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Early week prices were higher on all sizes in all areas. During the week prices were higher in New York but unchanged in the remaining locations. The market tone was fully steady. Retail and food service demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were usually sufficient for current trade needs. All breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was moderate to fairly good with offerings tight to short of needs. In most instances off-line operators were reporting reduced schedules for the remainder of this week and most of next week as incoming spot loads of breaking stock were scarce. Floor stocks were tight to adequate. Trade sentiment was firm. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged to higher. Offerings were mostly adequate with demand poor to fairly good and best into rendering operations as export demand was very quiet. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 2-10 cents, mostly 5-9 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 1 cent higher for medium. All other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to at times fairly good. Loose egg sales were light to moderate. Supplies were usually adequate for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the tight offerings. Floor stocks very tight to adequate. Trade sentiment firm.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	63-72	66-69
LARGE	62-71	64-67
MEDIUM	38-47	40-43

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 mostly steady. Demand was light to fairly good. Supplies were generally adequate for trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the light demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for the fair to fairly good demand.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	69-83	72-76
LARGE	65-79	70-74
MEDIUM	40-53	45-47

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

COMBINED REGIONAL

Mar 10, 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	70.50	68.00	42.50
SOUTHEAST	70.50	68.50	43.00
MIDWEST	63.50	61.50	38.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	72.50	70.50	46.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	69.37	67.25	42.80

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

	03-14-06	03-07-06	03-15-05
Large	44-53	40-49	27-36
Medium	20-26	19-25	14-20

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MARCH 13, 2006

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	10.0	20.6	9.5	12.5	13.5	66.1
	Change	0.2	0.1	2.1	0.0	2.8	9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.0	47.8	10.1	29.6	46.5	156.0
	Change	-1.3	-7.1	2.2	7.7	5.7	5%
Large	Curr Wk	37.3	137.7	76.3	104.4	138.9	494.6
	Change	4.1	5.5	9.4	24.1	28.9	17%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.0	56.6	23.0	19.4	30.1	141.1
	Change	-1.2	-9.0	4.4	1.7	-1.4	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	6.6	12.4	3.8	5.0	4.9	32.7
	Change	0.3	-1.3	-2.3	-2.7	-0.4	-16%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.9	22.9	11.2	10.7	5.1	52.8
	Change	-0.1	-16.2	0.7	0.3	-0.2	-23%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.5	49.1	25.2	24.5	27.2	146.5
	Change	1.3	-5.4	4.4	-3.5	-1.0	-3%
Total	Curr Wk	111.3	347.1	159.1	206.1	266.2	1089.8
Percent	Change	3%	-9%	15%	15%	15%	5%

TOTAL

Number of Cases Percent Change Number of Cooperators

Shell Egg	1089.8	5%	168
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	214.5	0%	35
Total Shell Egg	1304.3	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.

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 11-MAR-06(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,237,397	31,140	10,861	5,643	2,400	4,113
PW	1,244,799	31,424	11,087	6,113	2,506	4,284
LY	1,274,049	31,496	11,715	6,643	2,473	4,543
% Chg PWK	-1%	-1%	-2%	-8%	-4%	-4%
% Chg LY	-3%	-1%	-7%	-15%	-3%	-9%
2006	12,733,093	311,661	119,861	65,744	30,441	43,518
2005	12,388,368	297,618	119,971	63,974	28,114	43,662
% Chg YTD	3%	5%	0%	3%	8%	0%
Average Yield Per Case -			Current	Previous	Last	
			Week	Week	Year	
(Inedible Included)			41.83	42.50	42.70	
(Inedible Excluded)			38.50	39.06	39.13	

