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Prices were higher on all sizes in all areas throughout the week. The market tone was fully steady. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to tight for current needs. Breaking stock prices as well as checks and undergrade prices were higher. Offerings remained very light as eggs were being diverted into the more attractively priced graded market and a limited amount of breaking stock was being exported at premium prices. Trading and demand were light to moderate for the limited supplies with a reluctance to pay higher prices. Floor stocks were tight. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Removal costs for spent hens were unchanged. Offerings were adequate into traditional processors with offerings into rendering operations inadequate to tight. Offerings were tight to short for next week's deliveries. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-11 cents, mostly 6-9 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 all sizes. Other reported prices were unchanged but were trending higher for next week. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was moderate to at time fairly good. Food service sales were light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight. Central states breaking stock prices and checks and undergrades were higher. Offerings were very light for the light to moderate trading and demand. Most extra product was still being diverted into grading channels. Schedules varied with available inventory. Floor stocks were tight. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	53-62	56-59
LARGE	52-61	54-57
MEDIUM	43-52	45-48

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 was fully steady. Demand was mostly moderate to fairly good. Supplies continued to be held with confidence and ranged adequate to close. Breaking stock offerings were about sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type hens were usually adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-76	62-65
LARGE	56-70	61-65
MEDIUM	45-58	50-52

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

**COMBINED REGIONAL** Oct 28, 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	57.50	57.00	45.00
SOUTHEAST	57.50	55.50	43.00
MIDWEST	51.50	49.50	40.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	61.50	59.50	47.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	57.20	55.56	44.16

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

	11-01-05	10-25-05	11-02-04
Large	34-43	28-37	23-30
Medium	25-31	19-25	13-17

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- OCTOBER 31, 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	10.6	17.6	9.3	14.5	10.8	62.8
	Change	-0.9	0.1	1.3	1.2	-0.1	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.0	56.9	19.4	28.9	40.9	175.1
	Change	-4.3	6.2	5.5	5.1	6.0	12%
Large	Curr Wk	62.3	127.7	91.1	113.6	117.6	512.3
	Change	-3.0	4.2	25.7	15.4	11.5	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.7	46.5	16.1	24.6	27.6	126.5
	Change	-0.2	-2.4	-2.4	4.1	-4.2	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	4.5	3.7	1.4	3.1	2.2	14.9
	Change	-1.5	-3.2	-0.6	-0.8	-0.1	-29%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	30.5	8.4	14.8	5.0	61.6
	Change	0.1	-0.2	-1.6	-1.8	-0.1	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.1	35.7	26.0	32.5	25.2	141.5
	Change	0.4	1.4	-0.1	2.6	0.8	4%
Total	Curr Wk	143.1	318.6	171.7	232.0	229.3	1094.7
	Percent Change	-6%	2%	19%	13%	6%	6%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1094.7	6%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	218.6	-8%	35
Total Shell Egg	1313.3	4%	204

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 169 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 29-OCT-05**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,341,630	33,300	11,826	6,259	2,380	4,555
PW	1,355,495	34,198	11,910	6,599	3,328	4,645
LY	1,320,598	31,525	13,003	7,118	2,601	4,628
% Chg PWK	-1%	-3%	-1%	-5%	-28%	-2%
% Chg LY	2%	6%	-9%	-12%	-8%	-2%
2005	56,604,328	1,340,404	550,536	294,813	126,960	191,047
2004	53,348,763	1,264,707	514,369	277,892	117,129	183,000
% Chg YTD	6%	6%	7%	6%	8%	4%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.70	42.31	42.61
(Inedible Excluded)	38.30	38.88	39.11

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	556,895	41.5%	16,278	48.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	578,627	42.7%	16,336	47.8%
LAST YEAR	501,601	38.0%	12,898	40.9%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	OCT 22	OCT 29	OCT 22	OCT 29
	Thousand			
AL	30,901	29,661	*21,642	20,911
AR	28,489	28,060	23,224	25,076
DE	3,690	3,289	5,940	5,289
FL	1,379	1,383	1,583	1,566
GA	31,484	31,773	25,995	25,979
KY	6,136	6,910	5,711	5,993
LA	3,834	4,136	3,993	3,871
MD	8,737	8,467	4,679	5,388
MS	*17,912	16,619	*15,641	15,771
NC	17,914	18,493	14,691	13,856
OK	6,619	6,330	4,566	5,219
PA	*3,850	3,967	*3,096	2,976
SC	5,029	4,471	4,838	5,049
TX	13,642	14,115	10,369	12,099
VA	6,190	6,373	4,651	5,013
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,069	17,363	*15,614	15,916

