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The week began with prices unchanged. As the week progressed prices were lower in New York and unchanged in most all other areas. The market tone was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand was light to moderate in most locations except in areas of Texas with extra business from hurricane evacuees where movement was reported as good to very good. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Breaking stock prices were lower while checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Demand was light with fully adequate to occasionally ample offerings. Floor stocks were adequate to at times ample. Schedules were full-time and centered on contractual agreements with spot liquid movement reported as sluggish. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Removal costs for spent hens continued unchanged. Demand was moderate with adequate offerings. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices ranged 6-11 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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to mostly weak. Retail demand and food service movement were both light to moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate to occasionally ample. Floor stocks adequate to instances ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	60-70	61-67
LARGE	59-69	60-63
MEDIUM	35-45	37-40

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 was barely steady to mostly weak. Demand into all channels continued light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were adequate to at least adequate for processing requirements.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	71-85	72-77
LARGE	66-80	71-75
MEDIUM	39-52	44-46

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

### COMBINED REGIONAL

Sep 16, 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	74.50	73.00	45.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	43.00
MIDWEST	64.00	61.50	38.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	75.50	74.50	46.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.23	70.52	43.39

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

	09-20-05	09-13-05	09-21-04
Large	42-51	42-51	34-41
Medium	21-25	21-25	17-21

### WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

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

		NO	SO	SO		5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.4	12.4	5.1	11.6	10.0	53.5
	Change	0.9	0.4	0.7	0.5	1.9	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.7	45.2	9.9	26.7	32.0	143.5
	Change	-0.6	8.9	0.5	-0.9	3.9	9%
Large	Curr Wk	48.6	150.2	66.8	89.7	99.3	454.6
	Change	9.2	20.2	12.5	-9.2	6.2	9%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.0	71.3	13.9	33.0	30.6	161.8
	Change	-0.5	-2.0	0.4	-1.4	-0.6	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	5.5	9.2	2.2	5.4	5.2	27.5
	Change	0.1	-0.8	-0.3	-3.8	1.4	-11%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	29.7	11.9	13.6	6.1	64.7
	Change	-0.1	-5.1	1.7	-1.8	0.5	-7%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.2	40.9	18.4	35.2	32.0	136.7
	Change	-2.6	-0.8	1.5	13.1	5.4	14%
Total	Curr Wk	124.8	358.9	128.2	215.2	215.2	1042.3
Percent	Change	5%	6%	15%	-2%	10%	6%

### TOTAL

Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1042.3	6%	175
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	235.0	-7%	35
Total Shell Egg	1277.3	3%	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.

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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 17-SEP-05**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,344,955	33,183	12,363	6,434	3,128	4,462
PW	1,254,268	29,775	11,770	5,985	2,480	4,087
LY	1,280,565	31,056	12,115	6,189	2,935	4,317
% Chg PWK	7%	11%	5%	7%	26%	9%
% Chg LY	5%	7%	2%	4%	7%	3%
2005	48,321,210	1,138,484	474,543	254,146	108,234	163,469
2004	45,540,022	1,082,319	436,644	236,217	102,542	155,872
% Chg YTD	6%	5%	9%	8%	6%	5%

**Average Yield Per Case -**

	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.97	41.15	41.92
(Inedible Excluded)	38.65	37.89	38.55

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	541,747	40.3%	14,288	43.1%
PREVIOUS WEEK	534,473	42.6%	14,007	47.0%
LAST YEAR	480,559	37.5%	12,929	41.6%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	SEP 10	SEP 17	SEP 10	SEP 17
	Thousand			
AL	30,853	30,928	21,747	21,520
AR	29,667	29,297	*23,344	24,071
DE	3,937	3,668	4,032	5,832
FL	1,344	1,379	1,492	1,431
GA	33,323	31,448	*27,309	26,514
KY	6,837	6,284	*5,744	5,881
LA	*4,105	3,802	*3,880	4,059
MD	8,713	8,509	5,425	5,173
MS	17,639	17,672	15,322	16,252
NC	16,936	16,913	14,904	14,635
OK	6,669	6,377	5,358	5,311
PA	*4,283	3,984	*3,041	2,921
SC	5,120	5,151	4,318	4,372
TX	14,972	14,505	12,753	12,793
VA	6,112	6,030	*4,780	4,919
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,238	16,833	*17,496	16,940
19 State Total	*208,748	202,780	*170,945	172,624
Previous Year Total	202,622	197,407	174,977	173,376
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	103	98	100

