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All prices in New York throughout the week were unchanged. Elsewhere, prices began the week unchanged to higher and finished unchanged. Market tone was mostly steady. Retail demand was light to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to ample. All breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher. Offerings were tight to closely balanced for the light to moderate demand. Most buyers were content with regular orders; occasionally buyers bid higher prices to secure needs. Finished product demand was moderate to fairly good. Schedules part-time to full-time. Floor stocks closely balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were adequate for the light to moderate demand. Market tone 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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady, instances barely steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to moderate best ongoing or planned feature activity. Loose egg sales were mostly light. Supplies were adequate to fully ample. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to 2 cent higher, with check and undergrades 1 cent higher. Offerings were tight with buying interest mixed as some bid higher to secure product while others were satisfied to curtail operations and use only committed product. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules were full time to reduced. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	66-75	69-72
LARGE	65-74	67-70
MEDIUM	42-51	44-47

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

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained steady. Demand into all channels ranged mostly light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the fair demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	72-86	75-79
LARGE	68-82	73-77
MEDIUM	44-57	49-51

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

**COMBINED REGIONAL** Mar 17, 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	74.00	72.00	46.00
SOUTHEAST	74.50	72.50	46.00
MIDWEST	67.50	65.50	41.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	75.50	74.50	49.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	72.96	71.25	45.93

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

	03-21-06	03-14-06	03-22-05
Large	47-56	44-53	27-36
Medium	24-30	20-26	14-20

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- MARCH 20, 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	10.6	23.8	10.1	13.6	15.1	73.2
	Change	0.6	3.2	0.6	1.1	1.6	11%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.6	54.4	14.0	31.7	52.4	178.1
	Change	3.6	6.6	3.9	2.1	5.9	14%
Large	Curr Wk	53.4	160.6	93.5	134.8	135.9	578.2
	Change	16.1	22.9	17.2	30.4	-3.0	17%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.5	49.7	20.1	23.4	29.7	137.4
	Change	2.5	-6.9	-2.9	4.0	-0.4	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	6.1	13.0	1.4	5.2	4.6	30.3
	Change	-0.5	0.6	-2.4	0.2	-0.3	-7%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.0	23.5	10.0	11.4	4.1	51.0
	Change	-0.9	0.6	-1.2	0.7	-1.0	-3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	29.8	54.1	26.3	35.7	35.7	181.6
	Change	9.3	5.0	1.1	11.2	8.5	24%
Total	Curr Wk	142.0	379.1	175.4	255.8	277.5	1229.8
	Change	28%	9%	10%	24%	4%	13%

## TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1229.8	13%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	234.9	10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1464.7	12%	202

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 167 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 11-MAR-06**

	<b>(LBS IN THOUSANDS)</b>					
	<b>(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)</b>					
	<b>CASES</b>	<b>LIQUID</b>	<b>LIQUID</b>	<b>LIQUID</b>	<b>DRIED</b>	<b>INED</b>
	<b>BROKEN</b>	<b>WHOLE</b>	<b>WHITE</b>	<b>YOLK</b>		
CW	1,202,933	30,660	10,727	5,818	2,325	4,029
PW	1,237,397	31,140	10,861	5,643	2,400	4,113
LY	1,293,097	31,080	12,494	6,679	2,237	4,507
% Chg PWK	-3%	-2%	-1%	3%	-3%	-2%
% Chg LY	-7%	-1%	-14%	-13%	4%	-11%
2006	13,936,026	342,321	130,588	71,562	32,767	47,547
2005	13,681,465	328,697	132,465	70,653	30,350	48,169
% Chg YTD	2%	4%	-1%	1%	8%	-1%
<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)			42.59	41.83	42.35	
(Inedible Excluded)			39.24	38.50	38.86	

