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Prices at the beginning of the week were unchanged on all sizes in all locations. As the week progressed prices were lower in New York and unchanged in all other reported areas. The trade sentiment was weak. Retail and food service demand was usually light to at times moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample with extra large and large the most available. Breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was mostly moderate for the fully adequate to instances ample offerings. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was weak. Removal costs for light type hens were unchanged to higher. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand fairly good to very good. Most processing schedules were increased to overtime. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices ranged 5.5-8.5 cents, mostly 6-7 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 2 cents lower for large and medium and were unchanged for small. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail and food service demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample with the larger sizes the most available. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were fully adequate to instances ample for mostly moderate demand. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment weak.

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, however all sizes were trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment remained weak. Demand ranged mostly light to at times moderate, but reported as good in areas with features. Large eggs were advertised for 69 cents per dozen. Supplies were fully adequate to readily available for current trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hens were fully adequate to ample.

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 29, 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	55.50	54.00	41.00
SOUTHEAST	54.50	52.50	41.00
MIDWEST	48.00	45.50	35.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	58.50	54.50	42.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	54.32	51.73	40.09

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

	05-03-05	04-26-05	05-04-04
Large	26-35	26-35	47-54
Medium	15-21	15-21	42-46

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- May 02, 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	11.3	15.6	7.9	11.7	10.8	57.3
	Change	-0.4	0.8	1.3	0.2	-0.4	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	30.6	39.0	18.3	26.6	33.9	148.4
	Change	6.5	2.6	7.5	-0.1	-0.4	12%
Large	Curr Wk	46.0	121.8	73.3	107.5	90.5	439.1
	Change	2.9	14.1	19.6	16.6	13.8	18%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.4	58.9	16.4	27.5	29.8	145.0
	Change	-1.4	14.2	2.4	6.1	-0.5	17%
Small	Curr Wk	3.3	4.8	2.9	5.6	5.3	21.9
	Change	-0.2	-1.7	0.0	-0.6	-0.7	-13%
Misc	Curr Wk	7.0	22.2	8.0	11.3	5.3	53.8
	Change	2.3	-2.1	-1.5	-0.9	-0.4	-5%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.7	41.5	18.8	39.6	23.3	144.9
	Change	-2.1	-3.4	5.4	2.4	-4.5	-1%
Total	Curr Wk	132.3	303.8	145.6	229.8	198.9	1010.4
Percent	Change	6%	9%	31%	11%	4%	11%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change	Number of Cooperators		
Shell Egg		1010.4		11%	174		
Shell Egg Breaking Stock		238.7		4%	35		
Total Shell Egg		1249.1		9%	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.

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

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,290,482	31,053	12,550	6,571	2,539	4,546
PW	1,313,882	31,850	12,597	6,829	2,371	4,300
LY	1,268,826	30,493	12,381	6,675	3,218	4,295
% CHG PWK	-2	-3	0	-4	7	6
% CHG LY	2	2	1	-2	-21	6
2005	21,574,545	514,984	211,293	113,175	46,924	74,883
2004	20,115,472	478,767	192,638	106,872	44,309	70,081
% CHG YTD	7	8	10	6	6	7

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.40	42.30	42.44
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.88	39.03	39.05

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	APR 23	APR 30	APR 23	APR 30
	Thousand			
AL	30,310	31,577	22,081	22,253
AR	31,203	30,826	*24,649	23,635
DE	4,044	3,786	5,557	5,681
FL	1,354	1,342	1,504	1,616
GA	33,448	33,389	25,778	27,137
KY	6,699	6,832	*6,264	6,359
LA	4,165	4,041	3,605	3,954
MD	8,981	8,876	5,212	5,762
MS	18,886	18,780	17,764	17,422
NC	*19,058	19,183	*15,381	15,302
OK	6,649	6,265	4,425	5,933
PA	*4,082	4,064	*3,067	3,110
SC	5,010	5,192	4,271	4,544
TX	15,526	15,510	13,311	13,121
VA	6,602	6,677	5,353	4,999
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,036	18,156	*17,338	17,948
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19 State Total	*214,053	214,496	*175,560	178,776
Previous Year Total	213,217	212,646	173,669	174,862
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	101	101	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Jun-05 is estimated at 163.1 million head. This compares to 162.2 million head the previous week and to 164.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 82.12 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/28/05-05/04/05