19 State Total \*202,875 201,410 \*166,233 169,972

Previous Year Total 194,298 197,554 164,597 165,442

Pct. of Prev. Year 104 102 101 103

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 10-Dec-05 is estimated at 154.8 million head. This compares to 154.1 million head the previous week and to 155.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 67.48 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/27/05-11/02/05

CURRENT LDS 70.75 FUTURE LDS 77.75 TOTAL LDS 148.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W XL	—	—	46.00	47.00	—	—	1.00
GNR W 1	43.33	44.50	43.25	45.00	47.00	43.00	25.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	79.00	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	58.38	59.75	56.30	63.00	5.75
GL W XL	61.00	60.35	56.00	57.76	51.48	—	40.25
GL W LG	—	53.71	49.83	55.00	49.62	—	37.75
GL W MD	42.00	—	39.83	45.67	38.75	—	14.50
GL W SM	34.17	37.17	30.83	32.67	—	—	6.00
GL BR LG	—	84.00	—	84.00	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	29.00	—	—	—	37.50	37.00	30.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	36.67	—	5.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 29-OCT-2005**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW LY	
Atlanta	27.0	26.4	2	-13
Boston	3.3	3.0	10	6
Chicago	102.6	91.3	12	71
Detroit	23.5	30.1	-22	-8
Kansas City	6.4	4.7	36	73
Los Angeles	103.1	117.7	-12	8
New Orleans	6.0	5.6	7	-20
New York	33.3	32.7	2	8
St. Louis	17.2	16.5	4	-11
San Francisco	18.1	19.6	-8	-8
Total	340.5	347.6	-2	15
4 Week Moving Avg.	339.9			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 29-OCT-05**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	2,642	2,789	13	0	5,444
Avg Wt	16.46	35.21	24.69	0.00	26.09
Last week	2,041	2,824	25	4	4,894
Same wk yr ago	2,165	2,926	63	2	5,156
Avg Wt	15.89	35.54	24.57	24.95	27.15
To-date/2005	77,337	111,482	1,009	186	190,014
To-date/2004	74,523	110,326	2,270	310	187,429

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

Week ending 29-OCT-05

(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT
North East	883	1	24.41	(A)	883	24.41
South Atlantic	789	11	25.57	(A)	789	25.57
North Central	2,245	1	30.99	(A)	2,245	30.99
South Central	855	9	17.63	(A)	855	17.63
West	672	126	23.25	(A)	672	23.25
U.S. total	5,444(B)	11	26.09	0	5,444	26.09
To-date						
2005	189,828(B)				186	190,014
To-date						
2004	187,119(B)				310	187,429

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 13,000; for the current year to date 1,009,000; for last year to date 2,270,000.

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

W/E 29-Oct-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	164,585	1,402	1,485	2,887	511
Avg Wt	5.49	3.31	8.04	5.74	6.84
Last week	163,790	1,060	1,515	2,575	532
Same wk yr ago	160,527	1,433	1,519	2,952	480
Avg Wt	5.33	3.14	8.13	5.71	6.84
To-date/2005	6,942,801	62,306	61,095	123,401	21,385
To-date/2004	6,752,845	58,774	58,544	117,318	20,104

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 162.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.6 million head, or 4.4 million more than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 05-Nov-05

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	11/05/05(1)	10/29/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	167,666(2)	165,084
Light hens	1,242	1,411
Heavy hens	1,511	1,487
Total	170,419	167,982

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 05-Nov-05 is 160.7 million head compared to 161.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.0 million head or 7.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 12-Nov-05 the estimated available is 162.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
October 1	164.7	165.1	100%	5.35
8	168.6	164.3	103%	5.42
15	166.7	161.8	103%	5.50
22	165.8	160.7	103%	5.44
29	166.6	162.2	103%	5.49
Year to date	7027.0	7076.5	99%	
November 5		161.6		
12		160.3		

**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 31-OCT-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	57.00-60.00	60.92	39	61.59	71
Los Angeles	81.00	78.83	53	70.32	146
New York	60.00-63.00	61.64	22	64.60	45

