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Prices were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums in all areas throughout the week. The market tone was fully steady to firm on the larger sizes while the mediums were steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good in most areas. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were barely adequate to in balance on larger sizes and fully sufficient on medium eggs. Breaking stock prices with checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Offerings were in close balance to very tight for heavy breaking stock and adequate for lighter shell eggs. Demand was usually light as the holidays quickly approach. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules were mixed. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs for spent hens were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was fair to fairly good with offerings in close balance to barely adequate. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were .5-6 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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm for the larger sizes and steady for mediums. Retail demand was still good to very good in most areas. Loose egg movement was light to moderate. Supplies were in close balance for the larger sizes and fully adequate for mediums and small. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings of heavy breaking stock were in close balance to very tight and offerings were adequate for lighter shell eggs. Demand was usually light. Floor stocks adequate to closely balanced. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment steady.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	70-79	73-76
LARGE	69-78	71-74
MEDIUM	45-54	47-50

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged, although larger sizes were trending higher. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies were in balance to fully adequate for current needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed for the fair demand. Spent hens were about adequate to adequate for the fair to at least moderate demand.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	77-91	79-83
LARGE	72-86	77-81
MEDIUM	53-66	58-60

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

**COMBINED REGIONAL**

Dec 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	73.00	71.00	59.00
SOUTHEAST	76.50	74.50	58.00
MIDWEST	66.50	64.50	48.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	76.50	76.50	59.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	73.25	71.83	56.36

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

	12-20-05	12-13-05	12-21-04
Large	53-62	43-52	45-53
Medium	27-33	27-33	14-19

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DECEMBER 19, 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	10.3	13.8	7.3	13.4	12.3	57.1
	Change	-1.8	-3.0	-0.2	-2.1	-0.1	-11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.6	30.4	8.2	22.3	38.5	122.0
	Change	-3.5	-5.2	-5.3	-8.5	0.8	-15%
Large	Curr Wk	39.6	87.1	55.4	91.9	107.0	381.0
	Change	-6.8	-38.9	-27.8	-27.2	2.1	-21%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	55.5	14.1	16.4	32.2	130.8
	Change	-1.5	-1.9	-2.8	-2.1	-2.2	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	4.3	8.5	0.7	4.1	2.5	20.1
	Change	-2.2	1.0	-0.2	1.4	-0.6	-3%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.0	35.2	12.5	15.2	4.1	70.0
	Change	0.4	7.0	1.5	2.7	-0.9	18%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.0	27.6	23.0	21.5	24.0	106.1
	Change	-7.5	-12.5	-4.1	-2.6	-2.3	-21%
Total	Curr Wk	102.4	258.1	121.2	184.8	220.6	887.1
Percent	Change	-18%	-17%	-24%	-17%	-1%	-15%

**TOTAL**

Number of Cases    Percent Change    Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	887.1	-15%	169
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	179.7	-22%	35
Total Shell Egg	1066.8	-16%	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 17-Dec-2005**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED	
CW	1,239,764	31,901	10,257	5,389	2,345	4,257	
PW	1,248,908	30,999	10,774	6,194	2,313	4,178	
LY	1,243,491	29,563	12,245	6,752	2,554	4,502	
% PW	-1%	3%	-5%	-13%	1%	2%	
% LY	0%	8%	-16%	-20%	-8%	-5%	
2005	65,423,722	1,561,420	626,856	336,081	143,085	221,091	
2004	62,065,004	1,478,118	596,186	322,570	132,429	213,707	
% YTD	5%	6%	5%	4%	8%	3%	
					<b>CW</b>	<b>PW</b>	<b>LY</b>
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included)					41.78	41.75	42.67
Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded)					38.35	38.41	39.05