CURRENT LDS	76.00	FUTURE LDS	53.25	TOTAL LDS	129.25		
	SE		NE		MW		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	30.33	—	29.50	32.38	—	—	8.00
GNR BR 1	—	33.00	39.00	44.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	37.00	—	50.33	51.67	35.83	—	7.00
GL W XL	—	39.00	43.17	45.60	33.67	—	28.75
GL W LG	—	39.00	—	—	31.69	—	18.00
GL W MD	34.00	—	30.50	32.50	23.84	25.00	10.00
GL W SM	25.17	28.00	23.00	26.15	22.00	23.00	9.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	25.50	31.50	—	31.00	25.17	28.92	29.25
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	25.50	5.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	23.00	25.00	8.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 30-APR-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
Atlanta	25.3	23.4	8	4
Boston	3.3	3.1	6	6
Chicago	65.0	62.4	4	13
Detroit	29.5	21.5	37	26
Kansas City	2.3	8.5	-73	-38
Los Angeles	101.3	121.2	-16	12
New Orleans	6.0	7.1	-15	-38
New York	31.2	30.3	3	1
St. Louis	15.8	15.6	1	-3
San Francisco	17.4	18.3	-5	-14
Total	297.1	311.4	-5	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	305.7			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 30-APR-05

TOTAL	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
TURKEYS					
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	1,677	2,689	44	9	4,419
Avg Wt	16.54	37.71	22.07	31.46	29.51
Last week	1,646	2,639	15	1	4,301
Same wk yr ago	1,753	2,524	27	1	4,305
Avg Wt	15.97	37.93	26.01	27.03	28.91
To-date/2005	26,484	42,983	414	59	69,940
To-date/2004	28,806	42,018	754	124	71,702

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 30-APR-05						
(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	AVG	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	715	11	24.87	(A)	717	24.87
South Atlantic	633	-12	33.91	(A)	635	33.91
North Central	2,102	5	32.73	(A)	2,104	32.73
South Central	634	1	21.92	(A)	636	21.92
West	326	2	25.03	(A)	327	25.03
U.S. total	4,410(B)	3	29.51	9	4,419	29.51
To-date						
2005	69,881(B)				59	69,940
To-date						
2004	71,578(B)			124	71,702	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 44,000; for the current year to date 414,000; for last year to date 754,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 30-Apr-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	162,731	1,715	1,437	3,152	514
Avg Wt	5.46	3.24	8.02	5.42	6.77
Last week	161,112	1,651	1,466	3,117	479
Same wk yr ago	157,894	1,299	1,385	2,684	449
Avg Wt	5.30	3.35	8.24	5.87	6.65
To-date/2005	2,671,507	26,095	22,726	48,821	8,589
To-date/2004	2,610,991	22,057	21,605	43,662	7,819

(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 164.7 million head, or 1.4 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-May-05

CLASS	Current Week 05/07/05(1)	Previous Week 04/30/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	168,339(2)	164,965
Light hens	1,763	1,759
Heavy hens	1,475	1,350
Total	171,577	168,074

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-May-05 is 166.1 million head compared to 159.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.7 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 14-May-05 the estimated available is 166.3 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
March	26	153.0	93%	5.19
April	2	156.9	95%	5.17
	9	159.3	96%	5.21
	16	160.0	96%	5.27
	23	163.1	98%	5.33
	30	164.7	99%	5.46
Year to date	2703.9	2769.1	98%	
May	7	166.1		
	14	166.3		

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 02-MAY-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	66.00-69.00	68.59	41	69.10	80
Los Angeles	80.00	79.55	62	76.80	142
New York	71.00-73.00	71.12	26	71.94	52

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/
FRYERS**

	Change from			
02-MAY-2005	25-APR-2005	25-APR-2005	03-MAY-2004	
	72.63	-39	73.02	77.83
NUMBER OF LOADS	599			

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/	67-69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-69	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	66-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	66-67	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	66-68	-	-	-