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

31-OCT-2005	Change from		01-NOV-2004
	24-OCT-2005	24-OCT-2005	
66.53	-2.16	68.69	67.76
NUMBER OF LOADS	575		

**MONTHLY 12-CITY WTD AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS**

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
October	69.02	2500.00

**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/	82-88	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	82-88	84-88	86.53	150
WESTERN REGION 5/	82-88	86	86.00	22

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	82-84	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	82-84	84	84.00	20
WESTERN REGION	82-84	82	82.00	35

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	10/31/05	3,870	89,477	62,531
AM	10/01/05	3,350	115,061	55,027
CHG		520	-25584	7504
PCT CHG		16%	-22%	14%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** (7 pounds and up)\* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 31-OCT-05

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-15.5 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.71
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.75 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.29

(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)

REMOVAL COST		
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-13	8-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-11	6-9

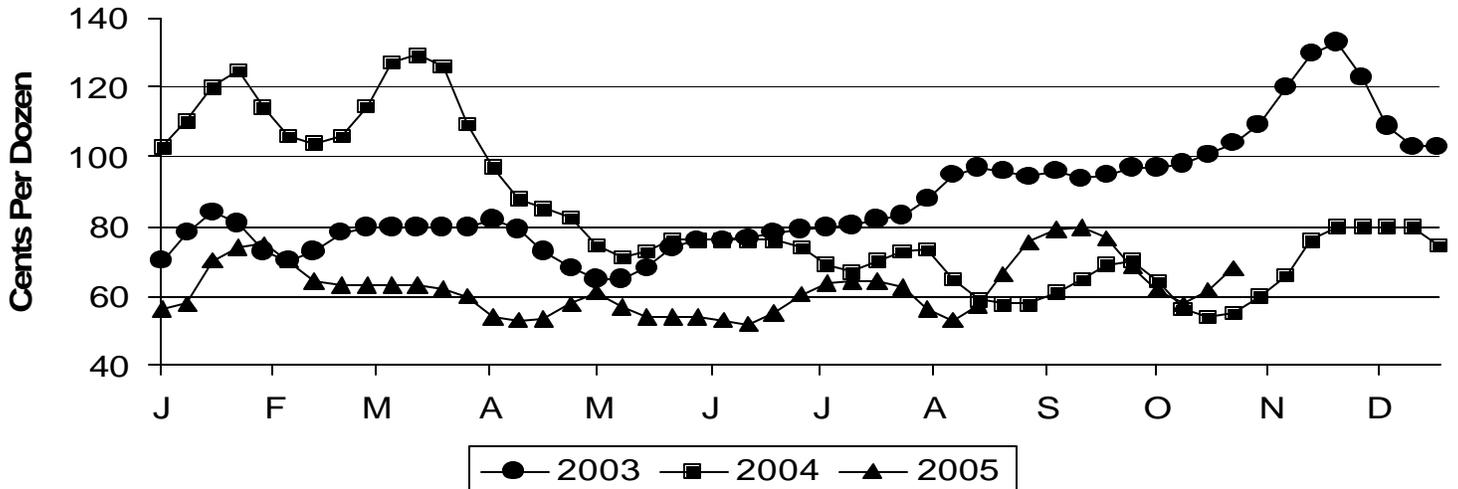
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

