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Early week prices were lower on all sizes in all locations. During the week prices continued to drop in New York and to producers in IA-MN-WI and were unchanged in all other areas. The market tone was barely steady to instances weak. Retail and distributive demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample with many retail suppliers working from previously procured inventories. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower with checks and undergrade prices unchanged. Offerings were adequate with a mostly light demand. Floor stocks were fully adequate to at times ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was in a full range of steady to weak. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged to 1 cent lower. Demand was light to mostly moderate as offerings were fully adequate to ample. Many producers attempted to move spent hens ahead of previously scheduled slaughter dates. Schedules were normal. The trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 4-10 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 3 cents lower for large with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was usually light with food service movement light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample in most locations and many retail suppliers were working from previously procured inventories. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand mostly light. Floor stocks fully adequate to occasionally ample. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	46-55	49-52
LARGE	45-54	47-50
MEDIUM	36-45	38-41

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 lower. Trade sentiment remained barely steady. Demand into all outlets ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen supplies were at least adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	51-65	54-58
LARGE	48-62	53-57
MEDIUM	38-51	43-45

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

COMBINED REGIONAL Apr 14, 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	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

	04-18-06	04-11-06	04-19-05
Large	27-36	42-51	18-27
Medium	7-11	20-26	8-14

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- APRIL 17, 2006

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

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		NO	SO	SO	Atl	Pacific	
		Cent	Cent	Cent	Cent	Cent	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.7	20.1	8.4	15.2	13.1	69.5
	Change	-2.0	-4.7	-4.1	0.4	-0.8	-14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.0	52.2	7.2	17.5	36.5	137.4
	Change	-11.3	-5.4	-4.5	-7.0	-10.0	-22%
Large	Curr Wk	34.4	130.1	57.6	70.3	112.0	404.4
	Change	-19.8	-27.7	-26.4	-28.3	-60.0	-29%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.8	38.2	11.9	18.2	27.3	106.4
	Change	-0.5	-5.7	-2.6	0.3	-6.8	-13%
Small	Curr Wk	3.5	7.5	0.2	6.1	9.7	27.0
	Change	0.7	-0.7	-1.7	1.8	-3.1	-10%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.2	32.2	7.4	12.5	5.1	63.4
	Change	1.1	3.0	-1.7	0.0	1.3	6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	18.7	46.0	19.5	23.6	23.6	131.4
	Change	-2.9	-2.5	-1.4	-1.2	-1.5	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	110.3	326.3	112.2	163.4	227.3	939.5
Percent	Change	-24%	-12%	-27%	-17%	-26%	-20%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	939.5	-20%	167
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	265.6	4%	35
Total Shell Egg	1205.1	-16%	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	939.5	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>

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

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 15-APR-06(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,258,534	31,603	12,109	5,887	2,883	4,438
PW	1,262,184	32,091	11,292	6,288	2,484	4,217
LY	1,314,014	31,034	13,308	7,170	2,549	4,507
% Chg PWK	0%	-2%	7%	-6%	16%	5%
% Chg LY	-4%	2%	-9%	-18%	13%	-2%
2006	18,950,594	468,448	176,988	96,113	42,811	64,816
2005	18,970,181	452,081	186,146	99,775	42,013	66,037
% Change YTD	0%	4%	-5%	-4%	2%	-2%
Average Yield Per Case -						
(Inedible Included)			42.94	42.69	42.63	
(Inedible Excluded)			39.41	39.35	39.20	

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	604,980	48.1%	16,329	51.7%
PREVIOUS WEEK	573,848	45.5%	16,696	52.0%
LAST YEAR	518,745	39.5%	14,434	46.5%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	APR 08	APR 15	APR 08	APR 15
	Thousand			
AL	*31,781	31,147	*21,367	21,426
AR	*31,066	30,364	24,090	22,954
DE	3,583	3,466	5,680	4,681
FL	1,344	1,344	1,304	1,531
GA	34,747	35,257	*26,625	27,919
KY	*7,436	7,339	*5,640	6,263
LA	4,136	4,136	3,912	3,811
MD	8,924	8,842	5,414	5,560
MS	18,285	18,004	16,414	16,394
NC	18,633	18,619	15,030	14,815
OK	6,666	6,650	5,313	5,683
PA	*4,271	4,349	*2,980	2,668
SC	5,120	4,959	*5,378	4,582
TX	15,073	15,059	12,971	11,458
VA	6,503	6,552	4,916	5,462
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*18,328	18,167	*17,037	16,611
19 State Total	*215,896	214,254	*174,071	171,818
Previous Year Total	217,115	215,452	176,158	176,765
Pct. of Prev. Year	99	99	99	97