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 05/02/05	3,407	112,518	48,154
AM 04/01/05	3,450	101,666	49,856
CHG	-43	10852	-1702
PCT CHG	-1%	11%	-3%

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

FROZEN EGGS	18 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	494 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	649 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 02-MAY-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9.25-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11.5-13.5	12.68
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	8.75-15.75 CENTS/LB.	11.75-13	12.65

(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) Apr 29, 2005

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	3-13	8-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5.5-8.5	6-7

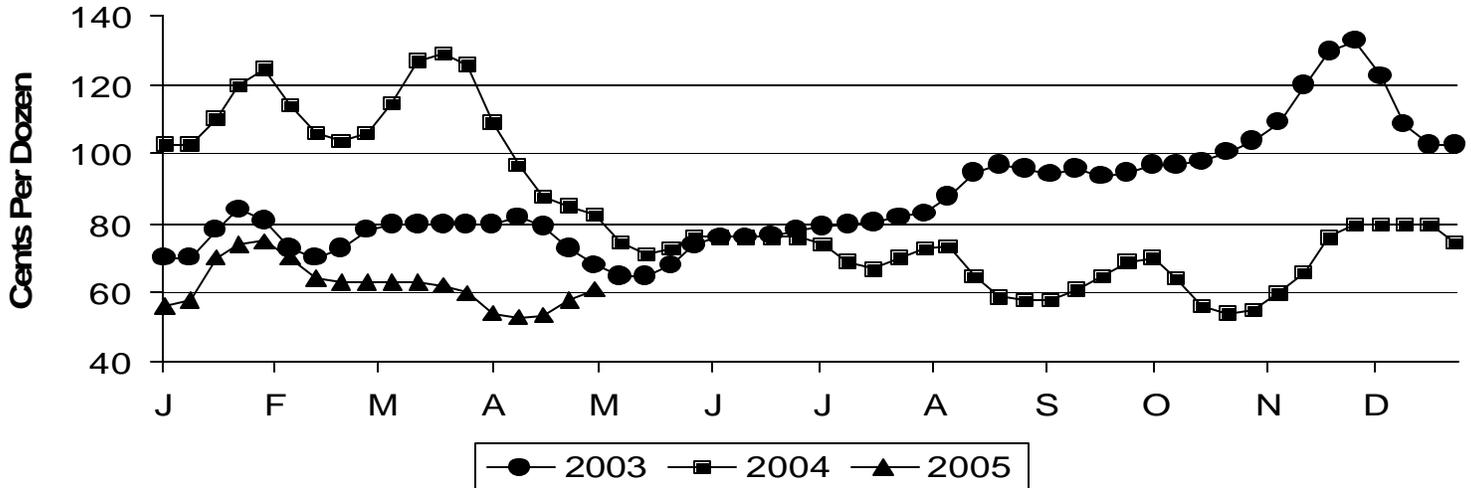
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 30-Apr-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW LY
North Atlantic	240.8	-1 4
East North Central	539.2	-3 3
West North Central	260.6	-6 -5
South Atlantic	199	1 -2
South Central	61.3	3 -12
West	201.4	-5 22
Total	1502.3	-3 0