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

	<b>CASES BROKEN</b>		<b>LIQUID WHOLE</b>	
	<b>Cases</b>	<b>% of Total</b>	<b>Lbs.</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
CURRENT WEEK	585,507	48.7%	16,632	54.2%
PREVIOUS WEEK	569,857	46.1%	15,989	51.3%
LAST YEAR	512,482	39.6%	13,867	44.6%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	<b>Broiler Eggs Set in</b>		<b>Broiler Chicks Placed</b>	
	<b>19 Selected States</b>		<b>in 19 Selected States</b>	
	<b>MAR 11</b>	<b>MAR 18</b>	<b>MAR 11</b>	<b>MAR 18</b>
	<b>Thousand</b>			
AL	31,866	31,929	*21,608	22,003
AR	31,164	30,561	*23,761	25,107
DE	3,742	3,781	6,049	5,319
FL	1,369	1,365	1,451	1,541
GA	34,980	34,004	*28,060	27,986
KY	*7,154	6,763	*6,435	5,812
LA	4,136	4,136	4,048	3,830
MD	8,980	8,964	4,949	5,091
MS	18,439	18,326	16,272	16,514
NC	*18,945	18,564	*15,577	15,845
OK	*6,657	6,510	*5,205	4,185
PA	*4,076	3,984	*2,591	2,946
SC	5,425	5,171	4,611	4,721
TX	15,184	15,180	12,885	13,071
VA	6,644	6,607	5,110	5,646
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,192	17,878	*16,832	17,461
19 State Total	*216,953	213,723	*175,444	177,078
Previous Year Total	213,629	213,135	176,772	176,235
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	100	99	100

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 29-Apr-06 is estimated at 162.3 million head. This compares to 160.7 million head the previous week and to 166.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.02 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/16/06-03/22/06

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	50.75	59.50	51.50	53.88	—	46.75	39.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GNR BR 1	86.00	—	—	92.00	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	67.00	68.33	50.92	—	6.25
GL W XL	—	69.71	63.00	63.97	49.29	51.25	38.75
GL W LG	—	66.15	—	66.80	47.90	49.50	44.25
GL W MD	44.00	43.00	38.50	40.00	31.72	38.00	18.25
GL W SM	22.00	26.00	22.00	23.83	—	—	4.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	58.00	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	27.00	—	—	—	—	34.33	43.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	32.50	8.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	31.25	11.00
NRBS - 36	—	—	—	—	13.00	—	1.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 18-MAR-2006**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW	PCT CHG	
				PW	LY
Atlanta	27.3	29.1		-6	-12
Boston	3.2	3.2		0	-30
Chicago	82.2	76.7		7	-19
Detroit	23.1	23.1		0	-18
Kansas City	3.8	3.7		3	-51
Los Angeles	113.2	108.1		5	16
New Orleans	5.5	9.9		-44	-35
New York	33.7	32.0		5	-3
St. Louis	13.6	26.7		-49	-43
San Francisco	18.7	18.5		1	-18
Total	324.3	331.0		-2	-10
4 Week Moving Avg.	327.7				

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 18-Mar-06**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,821	2,645	22	17	4,505
Avg Wt	17.22	38.51	25.66	25.90	29.79
Last week	2,001	2,376	34	10	4,421
Same wk yr ago	1,582	2,517	17	1	4,117
Avg Wt	16.12	38.18	21.19	49.75	29.64
To-date/2006	18,564	27,132	241	59	45,996
To-date/2005	16,832	27,537	294	36	44,699

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

	Week ending 18-Mar-06				
	(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)				
	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD- LIVE WT	
North East	739	-1	23.99	(A)	743
South Atlantic	731	18	35.15	(A)	735
North Central	2,100	2	33.44	(A)	2,102
South Central	683	-8	19.62	(A)	686
West	236	-3	28.60	(A)	239
U.S. total	4,489(B)	2	29.79	16	4,505
To-date					
2006	45,938(B)			58	45,996
To-date					
2005	44,663(B)			36	44,699

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 22,000; for the current year to date 241,000; for last year to date 294,000.

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

W/E 18-MAR-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	162,304	1,001	1,441	2,442	519
Avg Wt	5.31	3.35	8.09	6.15	6.22
Last week	160,615	977	1,580	2,557	526
Same wk yr ago	157,335	1,385	1,402	2,787	512
Avg Wt	5.20	3.40	8.03	5.73	6.73
To-date/2006	1,764,662	13,515	15,657	29,172	5,551
To-date/2005	1,726,029	15,920	14,321	30,241	5,599

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.3 million head, or 0.0 million less than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 25-Mar-06

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	03/25/06(1)	03/18/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	162,318(2)	163,678
Light hens	1,080	1,005
Heavy hens	1,556	1,361
Total	164,954	166,044