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 27-May-06 is estimated at 160.7 million head. This compares to 161.4 million head the previous week and to 166.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 164.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.20 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 04/13/06-04/19/06

CURRENT LDS 115.50 FUTURE LDS 57.00 TOTAL LDS 172.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	26.50	37.67	30.25	31.00	36.00	—	14.00
GNR W 3	—	26.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	41.50	43.00	38.00	—	6.00
GL W XL	39.00	41.08	44.50	37.04	31.69	—	66.75
GL W LG	37.00	39.95	22.00	—	30.39	32.50	18.25
GL W MD	38.00	30.00	30.17	31.33	21.00	—	12.50
GL W SM	23.25	26.88	22.33	23.33	17.00	—	7.00
GL BR XL	—	—	31.00	—	46.50	—	2.50
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	46.50	—	1.50
NRBS - 48	22.00	23.00	—	—	25.00	24.10	69.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	21.50	9.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	15.50	3.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 15-APR-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW	PCT CHG	
	PW	LY			
Atlanta	40.9	32.8	25	53	
Boston	3.7	3.5	6	19	
Chicago	110.3	107.6	3	84	
Detroit	23.3	20.3	15	40	
Kansas City	5.4	5.4	0	74	
Los Angeles	137.2	117.1	17	17	
New Orleans	7.3	6.1	20	-12	
New York	33.1	33.7	-2	2	
St. Louis	17.5	20.9	-16	2	
San Francisco	21.6	19.9	9	15	
Total	400.3	367.3	9	32	
4 Week Moving Avg.	361.5				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 15-APR-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,838	2,164	28	6	4,036
Avg Wt	16.66	38.35	26.10	33.23	28.38
Last week	2,214	2,458	22	8	4,702
Same wk yr ago	1,564	2,555	11	2	4,132
Avg Wt	16.35	38.07	24.72	29.42	29.81
To-date/2006	26,687	36,808	329	89	63,913
To-date/2005	23,161	37,655	355	49	61,220

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

	Week ending 15-APR-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	599	-23	23.58	(A)	601	23.58
South Atlantic	593	-15	29.52	(A)	594	29.52
North Central	1,954	-6	32.81	(A)	1,955	32.81
South Central	615	-22	18.52	(A)	616	18.52
West	269	-24	26.82	(A)	270	26.82
U.S. total	4,030(B)	-14	28.38	6	4,036	28.38
To-date						
2006	63,824(B)			89	63,913	
To-date						
2005	61,171(B)			49	61,220	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 28,000; for the current year to date 329,000; for last year to date 355,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 15-APR-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	154,312	1,018	1,333	2,351	498
Avg Wt	5.35	3.38	8.12	6.07	6.70
Last week	162,595	1,185	1,552	2,737	574
Same wk yr ago	158,035	1,687	1,411	3,098	493
Avg Wt	5.27	3.39	8.26	5.61	6.32
To-date/2006	2,405,480	17,966	21,537	39,503	7,621
To-date/2005	2,347,664	22,729	19,823	42,552	7,596

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.2 million head, or 7.0 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Apr-06

CLASS	CW - 04/22/06(1)	PW - 04/15/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	158,541(2)	161,391
Light hens	1,171	1,102
Heavy hens	1,456	1,332
Total	161,168	163,825

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Apr-06 is 164.4 million head compared to 163.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 158.9 million head or 5.5 million less than estimated available. For the week of 29-Apr-06 the estimated available is 166.2 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
March	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
	15	156.2	163.2	96%	5.35
Year to date		2434.8	2449.5	99%	
April	22		164.4		
	29		166.2		

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 17-APR-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	46.00-49.00	49.43	37	49.89	72
Los Angeles	75.00	72.56	66	69.39	122
New York	48.00-51.00	49.61	23	54.43	60

