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As the week began prices were higher on all sizes in all areas. As the week progressed prices were unchanged in most areas except New York where prices were sharply higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to good. Supplies were in balance to close on the larger sizes and adequate to fully adequate for mediums. All breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand light as breakers work from previously purchased breaking stock and company owned production along with regular commitments. Many breakers currently seeking breaking stock were pursuing lighter weight product. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs for spent hens were higher. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. The trade sentiment was generally steady. Removal prices ranged 5-10.5 cents, mostly 8-10 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 higher for large in IA-MN-WI. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good. Loose egg demand was light to mostly moderate. Supplies were in balance to close for the larger sizes and adequate to fully adequate for the balance. Central states breaking stock prices were higher. Offerings were tight to adequate for the light demand. Many breakers currently seeking breaking stock were pursuing lighter weight product. Floor stocks in close balance to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	49-59	50-56
LARGE	48-58	49-52
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 higher. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were barely adequate to adequate for a light demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for a mostly fair to moderate demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	62-77	63-66
LARGE	56-70	61-65
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

Aug 26, 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	54.50	53.00	29.00
SOUTHEAST	53.50	51.50	29.00
MIDWEST	43.00	40.50	23.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	60.50	53.00	29.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	53.23	49.61	27.79

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

	08-30-05	08-23-05	08-31-04
Large	33-42	21-30	24-31
Medium	23-27	11-15	10-14

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AUGUST 29, 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	11.2	12.1	4.2	9.2	10.1	46.8
	Change	3.4	2.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.2	38.1	9.0	19.1	30.7	123.1
	Change	3.0	3.4	0.1	-0.4	-1.9	4%
Large	Curr Wk	43.8	118.6	50.5	81.2	82.8	376.9
	Change	4.8	-21.3	9.2	8.6	2.2	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	15.7	53.3	22.1	29.2	29.9	150.2
	Change	-1.7	-4.5	2.8	0.4	-6.1	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	7.8	9.8	5.6	8.6	3.8	35.6
	Change	-3.0	0.6	-0.9	-3.6	-2.8	-21%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.9	46.8	8.8	16.9	5.5	82.9
	Change	0.2	1.8	-0.6	-1.4	-0.6	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	13.6	30.0	9.2	20.9	29.1	102.8
	Change	-4.0	-9.0	-0.4	-5.4	1.7	-14%
Total	Curr Wk	123.2	308.7	109.4	185.1	191.9	918.3
	Change	2%	-8%	10%	-1%	-4%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	918.3	-3%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	236.7	-11%	35
Total Shell Egg	1155.0	-4%	210

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 175 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. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and 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 27-AUG-05
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID		LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
		WHOLE	WHITE			
CW	1,328,391	31,234	12,558	6,607	3,000	4,599
PW	1,364,266	31,375	12,916	7,457	3,011	4,398
LY	1,322,490	31,480	12,765	6,438	2,696	4,498
% Chg PWK	-3%	0%	-3%	-11%	0%	5%
% Chg LY	0%	-1%	-2%	3%	11%	2%
2005	44,418,808	1,044,747	438,052	235,132	99,839	150,645
2004	41,773,613	991,477	401,140	217,743	94,276	143,090
% Chge YTD	6%	5%	9%	8%	6%	5%
Average Yield Per Case		Current Week	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)		41.40	41.40	41.15	41.15	41.72
(Inedible Excluded)		37.94	37.94	37.93	37.93	38.32

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include limited amount of off-line source material)

	CASES BROKEN		LIQUID WHOLE	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	532,539	40.1%	14,142	45.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	551,288	40.4%	13,919	44.4%
LAST YEAR	506,281	38.3%	13,128	41.7%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	AUG 20	AUG 27	AUG 20	AUG 27
	Thousand			
AL	31,132	31,580	*21,635	21,617
AR	30,050	30,918	*25,069	24,158
DE	3,938	3,784	*5,954	5,864
FL	1,287	1,379	1,511	1,510
GA	*34,828	33,247	*26,602	26,385
KY	*6,932	6,622	*6,093	6,146
LA	4,120	4,073	3,936	4,150
MD	*8,934	8,919	*4,987	5,253
MS	18,906	18,501	17,240	17,159
NC	*18,082	17,506	15,168	14,512
OK	*6,601	6,734	*4,907	4,387
PA	*4,066	4,188	*3,104	2,889
SC	5,110	5,175	4,721	5,003
TX	15,001	15,066	12,595	12,084
VA	6,270	6,196	*5,172	5,207
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,500	17,518	*16,226	17,704

