-0.3	-0.1	-0.9	-1.2	-0.1	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.1	36.4	10.8	26.7	34.3	132.3
	Change	4.5	-1.8	0.0	2.0	-0.5	3%
Large	Curr Wk	43.1	107.7	53.7	90.9	76.7	372.1
	Change	-1.9	-21.8	-3.8	-7.6	-1.1	-9%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.8	44.7	14.0	21.4	30.3	124.2
	Change	1.3	4.1	0.1	-2.1	1.9	4%
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	6.5	2.9	6.2	6.0	25.1
	Change	-1.5	2.1	-0.4	3.2	1.6	25%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	24.3	9.5	12.2	5.7	56.4
	Change	-0.3	-0.7	-0.9	1.3	-0.4	-2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.8	44.9	13.4	37.2	27.8	147.1
	Change	1.5	10.9	-4.6	3.8	4.9	13%
Total	Curr Wk	124.7	279.3	110.9	206.1	192.0	913.0
	Percent Change	3%	-3%	-9%	0%	3%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	913.0	-1%	174
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	229.7	-1%	35

Total Shell Egg 1142.7 -1% 209
1/ Information supplied by a universe of 174 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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA		
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY	
	121.4	286.6	121.4	206.7	185.7	921.8

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 23-APR-05(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,313,882	31,850	12,597	6,829	2,371	4,300
PW	1,314,014	31,034	13,308	7,170	2,549	4,507
LY	1,275,904	29,940	12,810	6,866	2,645	4,468
% CHG PWK	0	3	-5	-5	-7	-5
% CHG LY	3	6	-2	-1	-10	-4
2005	20,284,063	483,931	198,744	106,604	44,385	70,337
2004	18,846,646	448,274	180,257	100,197	41,091	65,785
% CHG YTD	8	8	10	6	8	7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.30	42.63	42.39
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	39.03	39.20	38.89

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	APR 16	APR 23	APR 16	APR 23
	Thousand			
AL	29,672	30,310	21,842	22,081
AR	30,994	31,203	24,090	24,641
DE	3,902	4,044	5,788	5,557
FL	1,344	1,354	1,488	1,504
GA	33,573	33,448	*26,971	25,778
KY	7,263	6,699	*6,096	6,319
LA	4,165	4,165	3,653	3,605
MD	8,884	8,981	4,988	5,212
MS	18,524	18,886	17,960	17,764
NC	18,702	19,106	15,174	15,365
OK	6,507	6,649	5,075	4,425
PA	*4,148	4,092	*2,975	3,014
SC	5,205	5,010	*4,602	4,271
TX	15,470	15,526	12,897	13,311
VA	6,515	6,602	5,676	5,353
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,771	17,959	*17,870	17,087
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19 State Total	*213,639	214,034	*177,145	175,287
Previous Year Total	214,388	213,217	173,941	173,669
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	100	102	101

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Jun-05 is estimated at 162.2 million head. This compares to 162.6 million head the previous week and to 163.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 144.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 81.84 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/21/05-04/27/05

CLASS	CURRENT LDS		FUTURE LDS		TOTAL LDS		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	MW	MW	
GNR W 1	32.33	37.60	—	35.50	—	—	11.00
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	35.50	37.00	—	—	3.00
GL W J	—	51.00	54.75	56.50	—	—	2.25
GL W XL	—	48.50	47.00	49.38	43.84	—	33.00
GL W LG	—	46.37	43.50	45.92	40.63	—	29.75
GL W MD	32.00	35.00	33.62	33.70	28.00	30.00	11.50
GL W SM	25.50	28.50	23.50	25.00	22.00	23.00	4.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	33.50	34.13	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	38.50	33.50	11.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	25.00	26.00	—	29.00	10.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	28.50	2.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	12.00	16.00	—	—	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 23-APR-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	23.4	26.8	-13	-9
Boston	3.1	3.1	0	-14
Chicago	62.4	59.9	4	14
Detroit	21.5	20.4	5	-6
Kansas City	8.5	3.1	174	174
Los Angeles	121.2	117.5	3	39
New Orleans	7.1	8.3	-14	-23
New York	30.3	32.3	-6	2
St. Louis	15.6	17.2	-9	-7
San Francisco	18.3	18.8	-3	-6
Total	311.4	307.4	1	14
4 Week Moving Avg.	304.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 23-APR-05

TOTAL	YOUNG HENS TURKEYS	YOUNG OLD TOMS	BREEDERS	
	-----THOUSANDS-----			
Head	1,646	2,639	15	1 4,301
Avg Wt	16.19	37.89	25.55	31.40 29.54
Last week	1,564	2,555	11	2 4,132
Same wk yr ago	1,743	2,527	52	2 4,324
Avg Wt	16.13	37.32	25.47	35.84 28.63
To-date/2005	24,807	40,294	370	50 65,521
To-date/2004	27,053	39,494	727	123 67,397