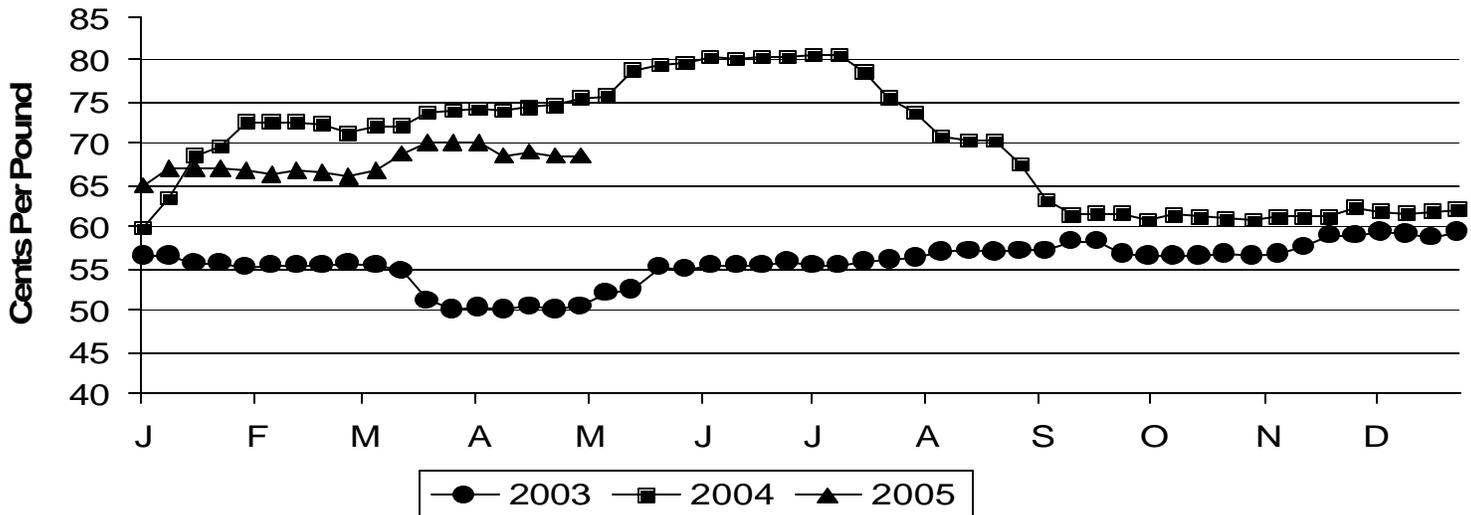
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86
Last year 85

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)

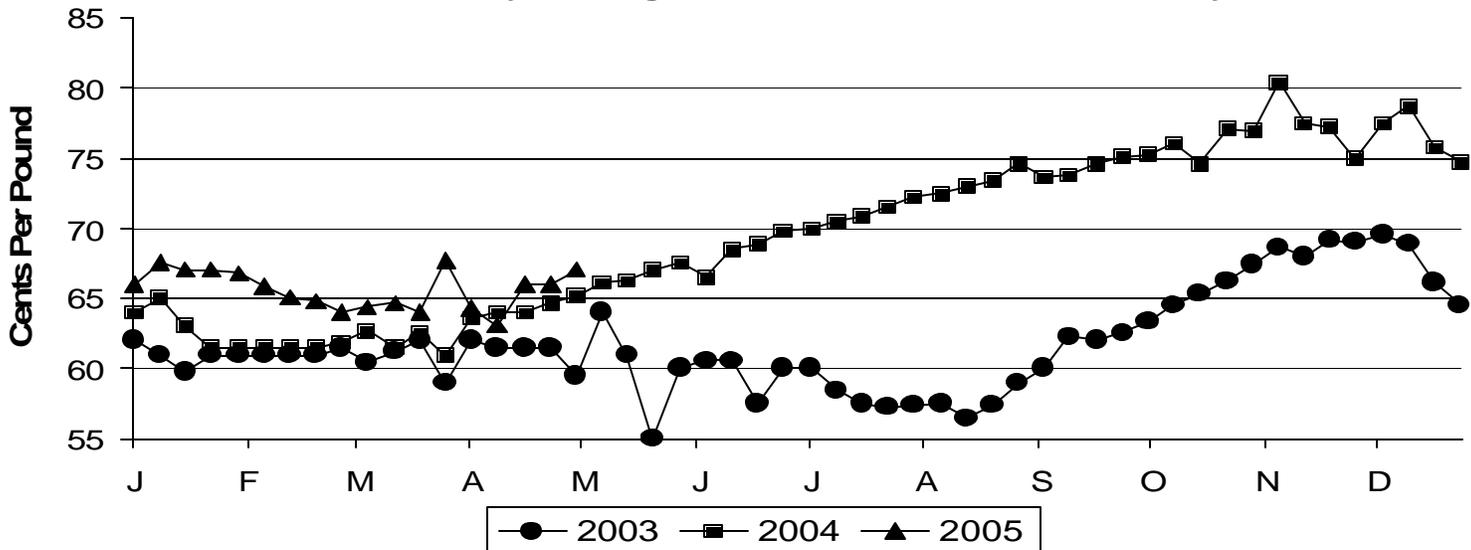
New York Large Weekly Average Price



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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