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As the week began prices in New York were lower on all sizes while prices elsewhere were unchanged, although trending sharply lower for next week. As the week progressed prices continued to drop in New York and remained unchanged in other areas. The market tone was weak. Retail demand was moderate to very good; best where holiday features were in progress. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were sufficient to ample for trade needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower while checks and undergrade prices were lower. Demand was light to moderate and price selective. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample and included graded loose shell eggs. Floor stocks were fully adequate to instances ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were normal. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 4-11 cents, mostly 5-8 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 large and mediums and unchanged for smalls. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment weak. Cartoned egg demand ranged moderate to very good where Easter features were in progress. Loose egg movement moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were fully adequate to mostly ample and included graded loose shell eggs. Demand was light to moderate. Floor stocks were fully adequate to instances ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	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, however all sizes were trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment remained weak. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to good, best where holiday features were in progress. Supplies were adequate to ample for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were sufficient to at least sufficient for processing 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

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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	77.00	75.00	50.00
SOUTHEAST	77.50	75.50	50.00
MIDWEST	70.50	68.50	45.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	78.50	77.50	52.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	75.98	74.25	49.62

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

	04-11-06	04-04-06	04-12-05
Large	42-51	47-56	18-27
Medium	20-26	24-30	6-11

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- APRIL 10, 2006

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
<b>Jumbo</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>80.7</b>
	Change	1.8	-5.1	1.4	-0.6	-3.4	-7%
<b>Ex Lge</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>175.6</b>
	Change	-2.6	-4.1	-2.0	-3.6	-4.5	-9%
<b>Large</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>54.2</b>	<b>157.8</b>	<b>84.0</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>172.0</b>	<b>566.6</b>
	Change	-2.7	-35.4	-46.7	-42.0	-14.8	-20%
<b>Medium</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>121.7</b>
	Change	1.4	1.1	-0.8	-3.7	-2.9	-4%
<b>Small</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>30.0</b>
	Change	-3.6	1.1	-0.1	0.5	1.2	-3%
<b>Misc</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>59.7</b>
	Change	2.7	0.1	0.9	-1.7	-0.5	3%
<b>Ungraded</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>48.5</b>	<b>20.9</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>25.1</b>	<b>140.9</b>
	Change	-4.0	-13.3	-4.0	-12.8	-9.7	-24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>Curr Wk</b>	<b>145.0</b>	<b>370.0</b>	<b>154.6</b>	<b>197.4</b>	<b>308.2</b>	<b>1175.2</b>
	Change	-5%	-13%	-25%	-24%	-10%	-15%
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>Number of</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Number of</b>	
				<b>Cases</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Cooperators</b>	

Shell Egg	1175.2	-15%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	254.7	-1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1429.9	-13%	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.

### Shell Egg Inventory Prior to Easter

	Easter Date			
	2006	2005	2004	2003
	4/16	3/27	4/11	4/20
Mar 20, 2006 4 weeks prior	1229.8	1236.2	1100.6	1162.1
Mar 27, 2006 3 weeks prior	1356.8	1298.5	1310.4	1275.9
Apr 03, 2006 2 weeks prior	1387.6	1329.2	1489.3	1286.0
Apr 10, 2006 1 week prior	1175.2	1075.0	1243.4	933.2
Apr 17, 2006 first Mon after		847.6	843.8	676.5

(A graph of this data in pdf format can be accessed on the AMS

Poultry Market News website at:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/poultry/mncs/stats.htm>

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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 08-APR-06**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,262,184	32,091	11,292	6,288	2,484	4,217
PW	1,254,356	31,078	11,944	6,400	2,457	4,360
LY	1,339,912	31,659	13,567	7,143	3,055	4,385
% Chg PWK	1%	3%	-5%	-2%	1%	-3%
% Chg LY	-6%	1%	-17%	-12%	-19%	-4%
2006	17,692,060	436,845	164,879	90,225	39,928	60,378
2005	17,656,167	421,047	172,838	92,605	39,465	61,531
% Chg YTD	0%	4%	-5%	-3%	1%	-2%
<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)			42.69	42.88	42.36	
(Inedible Excluded)			39.35	39.40	39.08	