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	569,857	46.1%	15,989	51.3%
PREVIOUS WEEK	572,795	46.0%	16,436	52.3%
LAST YEAR	517,165	40.6%	13,390	42.5%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	MAR 4	MAR 11	MAR 4	MAR 11
	Thousand			
AL	31,895	31,866	21,298	21,563
AR	30,868	31,164	24,141	23,758
DE	3,872	3,742	5,207	6,0497
FL	1,364	1,369	1,494	1,451
GA	34,827	34,980	*27,560	28,059
KY	*7,130	7,094	*4,925	5,987
LA	4,088	4,136	3,806	4,048
MD	8,977	8,980	5,194	4,949
MS	18,439	18,439	16,541	16,272
NC	18,986	18,911	15,346	15,523
OK	*6,633	6,602	*5,242	5,206
PA	*3,919	3,880	*2,874	2,573
SC	5,444	5,425	5,152	4,611
TX	15,266	15,184	12,920	12,885
VA	6,577	6,644	5,235	5,110
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,361	18,208	*16,756	17,319
19 State Total	*216,646	216,624	*173,691	175,363
Previous Year Total	214,750	213,629	176,267	176,772
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	101	99	99

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 22-Apr-06 is estimated at 160.7 million head. This compares to 159.6 million head the previous week and to 166.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.1 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.77 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/10/06-03/16/06

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	50.17	57.40	50.25	52.20	—	50.50	41.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
GL W J	—	—	67.50	69.00	51.10	—	6.00
GL W XL	—	69.24	62.20	63.28	48.49	52.67	42.75
GL W LG	—	65.56	—	65.00	48.91	54.00	48.75
GL W MD	—	37.50	36.50	37.67	32.78	36.11	15.75
GL W SM	23.06	26.06	22.60	25.15	—	22.00	10.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	58.00	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	31.00	10.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	27.08	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 11-MAR-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS			PW	LY
Atlanta	29.1		28.5	2	5
Boston	3.2		2.9	10	-26
Chicago	76.7		84.6	-9	1
Detroit	23.1		21.6	7	-31
Kansas City	3.7		3.8	-3	-14
Los Angeles	108.1		103.5	4	-2
New Orleans	9.9		6.0	65	52
New York	32.0		33.4	-4	-2
St. Louis	26.7		18.6	44	65
San Francisco	18.5		18.0	3	-6
Total	331.0		320.9	3	0
4 Week Moving Avg.			330.7		

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 11-Mar-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,001	2,376	34	10	4,421
Avg Wt	17.77	37.69	25.75	31.51	28.57
Last week	2,086	2,511	23	2	4,622
Same wk yr ago	1,551	2,477	10	3	4,041
Avg Wt	16.59	37.81	25.62	55.91	29.65
To-date/2006	16,743	24,487	219	42	41,491
To-date/2005	15,250	25,020	277	35	40,582

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

	Week ending 11-Mar-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	747	1	24.00	(A)	749	24.00
South Atlantic	622	-17	30.80	(A)	624	30.80
North Central	2,059	-1	33.20	(A)	2,061	33.20
South Central	740	-1	19.17	(A)	742	19.17
West	243	-18	26.14	(A)	245	26.14
U.S. total	4,411(B)	-5	28.57	10	4,421	28.57
To-date						
2006	41,449(B)				42	41,491
To-date						
2005	40,547(B)				35	40,582

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 34,000; for the current year to date 219,000; for last year to date 277,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 11-MAR-2005	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	160,615	977	1,580	2,557	526
Avg Wt	5.32	3.36	7.75	6.07	6.79
Last week	158,348	1,095	1,527	2,622	503
Same wk yr ago	157,630	1,720	1,317	3,037	506
Avg Wt	5.16	3.38	7.99	5.38	6.68
To-date/2006	1,602,358	12,514	14,216	26,730	5,032
To-date/2005	1,568,694	14,535	12,919	27,454	5,087

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.6 million head, or 1.6 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 18-Mar-06

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	03/18/06(1)	03/11/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	163,678(2)	164,578
Light hens	1,005	1,000
Heavy hens	1,361	1,493
Total	166,044	167,071

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Mar-06 is 164.3 million head compared to 159.2 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.0 million head or 0.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 25-Mar-06 the estimated available is 164.9 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
February	4	165.3	165.4	100%	5.45
	11	166.5	164.0	102%	5.41
	18	164.3	164.0	100%	5.38
	25	160.4	163.9	98%	5.48
March	4	160.3	163.4	98%	5.34
	11	162.6	164.2	99%	5.32
Year to date		1621.8	1628.7	100%	
March	18		164.3		
	25		164.9		

