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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Prices were lower on mediums and unchanged on the larger sizes in all areas. The trade sentiment was mixed, steady to fully steady on larger sizes while mediums were reported as barely steady. Retail demand was light to very good. Food service was light to moderate. Supplies were in a full range, adequate to tight on the larger sizes and fully adequate to at times ample for mediums. Breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Demand was light with tight to barely adequate offerings. Most producers were content to hold gradable shell eggs as they attempt to move additional production away from breaking channels and into higher priced retail markets. Floor stocks were mixed, in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. The trade sentiment was mostly steady. Removal costs for spent hens were unchanged to sharply lower. Demand was fair to fairly good and best into traditional processors of spent hens. Offerings were short of needs into rendering facilities and adequate into slaughter sites. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-6 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 mixed, with the larger sizes reported as steady to at time fully steady and mediums were reported as barely steady. Retail demand was light to very good, usually moderate to at times fairly good. Loose egg sales were light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight for the larger sizes and fully adequate to available for the lighter weight eggs. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light with offerings tight to barely adequate. Floor stocks were mixed, in close balance to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady was mostly steady.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	62-71	65-68
LARGE	61-70	63-66
MEDIUM	49-58	51-54

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 mediums were trending slightly lower. Trade sentiment was steady on the larger sizes, but barely steady on mediums. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were generally adequate on the heavier weight eggs and fully adequate to available on the lighter weight eggs. Breaking stock offerings were closely balanced to adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were about sufficient for processing requirements.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	69-83	71-75
LARGE	64-78	69-73
MEDIUM	56-69	61-63

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

## COMBINED REGIONAL

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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	73.00	71.00	62.00
SOUTHEAST	76.50	74.50	61.00
MIDWEST	66.50	64.50	54.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	76.50	62.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.25	71.83	60.09

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

	12-06-05	11-29-05	12-07-04
Large	43-52	43-52	47-55
Medium	31-37	33-39	16-21

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DECEMBER 05, 2005

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/

(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	
		Cent	Cent	Cent			
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.5	23.5	7.1	20.0	11.1	74.2
	Change	2.3	5.3	0.0	7.7	-1.4	23%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	27.6	50.9	14.5	34.6	37.9	165.5
	Change	1.6	0.6	4.1	8.1	5.9	14%
Large	Curr Wk	43.6	145.6	77.2	116.5	105.7	488.6
	Change	4.5	27.7	28.7	30.5	17.6	29%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.3	64.6	14.5	18.9	34.8	147.1
	Change	1.7	1.4	-0.9	-1.5	2.4	2%
Small	Curr Wk	6.4	7.1	1.0	3.8	3.6	21.9
	Change	2.4	2.5	0.4	-1.4	0.1	22%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.4	32.2	13.0	11.7	4.1	63.4
	Change	-1.0	-2.4	1.4	-3.9	-1.7	-11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.7	44.3	26.9	28.8	24.8	140.5
	Change	2.2	-9.1	10.4	5.3	-6.1	2%
Total	Curr Wk	122.5	368.2	154.2	234.3	222.0	1101.2
	Percent Change	13%	8%	40%	24%	8%	15%

## TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1101.2	15%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	245.5	2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1346.7	13%	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 03-DEC-05**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,291,133	32,148	11,263	6,176	2,469	4,375
PW	1,134,663	29,477	9,474	4,926	2,072	3,895
LY	1,269,751	30,795	12,016	6,592	2,177	4,313
% Chg PWK	14%	9%	19%	25%	19%	12%
% Chg LY	2%	4%	-6%	-6%	13%	1%
2005	62,935,050	1,498,520	605,825	324,498	138,427	212,657
2004	59,534,785	1,416,596	572,302	309,163	127,686	204,683
% Chg YTD	6%	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%
<b>Average Yield Per Case -</b>		<b>Current</b>	<b>Previous</b>	<b>Last</b>		
		<b>Week</b>	<b>Week</b>	<b>Year</b>		
(Inedible Included)		41.79	42.10	42.30		
(Inedible Excluded)		38.41	38.67	38.91		

