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NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

As the week began prices in the Midwest and South Central regions were lower for larger sizes and unchanged for the mediums. Prices in New York were unchanged. During the week prices were sharply lower in New York and unchanged in other locations. The trade sentiment was weak. Retail demand was light to at times moderate. Food service movement was slow. Supplies were fully adequate to ample. Breaking stock prices were lower while checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the limited demand. Most buyers needs were easily satisfied with regular commitments and existing inventories. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. Trade sentiment was weak. Spent hen removal costs were higher. Offerings were balanced to available with demand improved and reported as fairly good. Schedules were full time. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were .5-8.5, mostly 4.5-8.5 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 all sizes. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged but were trending sharply lower for next week on all sizes. Trade sentiment was weak. Cartoned egg sales were very light to instances moderate. Food service demand was slow. Supplies were ample for all sizes. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to 1 cent lower with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the limited demand. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate. Schedules were full time. The trade sentiment was weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-61	55-58
LARGE	51-60	53-56
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, however all sizes continued to trend sharply lower. Trade sentiment remained weak. Demand was mostly light to fair. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient and demand was noted as light and unaggressive. Offerings of spent hens were mostly adequate to at least adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	61-75	64-67
LARGE	56-72	63-65
MEDIUM	49-62	54-56

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

COMBINED REGIONAL

Jan 27, 2006

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	67.50	66.00	55.00
SOUTHEAST	65.50	63.50	55.00
MIDWEST	58.50	56.50	48.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	64.50	63.50	57.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	63.97	62.37	54.14

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

	01-31-06	01-24-06	02-01-05
Large	33-42	35-44	42-51
Medium	27-33	27-33	33-39

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- JANUARY 30, 2006

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	10.3	22.4	8.5	15.4	12.2	68.8
	Change	1.1	2.8	1.2	1.1	0.9	12%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	31.8	74.4	14.0	24.3	36.3	180.8
	Change	-0.1	9.4	0.2	-1.6	-0.7	4%
Large	Curr Wk	42.3	160.8	67.0	85.9	91.6	447.6
	Change	2.9	20.6	0.5	6.4	-10.2	5%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.5	49.6	13.8	23.6	28.8	127.3
	Change	0.1	-1.7	0.4	4.9	1.6	4%
Small	Curr Wk	8.3	8.2	0.2	5.3	11.4	33.4
	Change	2.6	1.5	0.0	0.6	-2.0	9%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.3	32.1	7.7	13.2	4.4	59.7
	Change	0.5	3.7	0.1	-2.2	-0.6	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.9	60.6	31.8	30.6	26.1	165.0
	Change	2.1	-0.6	8.0	-0.2	-6.3	2%
Total	Curr Wk	122.4	408.1	143.0	198.3	210.8	1082.6
	Change	8%	10%	8%	5%	-8%	5%

TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1082.6	5%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	244.8	3%	35
Total Shell Egg	1327.4	4%	203

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 168 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.

2/ Due to changes in the cooperator universe, the relevant totals for the previous week were ADJUSTED. This adjustment is necessary to facilitate valid comparisons. The revised figures are:

	NO	SO	SO	5-AREA		
NORTHEAST	CENT	CENT	ATL	PACIFIC	SUMMARY	
	113.2	372.4	132.6	189.3	228.1	1035.6

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 28-JAN-06

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)

(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,283,848	30,565	12,430	7,175	3,099	4,319
PW	1,270,658	30,039	12,627	6,708	3,210	4,347
LY	1,239,584	29,192	12,629	6,605	2,910	4,315
% Chg PWK	1%	2%	-2%	7%	-3%	-1%
% Chg LY	4%	5%	-2%	9%	6%	0%
2006	5,065,453	122,007	48,472	26,909	12,214	17,300
2005	4,972,263	117,659	49,613	26,463	13,069	17,701
% Chg YTD	2%	4%	-2%	2%	-7%	-2%
Average Yield Per Case -		Current		Previous		Last
		Week		Week		Year
(Inedible Included)		42.44		42.28		42.55
(Inedible Excluded)		39.08		38.86		39.07