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 13-MAR-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	51.00-54.00	54.10	41	56.04	76	
Los Angeles	76.00	73.77	68	70.96	150	
New York	53.00-56.00	54.43	23	57.82	57	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

13-MAR-2006	Change from		06-MAR-2006	14-MAR-2005
	06-MAR-2006	06-MAR-2006		
62.39	-16	62.55	72.97	
NUMBER OF LOADS	585			

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/	66-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	66-67	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	66-67	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	66-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	65.5-67	-	-	-
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	03/13/06	3,430	74,718	66,539
AM	03/01/06	3,338	69,688	69,000
CHG		92	5030	-2461
PCT CHG		3%	7%	-4%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 13-MAR-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.5-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.57
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.25 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.39

(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)

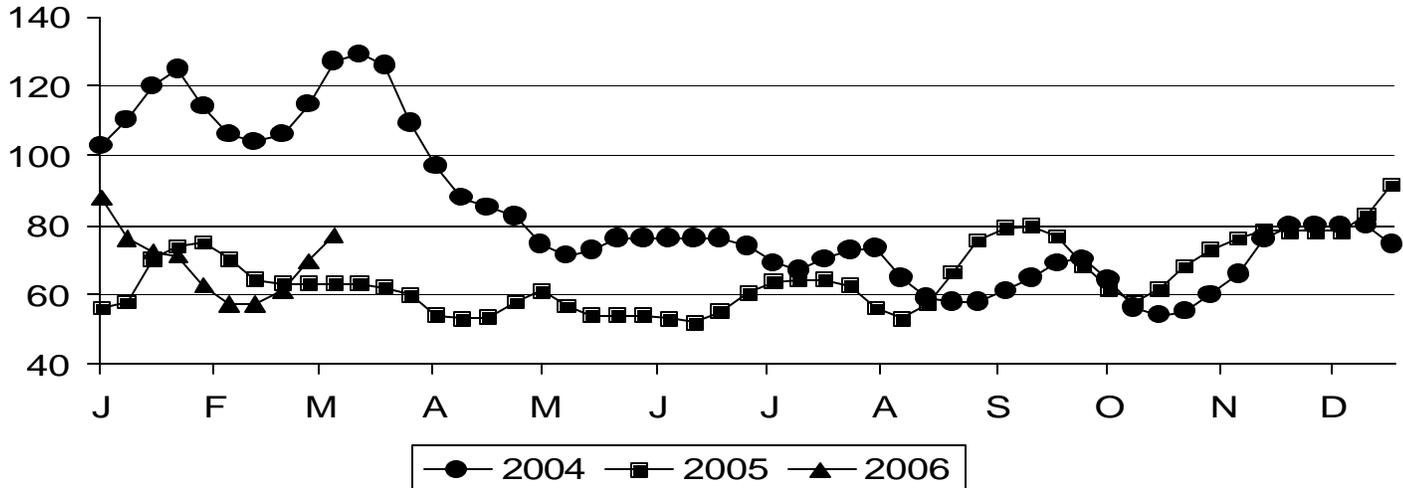
10-MAR-06	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE MAJORITY
Eastern	3-12 8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	2-10 5-9