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
17-APR-2006	10-APR-2006	10-APR-2006	18-APR-2005	
58.64	-.73	59.37	72.77	
NUMBER OF LOADS	581			

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/	69-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	69-71	71	71.00	24
WESTERN REGION 5/	69	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
EASTERN REGION	69-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	69-70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	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 04/17/06	3,407	79,498	66,167
AM 04/01/06	3,393	81,033	64,881
CHG	14	-1535	1286
PCT CHG	0%	-2%	2%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE (7 pounds and up)* Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 17-MAR-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	9-15 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.07
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	9-15.5 CENTS/LB.	11-13	12.33

(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)

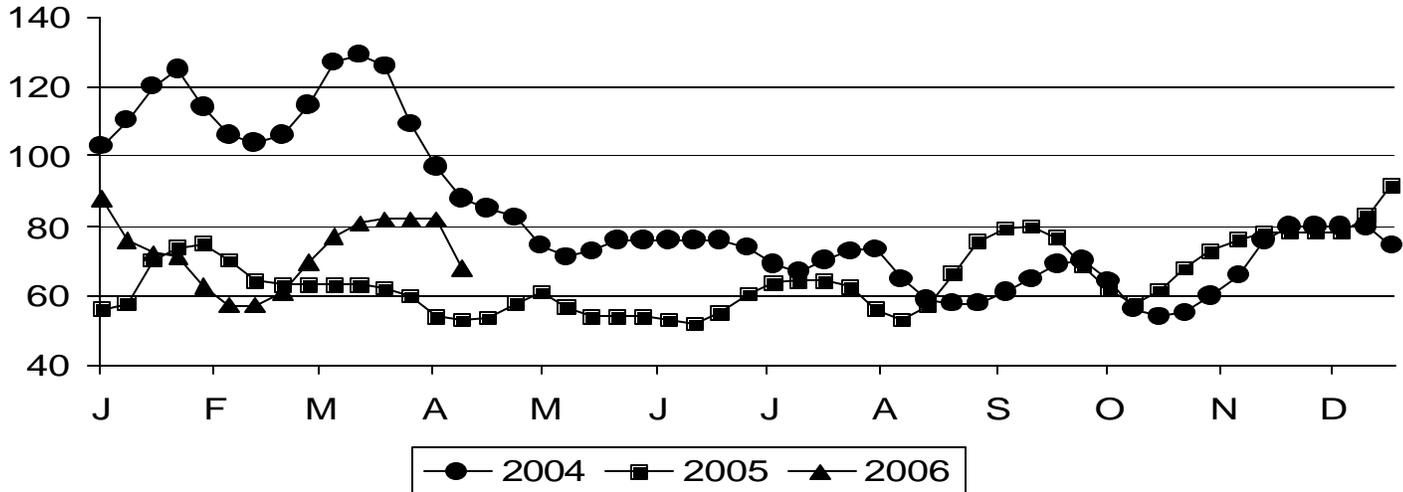
14-APR-06	REMOVAL COST
REGIONS	RANGE MAJORITY
Eastern	4-12 9-10
South Central	Too Few To Report
North Central	4-10 5-8