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	597,253	46.5%	15,434	50.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	589,135	46.4%	15,319	51.0%
LAST YEAR	506,237	40.8%	12,985	44.5%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	JAN 21	JAN 28	JAN 21	JAN 28
	Thousand			
AL	31,526	30,946	20,990	21,440
AR	*31,443	31,327	*24,773	24,595
DE	3,781	3,814	5,365	6,245
FL	1,349	1,344	1,429	1,500
GA	35,051	34,410	27,998	27,040
KY	7,466	7,296	*5,682	5,774
LA	4,135	4,136	3,843	3,936
MD	8,942	8,912	5,632	4,931
MS	18,704	18,447	16,502	16,511
NC	18,214	18,140	15,715	15,465
OK	*6,690	6,675	5,262	5,447
PA	*3,945	3,794	*2,893	2,885
SC	5,250	5,367	4,001	4,390
TX	15,014	15,203	12,803	12,935
VA	6,385	6,156	5,213	4,990
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,458	17,157	16,212	16,337
19 State Total	*215,353	213,124	*174,313	174,421
Previous Year Total	211,673	212,630	172,679	171,340
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	101	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 11-Mar-06 is estimated at 160.5 million head. This compares to 159.9 million head the previous week and to 161.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.5 million head and the composite weighted average price was 71.74 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/26/06-02/01/06

CURRENT LDS 93.50 FUTURE LDS 45.25 TOTAL LDS 138.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	38.50	—	37.38	39.89	—	—	9.00
GL W J	—	—	51.00	53.00	52.25	56.00	3.00
GL W XL	41.75	48.96	46.13	45.91	35.72	37.11	61.00
GL W LG	—	49.33	38.50	43.50	38.67	40.40	27.25
GL W MD	—	48.18	36.50	37.50	39.00	—	12.25
GL W SM	30.75	32.75	32.96	35.32	—	—	8.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	72.00	—	.75
NRBS - 48	—	22.00	25.00	26.00	24.29	27.52	36.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	24.00	4.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	22.00	15.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 28-JAN-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS			PW	LY
Atlanta	27.6	27.7		0	-3
Boston	3.0	3.2		-6	-12
Chicago	70.5	83.8		-16	-2
Detroit	21.7	19.9		9	-12
Kansas City	3.7	2.9		28	-16
Los Angeles	115.1	109.9		5	6
New Orleans	6.3	6.0		5	-32
New York	32.3	32.3		0	10
St. Louis	18.8	18.5		2	2
San Francisco	18.8	18.5		2	-21
Total	317.8	322.7		-2	-1
4 Week Moving Avg.	328.8				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 28-JAN-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,524	2,596	23	2	4,145
Avg Wt	16.00	39.25	22.68	55.78	30.62
Last week	1,504	2,830	28	6	4,368
Same wk yr ago	1,502	2,533	17	3	4,055
Avg Wt	15.85	39.37	24.74	36.87	27.93
To-date/2006	6,023	9,831	97	24	15,975
To-date/2005	6,311	10,080	125	23	16,539

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

	Week ending 28-JAN-06					
	(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)					
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		HEAD	LIVE WT
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT
North East	746	-15	25.28	(A)	747	25.28
South Atlantic	646	3	37.16	(A)	647	37.16
North Central	1,983	4	33.99	(A)	1,983	33.99
South Central	495	-30	18.66	(A)	495	18.66
West	273	13	26.79	(A)	273	26.79
U.S. total	4,143(B)	-5	30.62	2	4,145	30.62
To-date						
2006	15,951(B)			24	15,975	
To-date						
2005	16,516(B)			23	16,539	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 23,000; for the current year to date 97,000; for last year to date 125,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 28-JAN-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	162,972	1,408	1,330	2,738	477
Avg Wt	5.35	3.34	7.97	5.59	6.38
Last week	154,485	1,498	1,410	2,908	432
Same wk yr ago	157,768	1,307	1,024	2,331	546
Avg Wt	5.28	3.01	8.11	5.25	6.65
To-date/2006	634,785	5,668	5,489	11,157	1,874
To-date/2005	626,880	5,854	4,931	10,785	2,105

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.9 million head, or 0.4 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 04-Feb-06

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	02/04/06(1)	01/28/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	164,986(2)	164,369
Light hens	1,387	1,456
Heavy hens	1,467	1,346
Total	167,840	167,171