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	545,493	42.2%	15,425	48.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	544,716	48.0%	16,384	55.6%
LAST YEAR	499,152	39.3%	13,461	43.7%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	NOV 26	DEC 03	NOV 26	DEC 03
	Thousand			
AL	*31,535	31,711	*20,419	21,090
AR	30,960	31,284	*22,459	24,212
DE	3,995	4,017	5,897	5,068
FL	1,364	1,374	*1,644	1,719
GA	34,393	33,839	*26,195	26,756
KY	6,973	6,599	5,854	5,707
LA	4,136	4,136	3,507	4,235
MD	8,952	8,885	5,148	5,456
MS	18,484	18,704	16,395	15,850
NC	*18,918	17,807	*14,144	14,963
OK	*6,679	6,679	*4,942	5,100
PA	*4,008	4,032	*3,021	3,054
SC	5,060	5,097	4,509	3,865
TX	14,912	15,157	12,756	12,608
VA	*6,388	6,378	5,173	5,342
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,043	17,694	*17,071	16,715
19 State Total	*214,800	213,393	*169,134	171,740
Previous Year Total	210,096	208,114	165,545	170,790
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	103	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 14-Jan-06 is estimated at 156.9 million head. This compares to 153.3 million head the previous week and to 158.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.01 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/01/05-12/07/05

CURRENT LDS 91.25 FUTURE LDS 61.50 TOTAL LDS 152.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	49.50	55.29	50.70	52.22	48.57	—	49.00
GNR W 2	—	—	47.75	49.50	—	—	4.00
GNR BR 1	—	77.67	—	—	—	74.00	6.00
GL W J	—	—	65.00	67.00	55.00	—	2.00
GL W XL	63.00	65.05	60.20	61.90	54.73	55.50	45.25
GL W LG	—	65.93	57.00	63.75	55.52	57.00	48.00
GL W MD	55.00	52.83	50.00	51.20	37.50	31.00	20.00
GL W SM	37.00	40.25	36.80	38.80	—	—	6.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	100.00	—	1.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.50	37.47	33.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	36.00	2.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	32.00	2.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	16.38	19.00	4.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 03-DEC-2005**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW	PCT CHG	
	PW	LY			
Atlanta	27.9	29.4	-5	10	
Boston	3.1	3.6	-14	-14	
Chicago	97.9	102.4	-4	59	
Detroit	22.0	26.3	-16	-13	
Kansas City	7.1	9.1	-22	37	
Los Angeles	109.1	110.7	-1	17	
New Orleans	6.8	6.4	6	-6	
New York	30.0	30.5	-2	0	
St. Louis	17.7	19.3	-8	23	
San Francisco	18.9	20.5	-8	-7	
Total	340.5	358.2	-5	19	
4 Week Moving Avg.	363.2				

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 03-DEC-05**

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,978	2,572	35	1	4,586
Avg Wt	16.15	38.43	26.37	39.52	28.73
Last week	942	1,449	16	6	2,413
Same wk yr ago	1,718	2,686	61	23	4,488
Avg Wt	15.61	37.47	25.14	31.66	28.90
To-date/2005	87,951	123,833	1,195	209	213,188
To-date/2004	83,660	123,050	2,465	352	209,527

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

Week ending 03-DEC-05 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)					
--YOUNG TURKEYS--			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		HEAD	LIVE WT
North East	888	298	24.54	(A)	889
South Atlantic	615	84	35.41	(A)	615
North Central	2,024	57	33.42	(A)	2,024
South Central	670	142	18.04	(A)	670
West	388	36	21.65	(A)	388
U.S. total	4,585(B)	90	28.73	1	4,586
To-date					
2005	212,979(B)			209	213,188
To-date					
2004	209,175(B)			352	209,527
(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.					
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 35,000; for the current year to date 1,195,000; for last year to date 2,465,000.					

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

W/E 03-Dec-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	164,540	1,281	1,499	2,780	595
Avg Wt	5.47	3.25	7.89	5.75	6.89
Last week	126,447	819	940	1,759	374
Same wk yr ago	162,589	1,413	1,465	2,878	565
Avg Wt	5.41	3.29	7.91	5.64	6.82
To-date/2005	7,723,390	68,362	67,875	136,237	23,935
To-date/2004	7,510,737	65,378	65,182	130,560	22,596

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.5 million head, or 9.0 million more than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Dec-05

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	12/10/05(1)	12/03/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	167,977(2)	162,767
Light hens	1,392	1,305
Heavy hens	1,499	1,433
Total	170,868	165,505

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Dec-05 is 157.2 million head compared to 161.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 168.3 million head or 11.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 17-Dec-05 the estimated available is 157.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
October	29	166.6	162.2	103% 5.49
November	5	163.9	161.6	101% 5.47
	12	166.0	160.3	104% 5.53
	19	165.6	158.0	105% 5.46
	26	128.0	157.2	81% 5.48
December	3	166.5	157.5	106% 5.47
Year to date		7817.0	7871.1	99%
December	10		158.5	
	17		157.9	