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 29-Oct-05 is estimated at 158.1 million head. This compares to 156.7 million head the previous week and to 163.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.01 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/15/05-09/21/05

CURRENT LDS 62.25 FUTURE LDS 55.50 TOTAL LDS 117.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	52.00	—	51.83	54.00	—	51.00	16.00
GNR W 4	—	—	22.00	23.50	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	73.00	74.50	61.00	69.00	3.00
GL W XL	—	64.44	62.50	64.62	50.76	56.50	38.00
GL W LG	—	63.00	55.50	60.60	52.36	—	19.75
GL W MD	37.00	—	34.17	35.07	24.00	26.00	7.00
GL W SM	20.83	23.50	18.63	21.00	—	—	7.00
GL BR XL	—	66.50	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	65.50	—	—	—	—	2.50
NRBS - 48	35.00	—	—	—	41.67	42.13	36.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	29.00	—	2.00
NRBS - 39	—	25.00	—	29.50	23.00	31.00	5.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	—	30.00	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 17-SEP-2005**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW		PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		THOUSANDS		PW	LY
Atlanta	23.9		27.9		-14	-25
Boston	3.1		3.8		-18	-9
Chicago	70.7		80.5		-12	8
Detroit	23.6		21.4		10	-20
Kansas City	3.0		2.1		43	7
Los Angeles	111.3		114.5		-3	33
New Orleans	1.1		0.7		57	-79
New York	28.4		28.6		-1	-7
St. Louis	13.9		21.7		-36	-17
San Francisco	17.6		18.6		-5	-14
Total	296.6		319.8		-7	2
4 Week Moving Avg.			324.8			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 17-SEP-05**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,030	2,778	25	9	4,842
Avg Wt	16.27	35.16	24.62	31.70	27.18
Last week	1,682	2,439	7	1	4,129
Same wk yr ago	1,759	2,730	87	6	4,582
Avg Wt	15.64	35.84	23.70	28.90	27.84
To-date/2005	64,708	95,065	866	153	160,792
To-date/2004	64,109	94,249	1,913	281	160,552

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**

	Week ending 10-SEP-05					
	(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)					
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		OLD		TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG		
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	848	18	23.74	(A)	850	23.74
South Atlantic	747	9	30.20	(A)	749	30.20
North Central	2,154	17	30.67	(A)	2,156	30.67
South Central	711	26	18.16	(A)	713	18.16
West	373	17	25.87	(A)	374	25.87
U.S. total	4,833(B)	17	27.18	9	4,842	27.18
To-date						
2005	160,639(B)				153	160,792
To-date						
2004	160,271(B)				281	160,552

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 25,000; for the current year to date 866,000; for last year to date 1,913,000.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** (Preliminary)

W/E 17-Sep-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	169,204	1,331	1,551	2,882	453
Avg Wt	5.33	3.15	8.24	5.89	6.89
Last week	150,712	1,035	1,042	2,077	502
Same wk yr ago	154,376	1,443	1,561	3,004	484
Avg Wt	5.33	3.31	8.08	5.79	6.70
To-date/2005	5,954,984	54,793	52,488	107,281	18,323
To-date/2004	5,783,232	50,365	49,601	99,966	17,217

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 171.3 million head, or 6.5 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER****UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Sep-05**

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	09/24/05(1)	09/17/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	170,241(2)	172,166
Light hens	1,283	1,055
Heavy hens	1,541	1,563
Total	173,065	174,784

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Sep-05 is 163.1 million head compared to 163.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.6 million head or 7.5 million more than estimated available. For the week of 01-Oct-05 the estimated available is 164.8 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
August	13	170.7	167.6	102%	5.18
	20	169.8	166.8	102%	5.23
	27	169.5	165.7	102%	5.24
September	3	152.6	163.7	93%	5.20
	10	152.5	163.1	94%	5.28
	17	171.3	164.8	104%	5.33
Year to date		6027.2	6096.7	99%	
September	24		165.7		
October	1		165.1		

**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 19-SEP-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	67.00-70.00	69.81	39	70.37	74
Los Angeles	82.00	81.13	60	75.94	144
New York	72.00-75.00	72.91	22	72.62	48

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

19-SEP-2005	Change from		
	12-SEP-2005	12-SEP-2005	20-SEP-2004
73.14	-1.06	74.20	69.21