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 23-APR-05 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD TOTAL TURKEYS			
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	LIVE WT	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	643	-13	25.38	(A)	644	25.38
South Atlantic	716	20	32.78	(A)	716	32.78
North Central	1,996	1	33.18	(A)	1,996	33.18
South Central	625	27	21.62	(A)	625	21.62
West	320	1	23.41	(A)	320	23.41
U.S. total	4,300(B)	4	29.54	1	4,301	29.54
To-date						
2005	65,471(B)			50	65,521	
To-date						
2004	67,274(B)			123	67,397	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 15,000; for the current year to date 370,000; for last year to date 727,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 23-Apr-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	161,112	1,651	1,466	3,117	479
Avg Wt	5.33	3.30	8.07	5.54	6.75
Last week	158,035	1,687	1,411	3,098	493
Same wk yr ago	156,011	1,424	1,250	2,674	465
Avg Wt	5.20	3.26	7.75	5.36	6.74
To-date/2005	2,508,776	24,380	21,289	45,669	8,075
To-date/2004	2,453,097	20,758	20,220	40,978	7,370

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 166.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.1 million head, or 3.0 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Apr-05

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/30/05(1)	04/23/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	164,965(2)	166,939
Light hens	1,759	1,700
Heavy hens	1,350	1,411
Total	168,074	170,050

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Apr-05 is 166.1 million head compared to 159.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 0.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 07-May-05 the estimated available is 166.1 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
March	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
	23	163.1	166.1	98%	5.33
Year to date		2539.2	2603.0	98%	
April	30		166.1		
May	7		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 25-APR-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	66.00-69.00	68.45	40 :	69.76	73
Los Angeles	80.00	79.40	60 :	76.75	135
New York	71.00-73.00	71.59	22 :	71.98	51

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
25-APR-2005	18-APR-2005	18-APR-2005	26-APR-2004
73.02	.25	72.77	76.40

NUMBER OF LOADS 587

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

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
April	73.21	2,451.20

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/	66-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-68	67-68	67.33	240
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-68	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION	65-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	64-67	67	67.00	40
WESTERN REGION	65-66	-	-	-

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 04/25/05	3,417	115,516	49,186
AM 04/01/05	3,450	101,666	49,856
CHG	-33	13850	-670
PCT CHG	-1%	14%	-1%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 25-APR-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13.5	12.67
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8.75-15.75 CENTS/LB.	11.75-13	12.55

(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	3-13	8-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-8.5	6-8.5

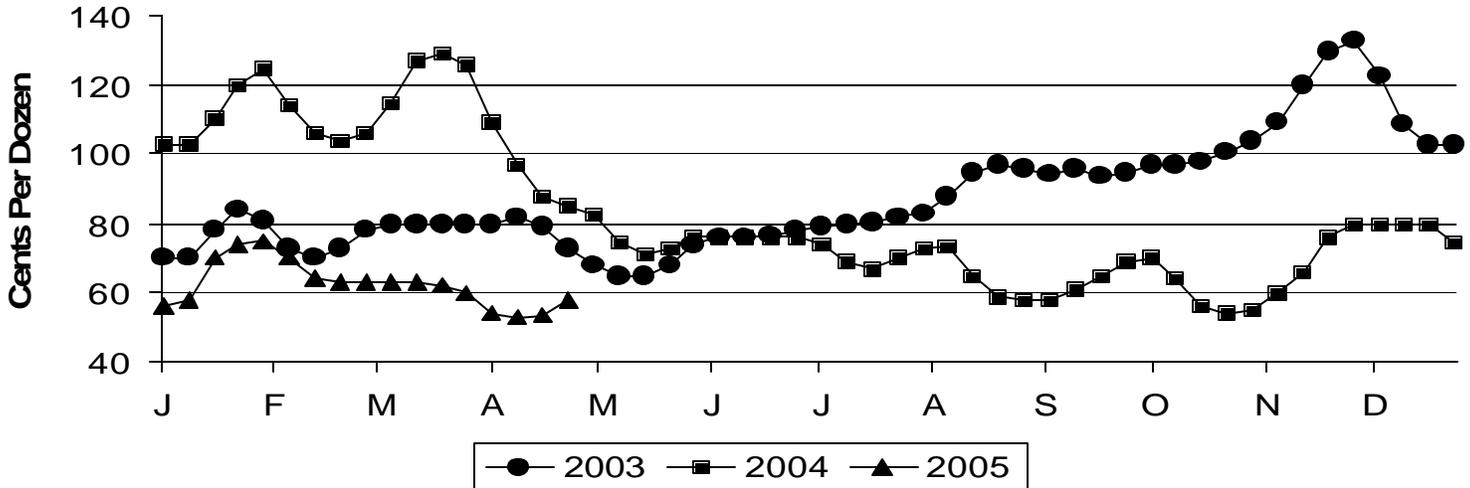
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