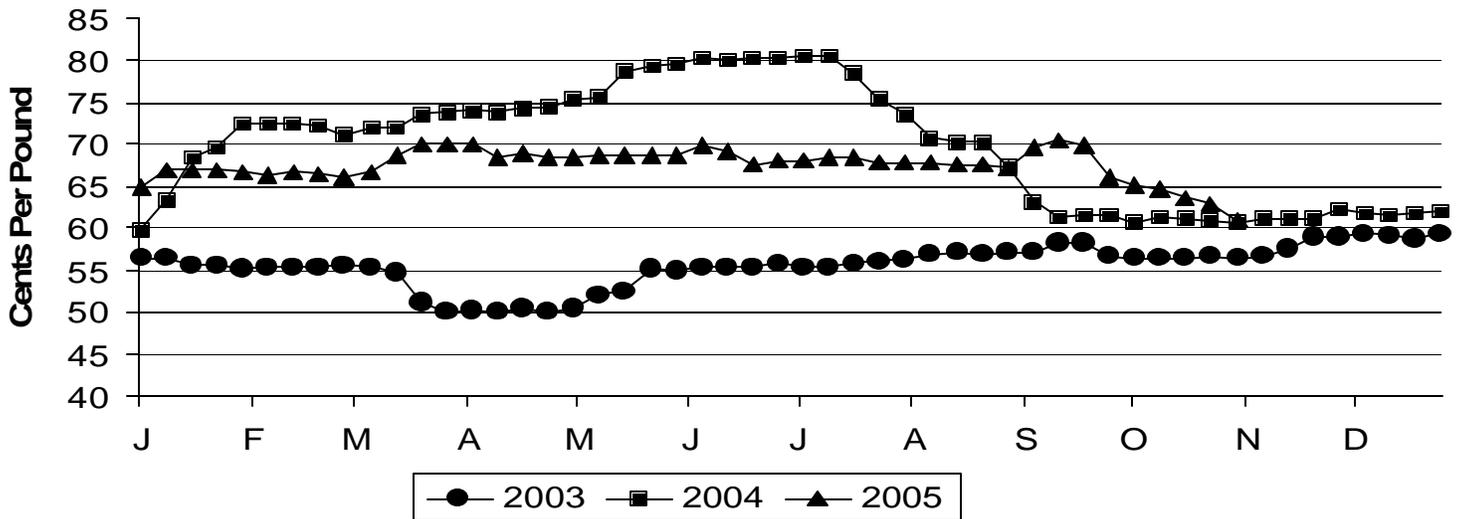
W/E 29-Oct-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	217.9	4	3
East North Central	625	0	7
West North Central	294.1	2	1
South Atlantic	202.5	2	-8
South Central	60.1	-4	-14
West	196.2	-3	5
Total	1595.8	-1	2
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

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)

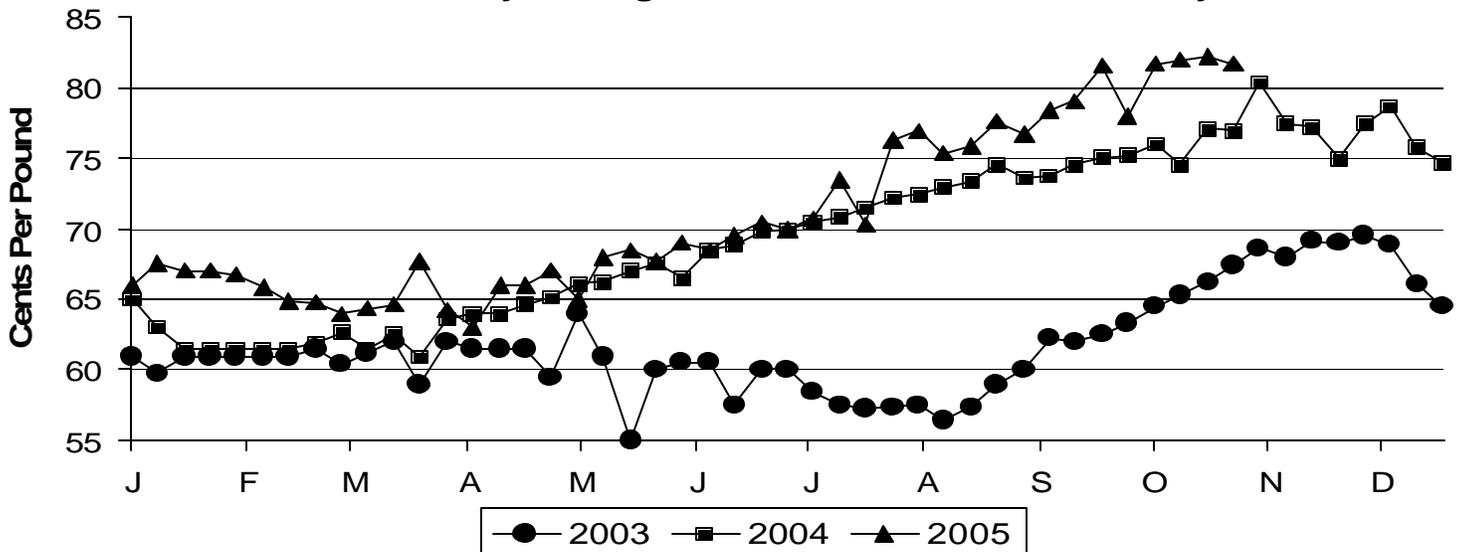
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### 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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