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	573,848	45.5%	16,696	52.0%
PREVIOUS WEEK	590,058	47.0%	16,827	54.1%
LAST YEAR	529,060	39.5%	14,126	44.6%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	APR 01	APR 08	APR 01	APR 08
	Thousand			
AL	*30,836	31,655	*21,925	21,530
AR	30,034	30,926	*24,238	24,090
DE	3,519	3,583	6,235	5,680
FL	1,366	1,344	1,471	1,304
GA	35,004	34,747	27,947	26,653
KY	*7,354	7,393	*5,954	5,540
LA	4,058	4,136	4,149	3,912
MD	8,870	8,924	4,820	5,414
MS	18,393	18,285	16,490	16,414
NC	*18,684	18,633	*15,606	15,030
OK	*6,367	6,666	5,319	5,313
PA	*4,144	4,039	*3,101	3,098
SC	5,027	5,120	4,497	4,339
TX	*15,074	15,073	*13,058	12,971
VA	6,563	6,503	4,916	4,916
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,283	18,319	*17,518	17,043
19 State Total	*213,576	215,346	*177,244	173,247
Previous Year Total	212,425	217,024	176,671	176,774
Pct. of Prev. Year	101	99	100	98

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 20-May-06 is estimated at 161.4 million head. This compares to 163.2 million head the previous week and to 166.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 165.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 72.14 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/06/06-04/12/06

CURRENT LDS 97.50 FUTURE LDS 65.25 TOTAL LDS 162.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	42.00	47.00	47.88	46.50	47.35	42.88	36.00
GL W J	—	—	56.00	57.00	41.24	—	7.50
GL W XL	—	46.00	52.58	51.61	34.48	38.39	60.25
GL W LG	—	43.00	46.50	48.00	32.81	45.40	19.25
GL W MD	44.00	27.00	31.70	33.40	21.00	—	13.00
GL W SM	—	—	22.05	24.50	18.00	—	7.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75
NRBS - 48	—	24.50	23.50	26.00	22.42	26.92	68.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	25.25	4.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	16.00	4.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 08-APR-2006**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW		PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY	
Atlanta	32.8	31.6	4	30	
Boston	3.5	3.0	17	6	
Chicago	107.6	96.8	11	63	
Detroit	20.3	16.3	25	-19	
Kansas City	5.4	3.5	54	74	
Los Angeles	117.1	113.0	4	16	
New Orleans	6.1	6.1	0	-22	
New York	33.7	32.6	3	10	
St. Louis	20.9	19.6	7	33	
San Francisco	19.9	19.3	3	-23	
Total	367.3	341.8	7	21	
4 Week Moving Avg.	341.5				

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 08-APR-06**

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	2,214	2,458	22	8	4,702
Avg Wt	18.30	38.47	26.01	34.60	28.91
Last week	2,147	2,537	0	3	4,687
Same wk yr ago	1,637	2,545	30	0	4,212
Avg Wt	16.16	38.16	26.85	0.00	29.53
To-date/2006	24,849	34,644	301	83	59,877
To-date/2005	21,597	35,100	344	47	57,088

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

	Week ending 08-APR-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	776	-2	22.68	(A)	778 22.68
South Atlantic	697	-6	32.84	(A)	699 32.84
North Central	2,075	2	33.60	(A)	2,077 33.60
South Central	793	5	20.69	(A)	794 20.69
West	353	-6	25.59	(A)	354 25.59
U.S. total	4,694(B)	0	28.91	8	4,702 28.91
To-date					
2006	59,794(B)			83	59,877
To-date					
2005	57,041(B)			47	57,088

(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 301,000; for last year to date 344,000.

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

W/E 08-APR-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	162,595	1,185	1,552	2,737	574
Avg Wt	5.34	3.30	8.14	6.04	6.78
Last week	161,822	1,166	1,433	2,599	485
Same wk yr ago	157,429	1,740	1,314	3,054	501
Avg Wt	5.21	3.31	7.95	5.31	6.80
To-date/2006	2,251,168	16,948	20,204	37,152	7,123
To-date/2005	2,189,629	21,042	18,412	39,454	7,103

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 164.6 million head, or 1.1 million more than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 15-Apr-06

CLASS	CW - 04/15/06(1)	PW - 04/08/06
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	161,391(2)	164,804
Light hens	1,102	1,222
Heavy hens	1,332	1,505
Total	163,825	167,531