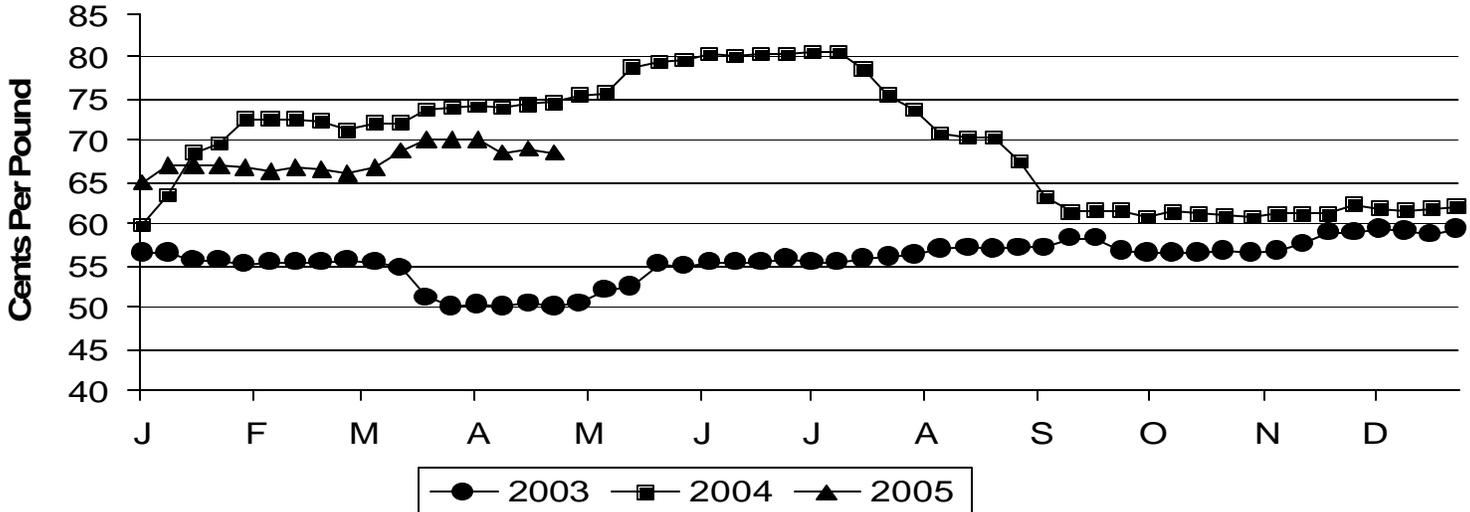
W/E 23-Apr-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	243.3	3	4
East North Central	553.2	-1	5
West North Central	277.4	3	3
South Atlantic	197.2	-2	-7
South Central	59.6	5	-15
West	211.8	0	22
Total	1542.5	1	4
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

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)

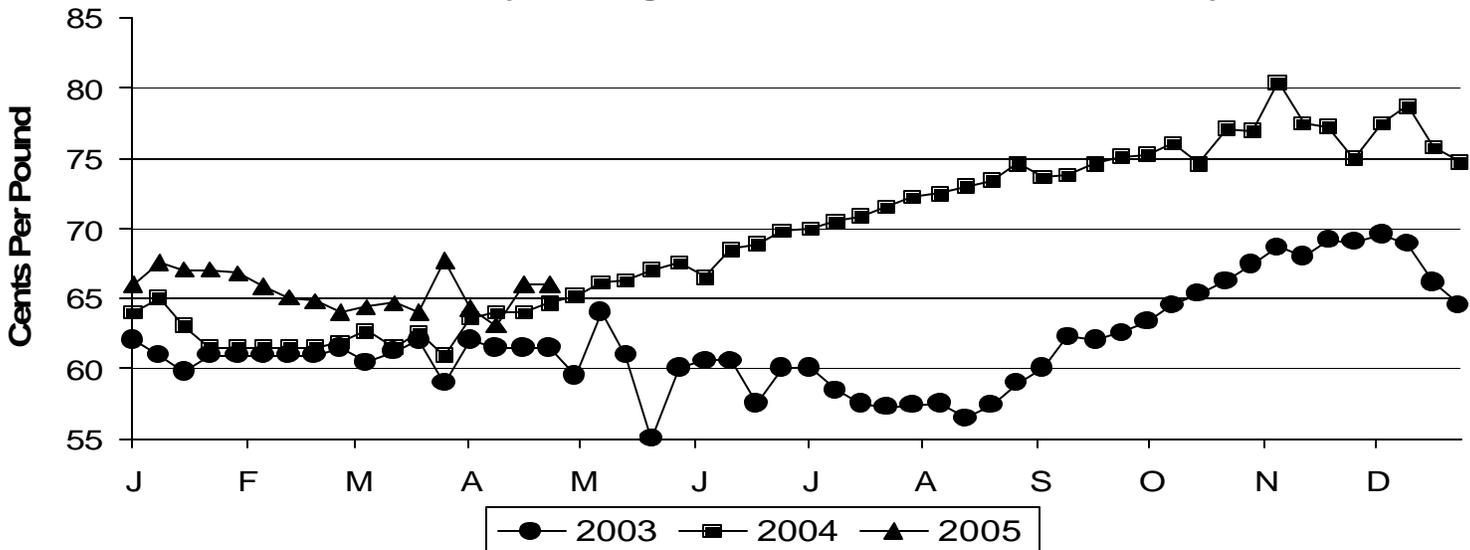
New York Large Weekly Average Price



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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