19 State Total *213,757 211,406 *174,920 174,028

Previous Year Total 212,926 210,468 176,170 175,177

Pct. of Prev. Year 100 100 99 99

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 08-Oct-05 is estimated at 160.9 million head. This compares to 161.9 million head the previous week and to 165.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.44 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/25/05-08/31/05

CURRENT LDS 66.75 FUTURE LDS 60.50 TOTAL LDS 127.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	45.75	52.25	45.00	49.11	—	45.00	38.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	70.00	71.00	—	62.00	2.00
GL W XL	—	62.00	61.50	61.51	53.04	56.00	22.75
GL W LG	—	59.88	53.44	54.60	48.78	—	25.00
GL W MD	35.00	—	33.88	35.75	30.00	30.67	7.75
GL W SM	16.75	19.25	14.00	16.00	—	—	4.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	66.33	—	—	1.50
NRBS - 48	27.00	—	—	—	38.17	33.88	15.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	29.90	32.30	28.00	—	9.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	27.00	30.00	2.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	26.23	28.00	11.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	21.50	23.50	—	—	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 27-AUG-2005

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT PW	CHG LY
Atlanta	24.4	23.9	2	-3
Boston	3.6	3.3	9	9
Chicago	81.5	91.8	-11	26
Detroit	24.4	30.3	-19	-15
Kansas City	4.8	5.2	-8	7
Los Angeles	112.7	117.5	-4	16
New Orleans	6.4	6.5	-2	0
New York	30.2	29.3	3	6
St. Louis	19.0	19.5	-3	7
San Francisco	19.0	18.6	2	-1
Total	326.0	345.9	-6	11
4 Week Moving Avg.	331.6			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 27-AUG-05

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,953	2,723	9	8	4,693
Avg Wt	15.79	34.96	21.30	35.67	26.96
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,929	2,691	19	1	4,640
Same wk yr ago	1,878	2,750	49	14	4,691
Avg Wt	15.47	35.42	23.89	31.51	27.31
To-date/2005	59,088	87,151	791	130	147,160
To-date/2004	58,959	86,432	1,711	266	147,368

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

	Week ending 27-AUG-05				
	(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)				
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		LIVE WT	OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS AVG
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG			
North East	765	1	23.34	(A)	767 23.34
South Atlantic	567	-19	31.18	(A)	569 31.18
North Central	2,246	4	30.42	(A)	2,248 30.42
South Central	739	10	18.46	(A)	740 18.46
West	368	4	23.73	(A)	369 23.73
U.S. total	4,685(B)	1	26.96	8	4,693 26.96
To-date					
2005	147,030(B)			130	147,160
To-date					
2004	147,102(B)			266	147,368

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 9,000; for the current year to date 791,000; for last year to date 1,711,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 27-Aug-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	167,447	1,458	1,481	2,939	517
Avg Wt	5.24	3.07	8.06	5.58	6.65
Last week	167,810	1,302	1,712	3,014	489
Same wk yr ago	164,670	1,296	1,571	2,867	455
Avg Wt	5.30	3.36	8.01	5.91	6.75
To-date/2005	5,484,261	51,058	48,557	99,615	16,864
To-date/2004	5,311,518	46,227	45,123	91,350	15,852

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.5 million head, or 3.8 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 03-Sep-05**

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	09/03/05(1)	08/27/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	149,518(2)	169,236
Light hens	1,306	1,469
Heavy hens	1,324	1,535
Total	152,148	172,240

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 03-Sep-05 is 163.7 million head compared to 169.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 149.8 million head or 13.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 10-Sep-05 the estimated available is 165.7 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
July	23	172.1	166.7	103%	5.15
	30	170.9	167.1	102%	5.19
August	6	171.9	167.4	103%	5.28
	13	170.7	167.6	102%	5.18
	20	169.8	166.8	102%	5.23
	27	169.5	165.7	102%	5.24
Year to date		5550.8	5605.1	99%	
September	3		163.7		
	10		163.1		

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 29-AUG-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	65.00-68.00	67.19	39	67.76	78	
Los Angeles	81.00	79.92	59	75.97	123	
New York	66.00-69.00	67.77	26	67.78	56	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