NUMBER OF LOADS 565

**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	LBS
			AVG	(000)
8-16 LB HENS				
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-85	78-85	81.06	49.8
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-84	81.5-83	81.97	64
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-83	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	78-81	81	81.00	10
CENTRAL REGION	77-79	79	79.00	106
WESTERN REGION	78-80	-	-	-

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	09/19/05	3,510	115,835	52,382
AM	09/01/05	3,517	118,073	52,120
CHG		-7	-2238	262
PCT CHG		0%	-2%	1%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** (7 pounds and up)\* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 19-SEP-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-16 CENTS/LB.	12-14	13.25
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9.5-16.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13.75	12.99

(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)

16-SEP-05	REMOVAL COST	
	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	6-13	9-11
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	6-11	8-10

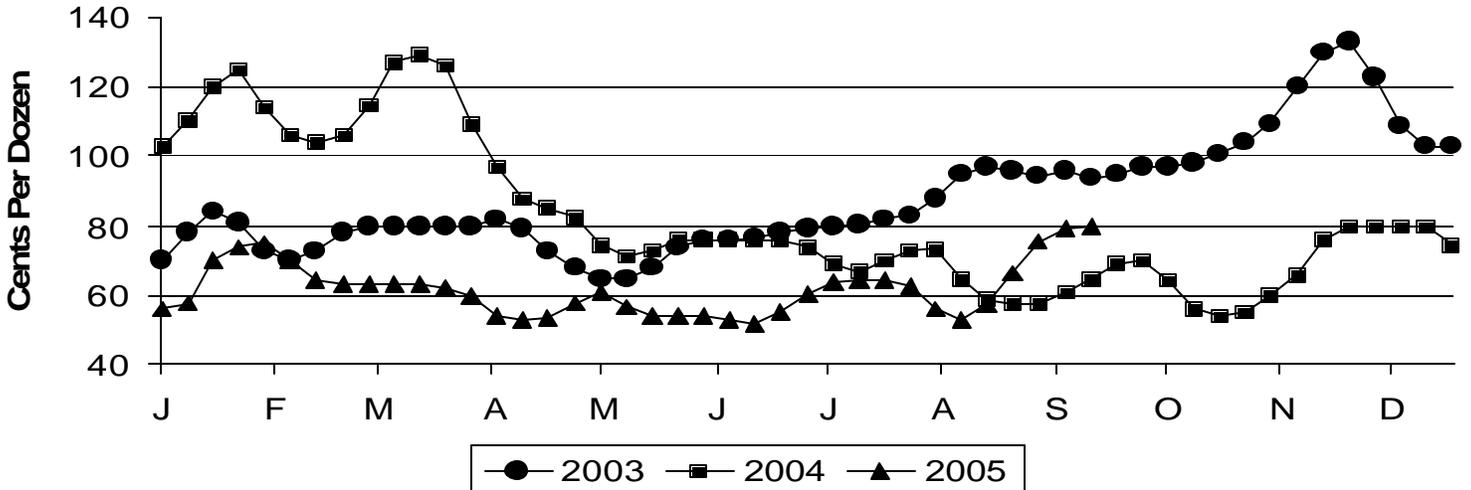
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