**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 05-DEC-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG LDS
Chicago	54.00-57.00	57.20	39	59.04 73
Los Angeles	79.00	76.93	58	71.71 124
New York	56.00-59.00	58.08	24	60.23 55

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

05-DEC-2005	Change from		06-DEC-2004
	28-NOV-2005	28-NOV-2005	
64.50	-1.53	66.03	67.48
NUMBER OF LOADS	561		

**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/ 8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
			AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-86	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	83-89	84-84.75	84.15	100
WESTERN REGION 5/	84-88	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS	OFFERS	SALES	WTD	LBS
			AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION	81-85	81	81.00	40
CENTRAL REGION	81-85	84	84.00	40
WESTERN REGION	82-85	-	-	-

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	12/05/05	3,319	32,978	74,903
AM	11/01/05	3,885	81,804	63,547
CHG		-566	-48826	11356
PCT CHG		-15%	-60%	18%

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

FROZEN EGGS	15	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	172	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	935	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS**

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

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.49
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.27

(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)

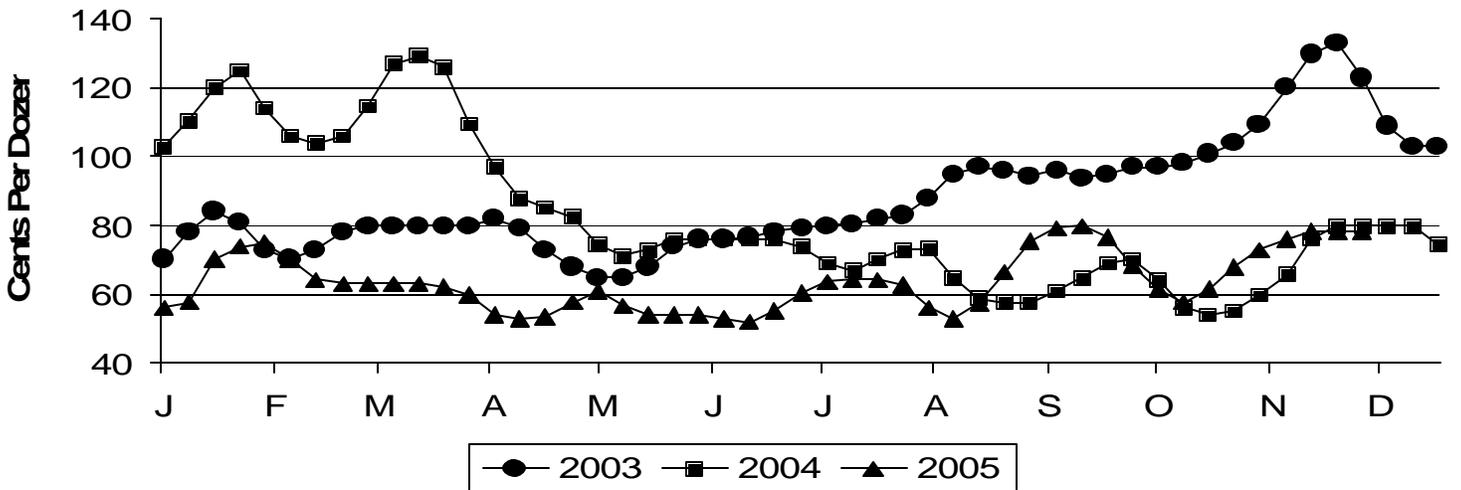
REGIONS	REMOVAL COST	
	RANGE	MAJORITY
02-DEC-05		
Eastern	3-11	6-8
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-6	