29-AUG-2005	Change from		
	22-AUG-2005	22-AUG-2005	30-AUG-2004
71.38	.00	71.38	72.37
NUMBER OF LOADS	563		

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

MONTH	WTD AVG	LDS
August	71.45	2,649.80

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/	75-81	81	81.00	8
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-81	76-81	77.90	21
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-81	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
EASTERN REGION	75-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	75-76	76	76.00	22
WESTERN REGION	75-76	-	-	-

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 08/29/05	3,557	118,073	52,120
AM 08/01/05	3,491	118,501	47,724
CHG	66	-428	4396
PCT CHG	2%	0%	9%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 29-AUG-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-16 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.24
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9.25-16.25 CENTS/LB.	11.75-14	12.79

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

*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

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)

26-AUG-05	REMOVAL COST	MAJORITY
REGIONS	RANGE	
Eastern	4-12	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5-10.5	8-10

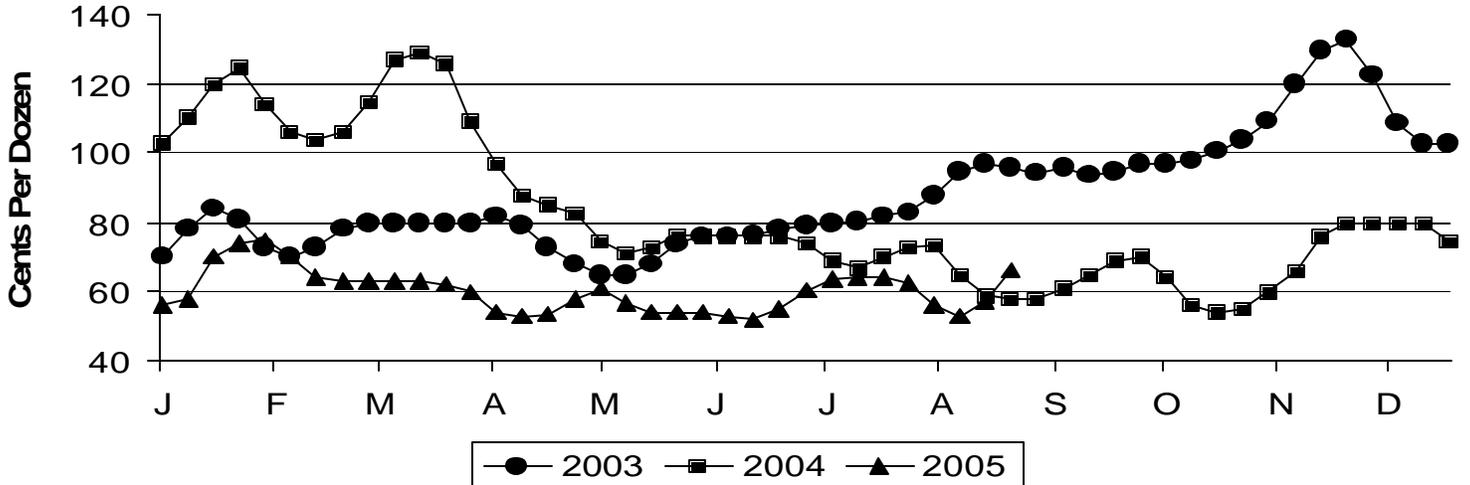
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

W/E 27-Aug-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	246.1	4	-1
East North Central	562	-10	-7
West North Central	298.8	-1	1
South Atlantic	192.9	2	-12
South Central	56.4	-4	-19
West	204.2	-1	5
Total	1560.4	-4	-4