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

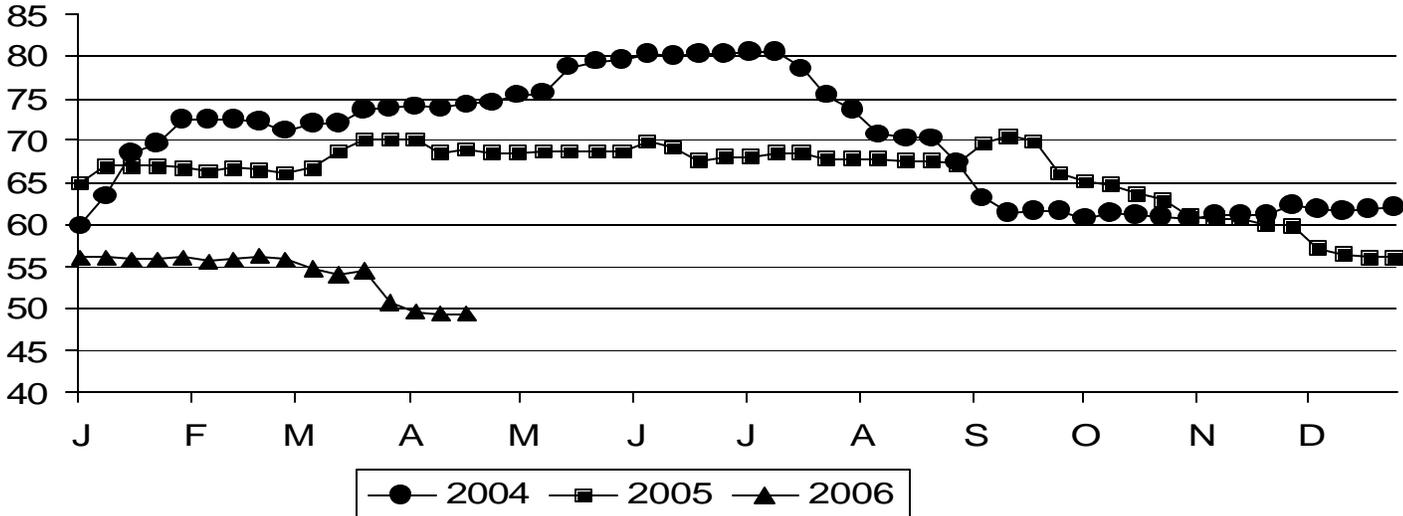
(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 15-APR-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
North Atlantic	216.7	0	4
East North Central	647.6	-2	16
West North Central	324.2	-3	21
South Atlantic	199.3	-2	4
South Central	53.9	-18	-23
West	222.5	8	5
Total	1664.2	-1	11
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)		

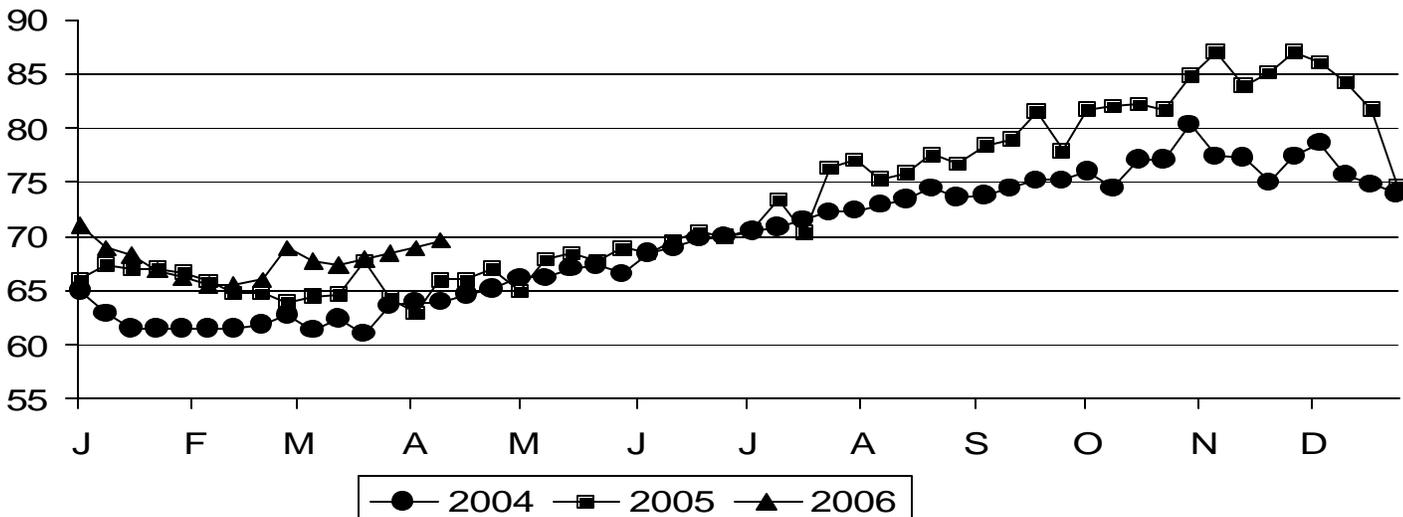
New York Large Weekly Average Price
cents per dozen



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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