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

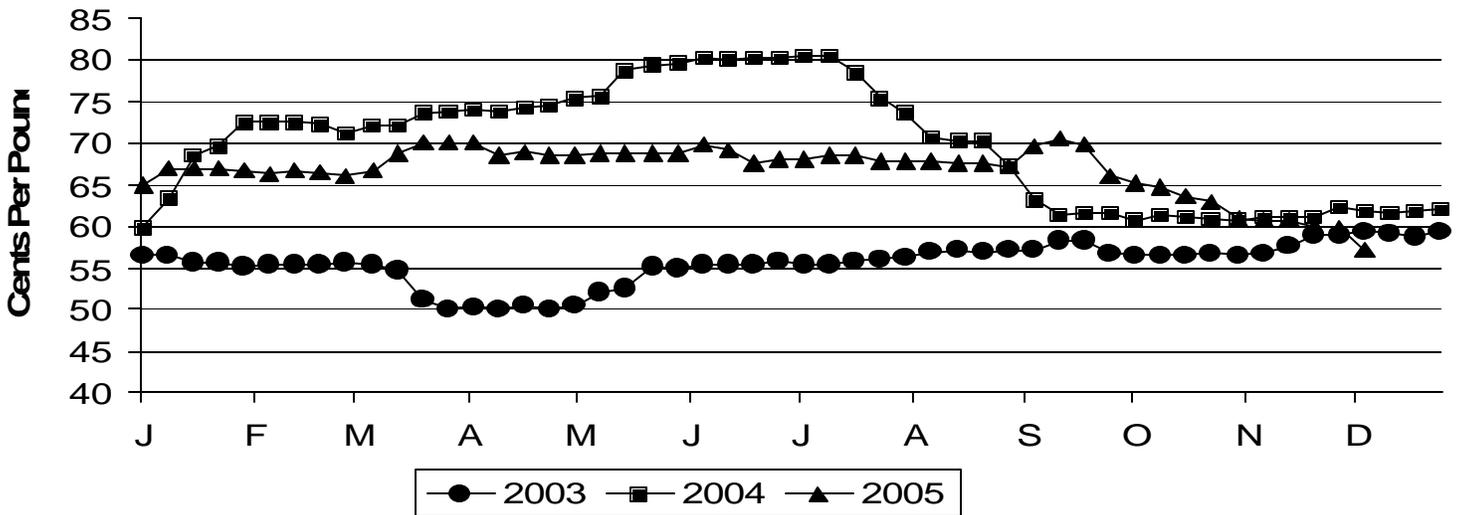
W/E 03-Dec-2005	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	211.9	-3	-2
East North Central	615.9	3	4
West North Central	290.8	4	2
South Atlantic	207.6	-2	-12
South Central	61.8	-1	-12
West	201.0	2	9
Total	1588.3	-1	0
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

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)

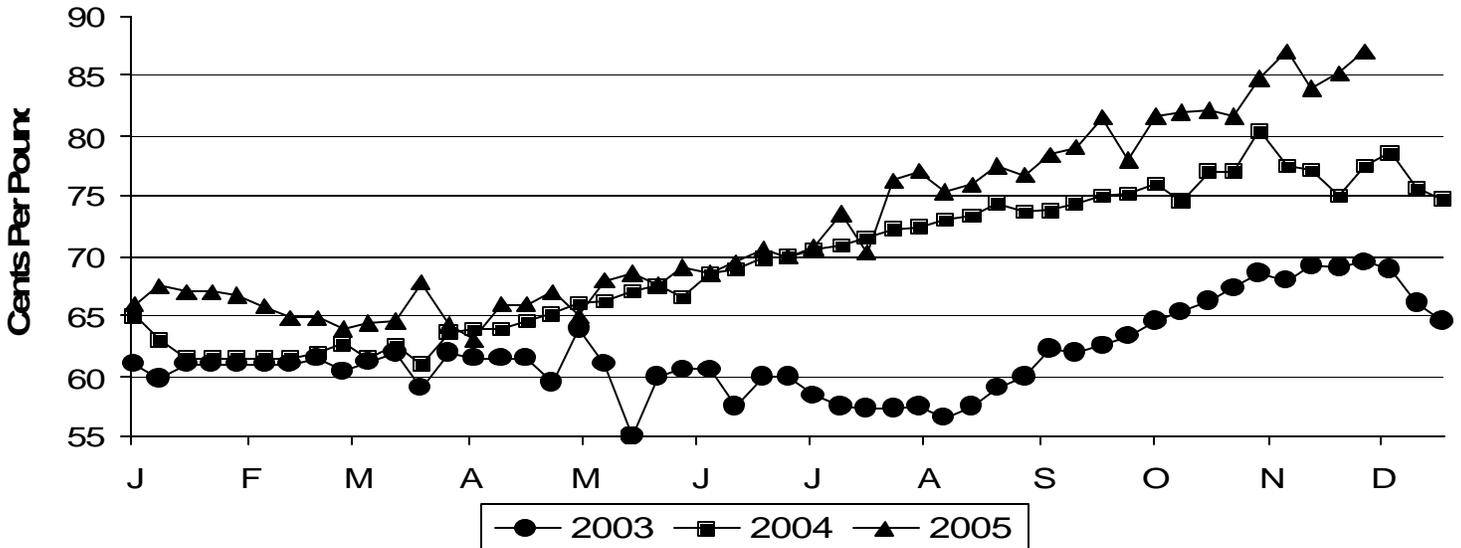
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### 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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