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Mar-06 is 164.9 million head compared to 153.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 162.6 million head or 2.3 million less than estimated available. For the week of 01-Apr-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 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
18	164.3	164.3	100%	5.31
Year to date	1786.1	1793.0	100%	
March 25		164.9		
April 1		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 20-MAR-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	51.00-54.00	54.37	39	55.17	74
Los Angeles	75.00	72.76	68	68.73	139
New York	53.00-56.00	54.58	24	55.81	62

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

20-MAR-2006	Change from		21-MAR-2005
	13-MAR-2006	13-MAR-2006	
60.89	-1.50	62.39	74.07

NUMBER OF LOADS 592

**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 AVG	LBS (000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-69	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-68	67	67.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-68	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	67-68	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	67-68	67	67.00	40
WESTERN REGION	67-68	-	-	-

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 03/20/06	3,464	75,458	63,427
AM 03/01/06	3,338	69,688	69,000
CHG	126	5770	-5573
PCT CHG	4%	8%	-8%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** (7 pounds and up)\* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 20-MAR-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.5-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.63
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.10

(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)

17-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 18-MAR-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	214.4	2	2
East North Central	615.4	-1	-4
West North Central	292.4	38	-5
South Atlantic	196.3	2	-8
South Central	64.8	-5	-7
West	196.7	4	-14
Total	1580.0	6	-5
Matched Plants reporting		84	84

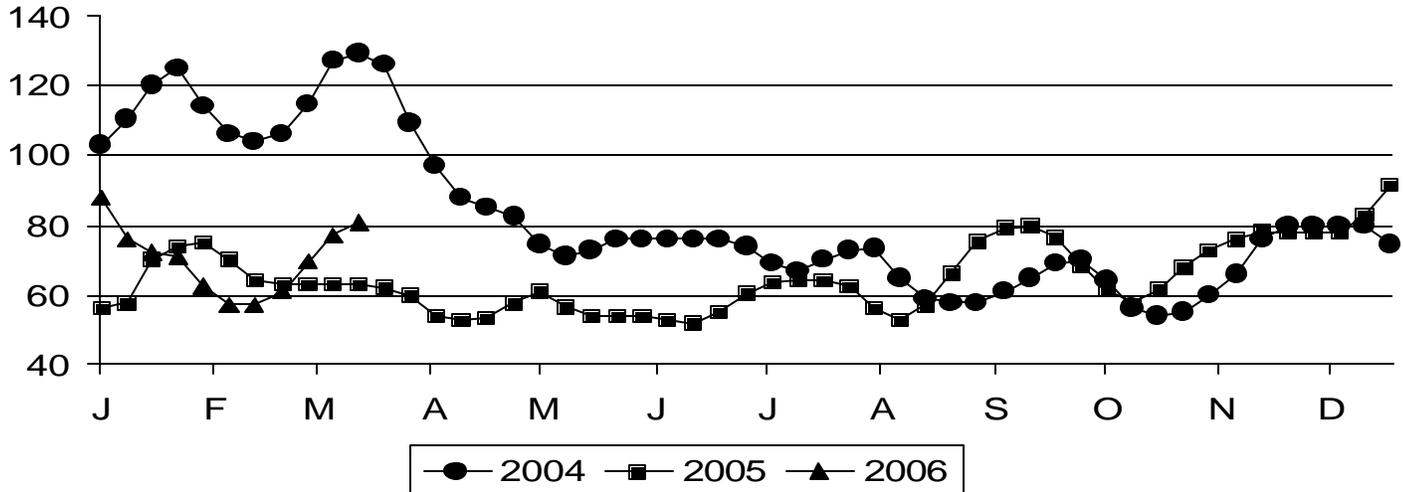
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