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

	Cases Broken		Liquid whole	
	Cases	% of Total	Lbs.	% of Total
CURRENT WEEK	512,157	41.30%	15,696	49.20%
PREVIOUS WEEK	535,123	42.80%	15,353	49.50%
LAST YEAR	493,388	39.70%	13,539	45.80%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005	Dec 10 2005	Dec 17 2005
	THOUSAND			
AL	31,525	31,563	21,533	21,693
AR	31,147	31,368	*24,197	24,418
DE	4,047	4,068	*5,625	5,854
FL	1,364	1,362	1,573	1,473
GA	*34,179	34,470	*26,557	27,601
KY	7,123	6,972	*5,871	5,867
LA	4,136	4,136	3,828	4,057
MD	*8,974	9,013	*5,443	5,626
MS	18,661	18,463	16,707	16,535
NC	*18,368	19,031	*15,209	15,310
OK	*6,676	6,621	5,181	4,656
PA	*4,182	4,152	*2,992	2,984
SC	5,089	5,273	3,114	4,579
TX	15,160	15,143	12,840	12,808
VA	6,393	6,359	*4,876	5,398
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,270	17,904	*16,473	16,953
19 State Total	*214,294	215,898	*172,019	175,812
Previous Year Total	209,584	211,111	171,447	172,727
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	102	100	102

\*Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-Jan-06 is estimated at 160.1 million head. This compares to 159.0 million head the previous week and to 162.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.64 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 15, 2005-DEC 21, 2005

LOADS:	CURRENT		FUTURE		TOTAL		
	60.25	51.25	111.50	SE	NE	MW	
<b>CLASS</b>	<b>ORG</b>	<b>DST</b>	<b>ORG</b>	<b>DST</b>	<b>ORG</b>	<b>DST</b>	<b>LOADS</b>
GNR W 1	61.33	65.40	60.88	63.47	60.39	62.20	46.00
GNR BR 1	--	83.00	--	--	--	--	2.00
GL W J	--	--	73.25	74.75	58.00	--	3.00
GL W XL	--	71.33	75.00	74.00	63.77	66.75	27.25
GL W LG	65.00	78.29	68.00	72.82	59.00	65.09	25.25
GL W MD	52.00	49.60	54.63	52.16	35.25	36.00	20.50
GL W SM	38.25	41.00	35.50	38.33	--	--	5.00
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	99.00	--	.25
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	97.00	--	.50
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	96.00	--	.75
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	39.50	37.00	19.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	14.25	18.00	2.00

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

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Thousands)		LW	
	LW	LY	PERCENT CHANGE	
Atlanta	32.4	28.5	14	12
Boston	3.3	2.6	27	-3
Chicago	102.4	94.5	8	56
Detroit	33.8	40.3	-16	22
Kansas City	5.4	4.5	20	2
Los Angeles	118.7	116.7	2	33
New Orleans	8.0	5.2	54	19
New York	35.8	34.2	5	-3
St. Louis	23.9	24.7	-3	-1
San Francisco	19.2	20.0	-4	-10
Total	382.9	371.2	3	24
4 Week Moving Avg.	363.2			

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 17-Dec-2005 (Preliminary)				
YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
-THOUSAND HEAD-	PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
	CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD- WT
North East	772	-17	23.95	(A) 773 23.95
South Atlantic	679	2	34.68	(A) 679 34.68
North Central	2,024	-4	33.32	(A) 2,024 33.32
South Central	648	-21	18.90	(A) 648 18.90
West	397	-19	21.71	(A) 397 21.71
U.S. total	4,520(B)	-10	28.83	1 4,521 28.83
To-date				
2005	222,524(B)			211 222,735
To-date				
2004	217,872(B)			353 218,225

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date 1,225,000; for last year to date 2,537,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	TURKEYS	
	Thousands				
W/E 17-Dec-2005					
Head	1,937	2,564	19	1	4,521
Avg Wt	15.67	38.78	27.79	44.26	28.83
Last week	2,229	2,785	11	1	5,026
Same wk yr ago	1,727	2,477	26	0	4,230
Avg Wt	15.41	38.26	24.19	0.00	28.84
To-date/2005	92,117	129,182	1,225	211	222,735
To-date/2004	87,237	128,098	2,537	353	218,225

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

W/E 17-Dec-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	164,304	1,404	1,488	2,892	521
Avg Wt	5.37	3.28	7.87	5.64	6.71
Last week	161,899	1,270	1,483	2,753	518
Same wk yr ago	159,224	1,499	1,462	2,961	540
Avg Wt	5.22	3.26	7.87	5.54	6.75
To-date/2005	8,049,593	71,036	70,846	141,882	24,974
To-date/2004	7,829,779	68,411	68,047	136,458	23,659

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 157.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 166.3 million head, or 8.4 million more than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 24-Dec-05