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 15-Apr-06 is 163.2 million head compared to 160.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 161.7 million head or 1.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 22-Apr-06 the estimated available is 164.4 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
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
	25	164.1	164.9	100%	5.36
April	1	163.8	164.9	99%	5.28
	8	164.6	163.5	101%	5.34
Year to date		2278.6	2286.3	100%	
April	15		163.2		
	22		164.4		

**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 10-APR-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	46.00-49.00	49.36	36	50.78	74
Los Angeles	75.00	72.61	66	69.41	118
New York	48.00-51.00	49.77	22	55.15	50

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from		
10-APR-2006	03-APR-2006	03-APR-2006	11-APR-2005
59.37	.44	58.92	73.22
NUMBER OF LOADS	513		

**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)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	69-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-

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 04/10/06	3,430	80,934	66,094
AM 04/01/06	3,393	81,033	64,881
CHG	37	-99	1213
PCT CHG	1%	0%	2%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** (7 pounds and up)\* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 10-MAR-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9.5-15.25 CENTS/LB.	12-13	12.60
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.30

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

\*Weights under 7 lbs. subject to discount.

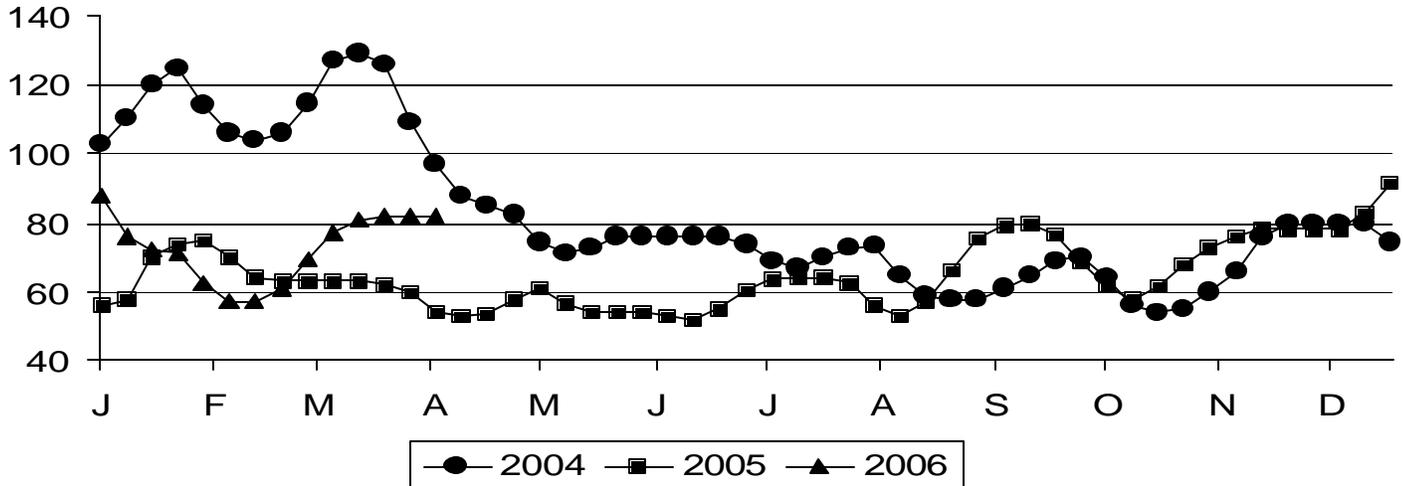
**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

07-APR-06	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE MAJORITY
Eastern	4-12 9-10
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	4-11 5-8