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

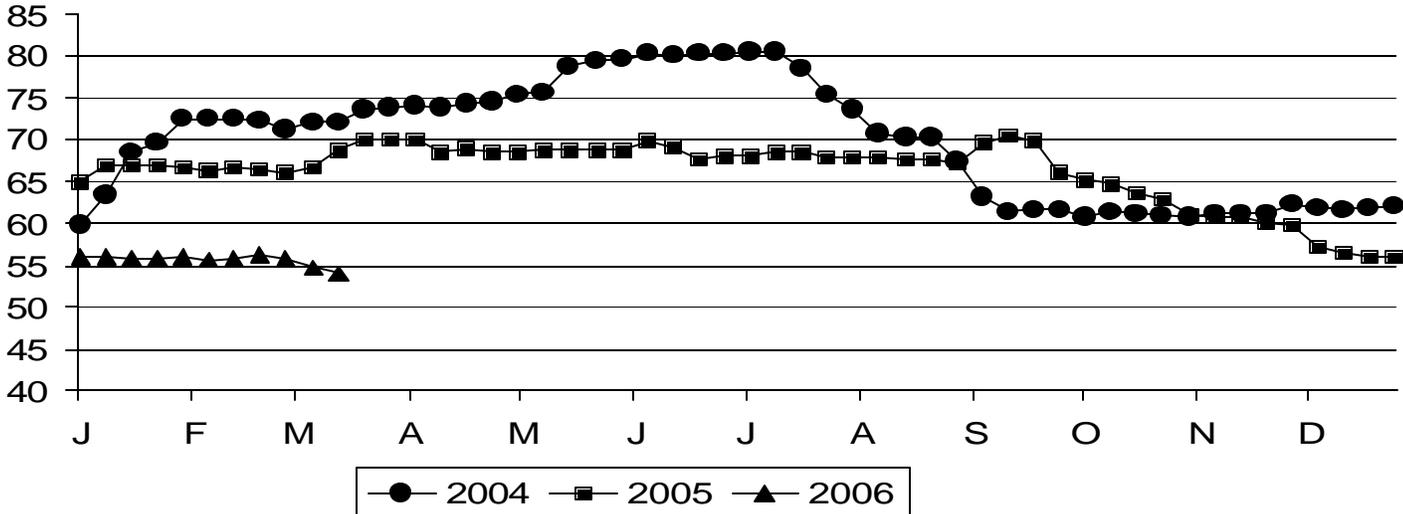
W/E 11-MAR-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	209.2	-2	-1
East North Central	618.7	-4	-2
West North Central	212.2	-29	-29
South Atlantic	191.8	-2	-13
South Central	68.0	13	-3
West	185.8	-1	-16
Total	1485.7	-7	-10
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

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)

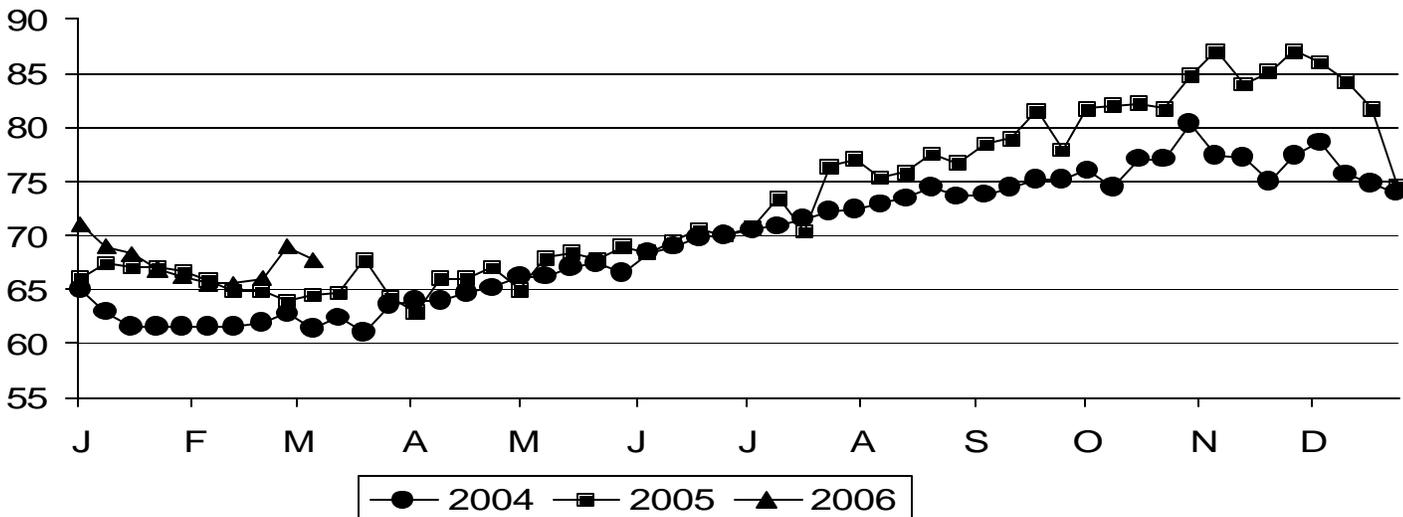
New York Large Weekly Average Price
cents per dozen



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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