(1) ESTIMATED (2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 04-Feb-06 is 162.4 million head compared to 158.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 165.3 million head or 2.9 million more than estimated available. For the week of 11-Feb-06 the estimated available is 164.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
December	24	153.5	155.4	99%	5.43
	31	143.7	154.6	93%	5.35
January	7	151.8	156.5	97%	5.38
	14	169.3	160.4	106%	5.35
	21	156.4	162.4	96%	5.4
	28	164.9	164.5	100%	5.35
Year to date		642.4	643.8	100%	
February	4		165.4		
	11		164.0		

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 30-JAN-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	52.00-55.00	55.96	38 :	57.69	68
Los Angeles	77.00	74.65	54 :	71.66	109
New York	55.00-58.00	56.77	22 :	59.10	61

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

30-JAN-2006	Change from		
	23-JAN-2006	23-JAN-2006	31-JAN-2005
63.66	1.26	62.40	71.50
NUMBER OF LOADS	543		

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
January	63.13	2518.20

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/	66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-68.5	68.5	68.50	60
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

REGION	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
EASTERN REGION	66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65-67.5	67.5	67.50	40
WESTERN REGION	66-67	-	-	-

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	01/30/06	3,500	49,669	71,828
AM	01/01/06	3,410	31,772	67,392
CHG		90	17897	4436
PCT CHG		3%	56%	7%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 30-JAN-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.75-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.19
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.17

(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
Eastern	3-11	7-9.5
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	.5-8.5	4.5-8.5

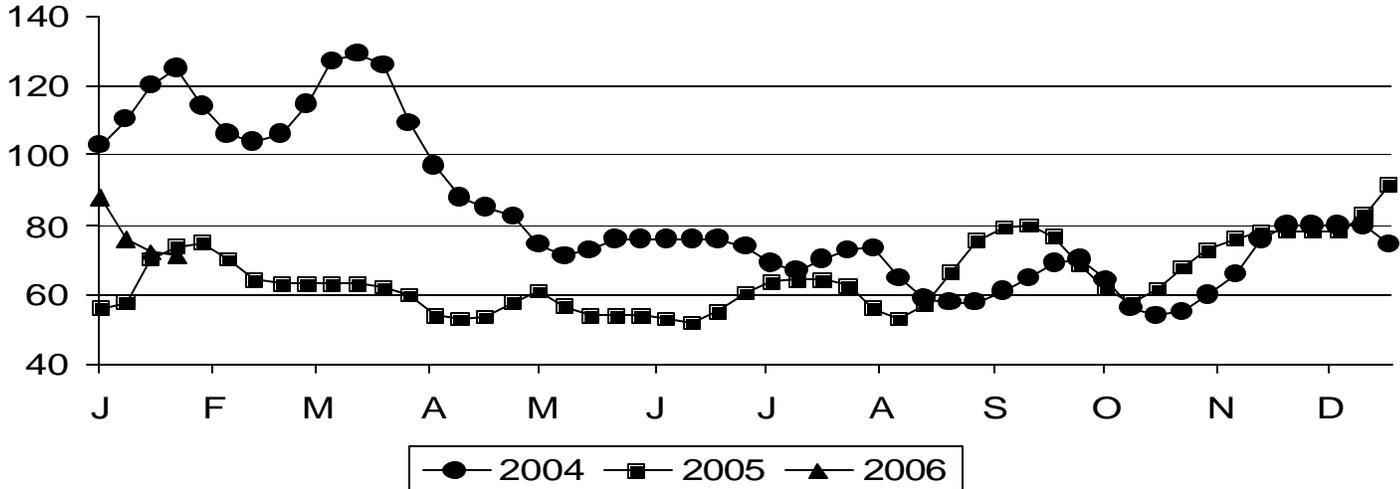
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