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	12/24/05(1)	12/17/05
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	150,374(2)	162,560
Light hens	1,513	1,462
Heavy hens	1,332	1,448
Total	153,219	165,470

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 24-Dec-05 is 158.5 million head compared to 161.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 150.7 million head or 7.8 million less than estimated available. For the week of 31-Dec-05 the estimated available is 157.9 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
Week ending	Slaughtered	Available	Pct	Wt	
November	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
	10	163.9	158.5	103%	5.46
	17	166.3	157.9	105%	5.37
Year to date	8147.2	8187.5	100%		
December	24	155.4			
	31	154.6			

**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-DEC-2005 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	52.00-55.00	56.09	37	56.51	72
Los Angeles	78.00	76.05	57	72.11	103
New York	55.00-58.00	56.46	24	58.94	48

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

19-DEC-2005	Change from		
	12-DEC-2005	12-DEC-2005	20-DEC-2004
63.76	-66	64.42	68.26
NUMBER OF LOADS	492		

**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	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	75-81	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	75-81	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	70-80	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70-79	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70-80	-	-	-

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 12/19/05	3,299	29,488	71,055
AM 12/01/05	3,375	33,192	75,095
CHG	-76	-3704	-4040
PCT CHG	-2%	-11%	-5%

**HEN MARKETS**

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

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.61
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.16

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

\*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

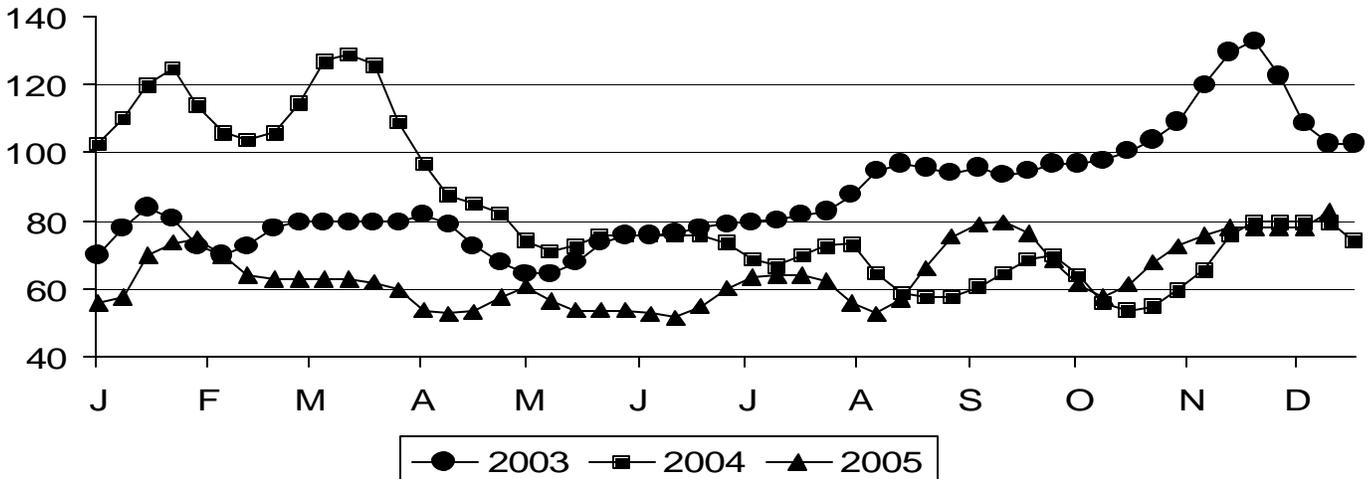
**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

16-DEC-05	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE MAJORITY
Eastern	3-10 6-8
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	.5-6