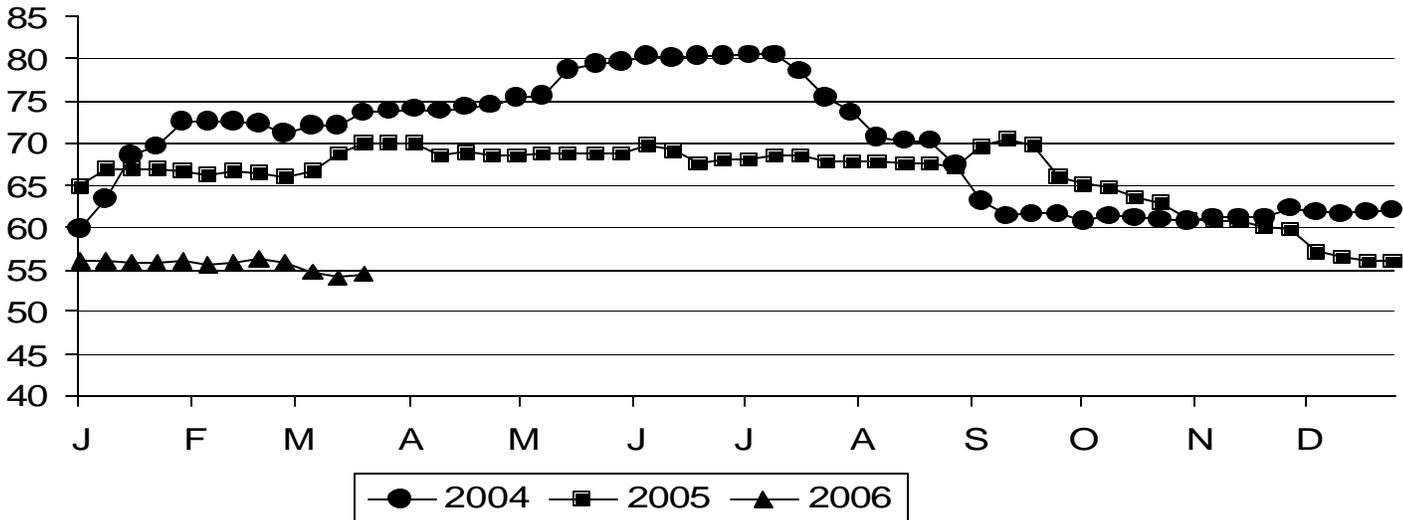
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

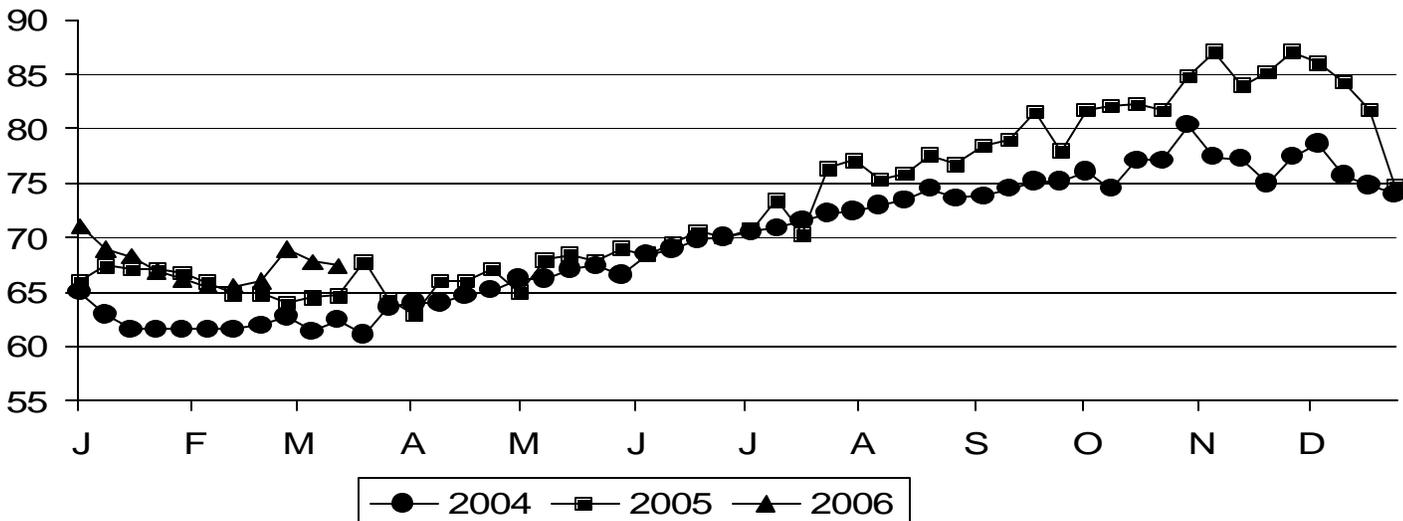
**New York Large Weekly Average Price**  
cents per dozen



**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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