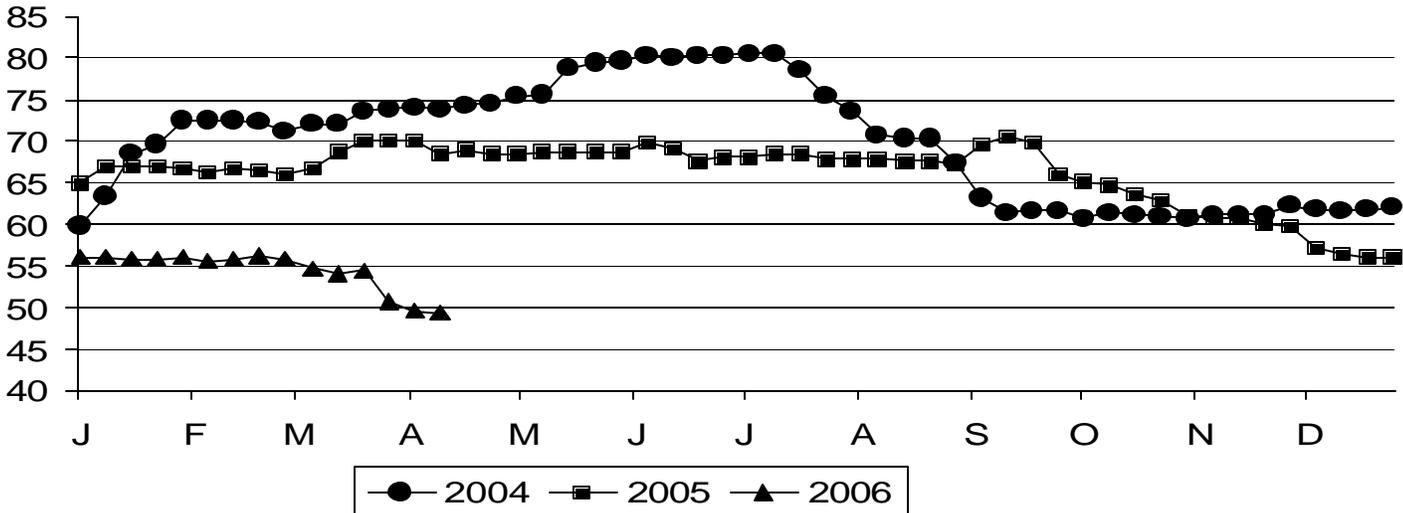
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 08-APR-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	217.0	2	11
East North Central	660.5	8	18
West North Central	333.4	11	24
South Atlantic	202.8	2	6
South Central	65.4	-6	-6
West	205.4	8	1
Total	1684.5	6	13
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)		

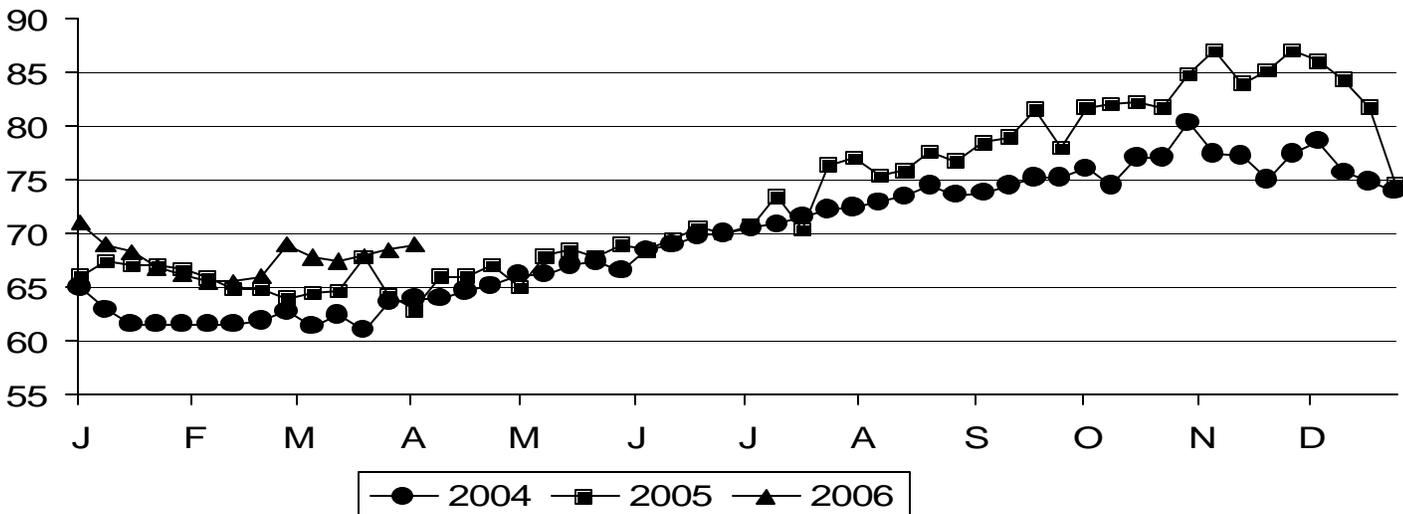
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



### 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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