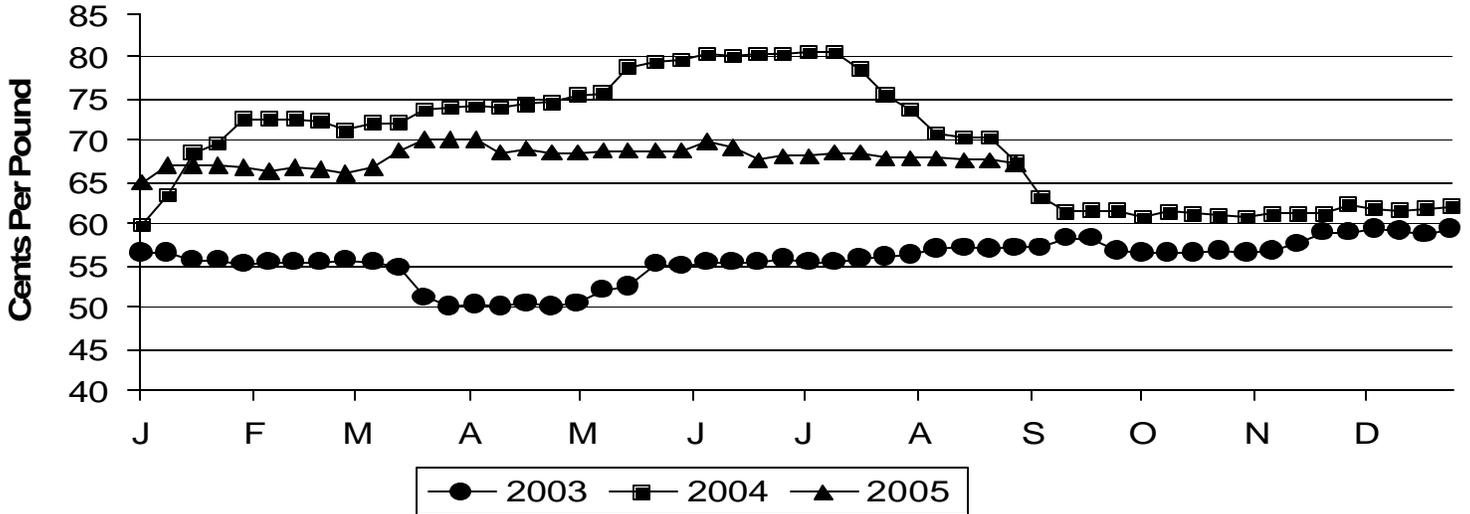
Matched Plants reporting Previous week 86
Last year 85

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)

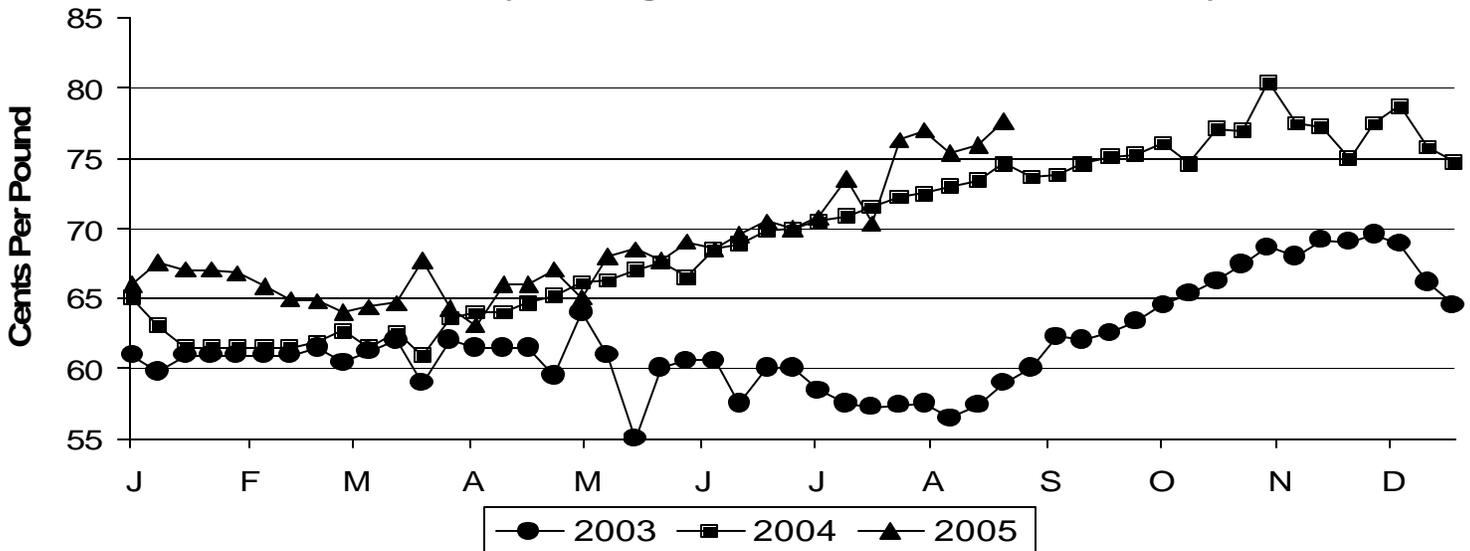
New York Large Weekly Average Price



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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