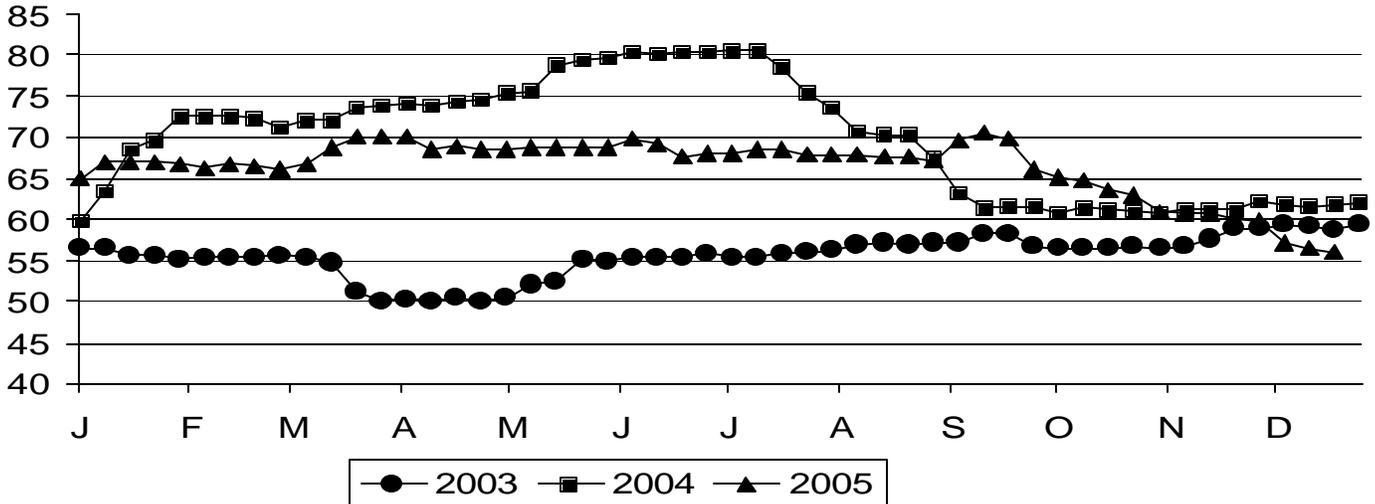
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 17-Dec-2005	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	227.4	2	-1
East North Central	645.4	9	8
West North Central	301.7	6	1
South Atlantic	213.6	2	-9
South Central	61.1	1	-13
West	201.0	-4	8
Total	1655.3	4	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)			

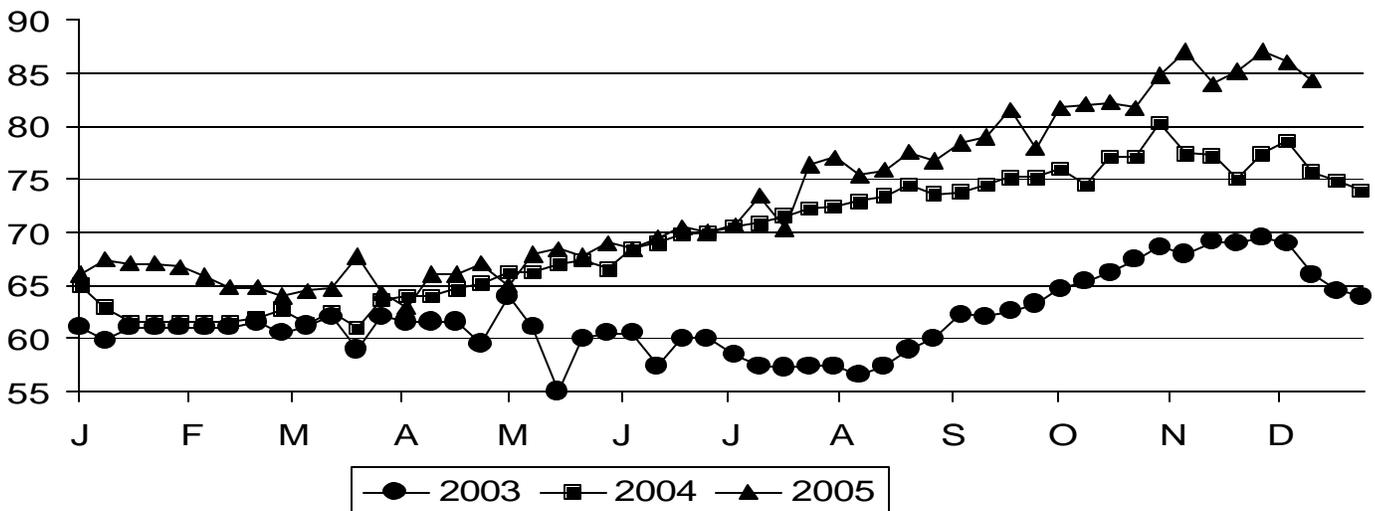
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices cents per pound



### Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkey cents per pound



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