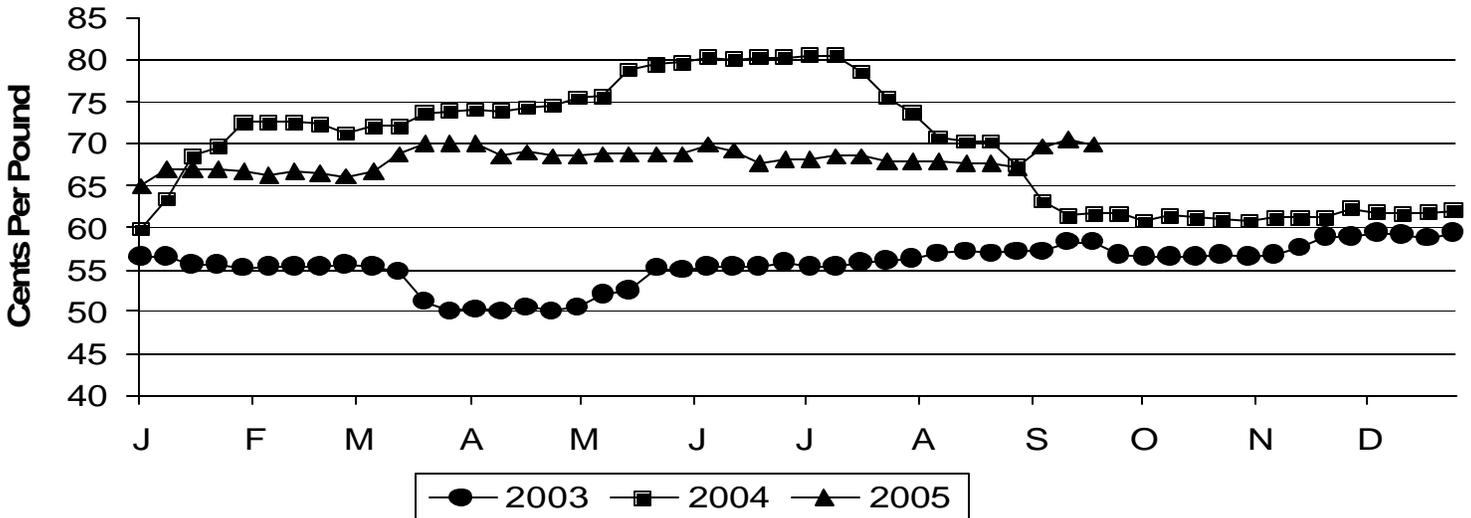
W/E 17-Sep-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	243.0	2	-4
East North Central	629.3	7	11
West North Central	286.7	-10	-3
South Atlantic	196.7	1	-8
South Central	62.9	10	-10
West	196.9	-2	8
Total	1615.5	-1	2
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,NC,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)

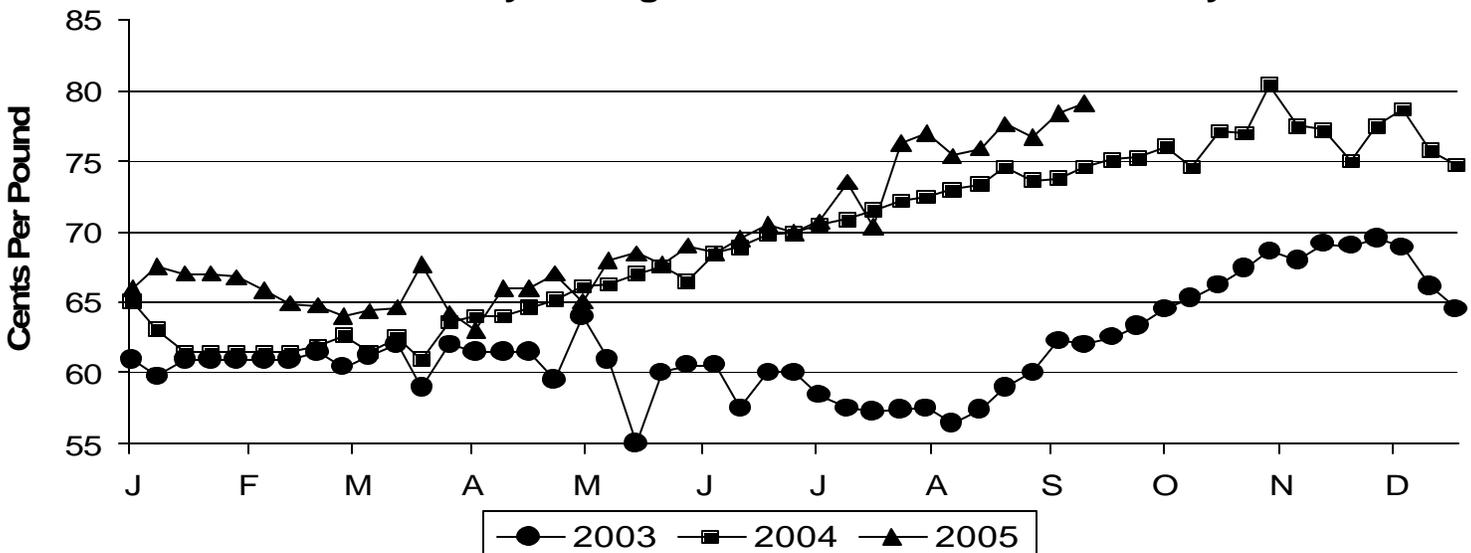
**New York Large Weekly Average Price**



**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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