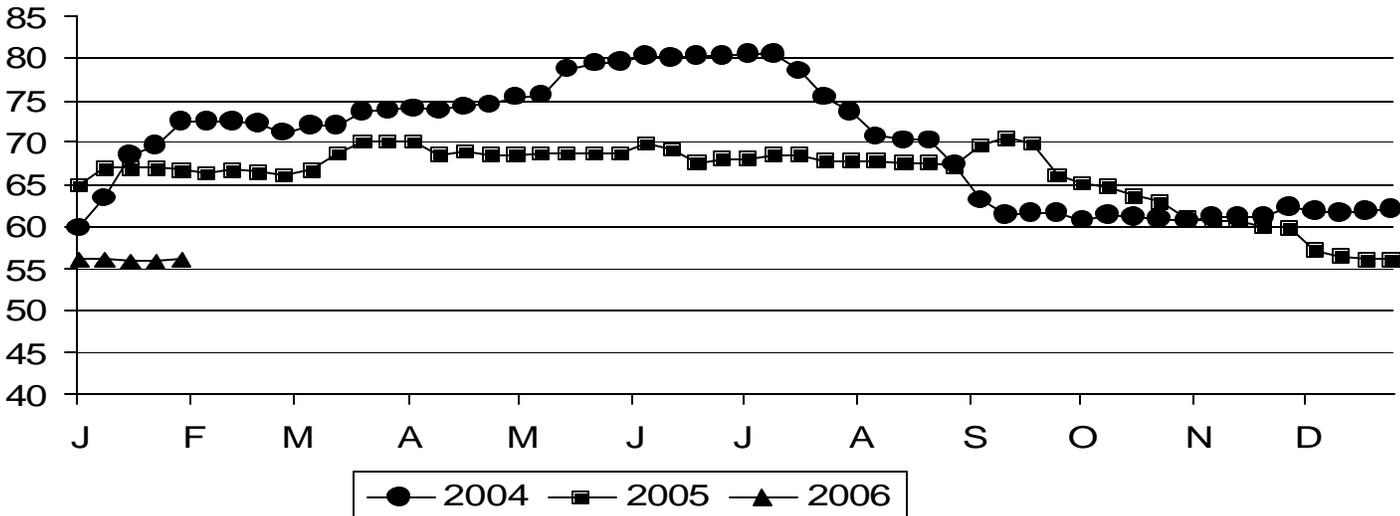
W/E 28-JAN-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlantic	208.5	0	-2
East North Central	608.1	1	-1
West North Central	291.6	0	-2
South Atlantic	198.1	0	-7
South Central	58.5	-4	-16
West	201.0	1	7
Total	1564.3	0	-2
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

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)

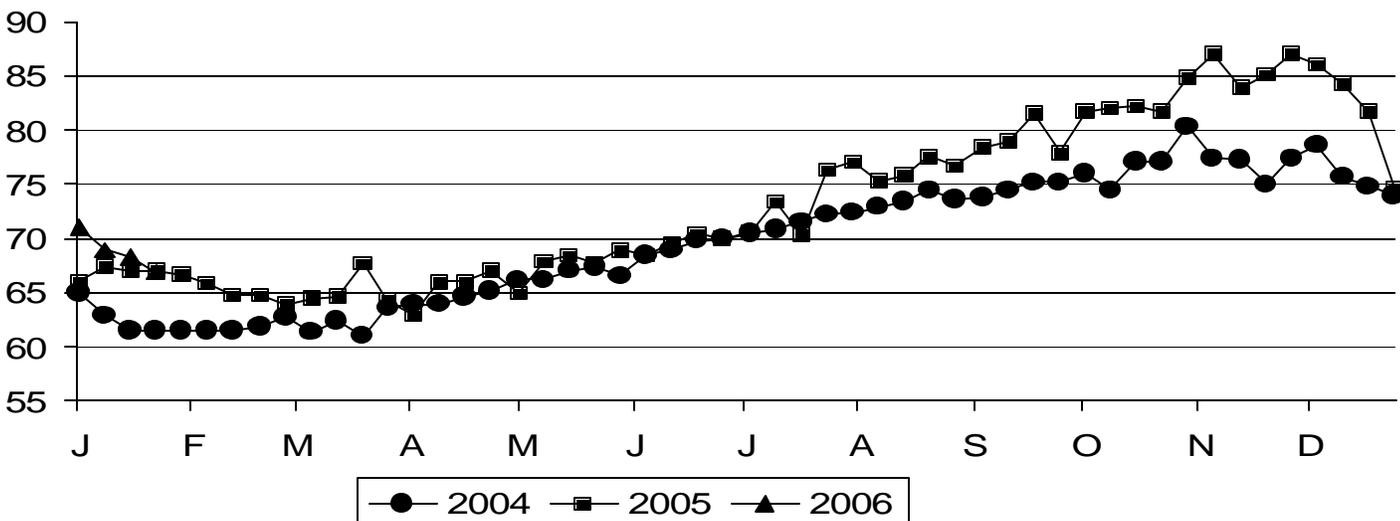
New York Large Weekly Average Price
cents per dozen



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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