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Early week prices in New York were unchanged; elsewhere prices were unchanged on the larger sizes and lower on mediums. In most locations throughout the week prices were unchanged, while in New York prices were 2 cents lower on mediums and unchanged on the remainder. The market tone was mostly steady on the heavier weights and barely steady to instances weak on the lighter sizes. Demand was light to at times fairly good, mostly moderate. Supplies were close to adequate for the larger sizes and fully sufficient to ample for mediums. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings of lighter weighted shell eggs were readily available with heavier eggs tight. Demand was usually light. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was sluggish into slaughter processors with demand into rendering operations light to fairly good. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Schedules varied. Trade sentiment steady. Removal costs were 4.5 to 10.5 cents, mostly 5.5 to 10 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 unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and barely steady to weak for mediums. Cartoned egg sales were moderate to instances fairly good. Loose egg movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times close for the larger sizes and fully adequate to ample for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades unchanged. Offerings were tight for the heavy weight product and readily available for the lighter weight product. Demand was usually light. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	54-63	57-60
LARGE	53-62	55-58
MEDIUM	27-36	29-32

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 mediums were trending slightly lower. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channels was light to mostly moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were fully adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	60-79	65-68
LARGE	54-68	59-63
MEDIUM	30-43	35-37

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

COMBINED REGIONAL

Aug 11, 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	66.50	61.00	39.00
SOUTHEAST	66.50	64.50	37.00
MIDWEST	58.50	56.50	34.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	71.50	64.50	38.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	66.01	61.72	37.28

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

	08-15-06	08-08-06	08-16-05
Large	35-44	35-44	16-25
Medium	9-15	13-19	7-11

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- AUGUST 14, 2006

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

		NO		SO		5-Area	
		Northeast	CENT	SO	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	5.5	12.8	5.3	9.6	11.8	45.0
	Change	-0.5	1.9	0.1	0.3	1.4	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	17.1	46.1	12.5	19.0	41.0	135.7
	Change	-2.7	9.1	0.3	-2.3	1.8	5%
Large	Curr Wk	36.5	122.2	62.0	82.7	114.1	417.5
	Change	-10.8	-4.0	1.6	-5.3	-0.3	-4%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.9	76.7	28.1	29.7	38.0	185.4
	Change	-1.2	2.3	0.0	1.5	-4.7	-1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.8	10.5	1.4	7.0	3.8	27.5
	Change	0.6	2.4	-0.8	2.0	-0.1	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.1	55.3	8.8	29.5	4.0	100.7
	Change	-0.4	2.3	0.7	15.4	-2.1	19%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	12.8	59.5	16.1	24.2	28.5	141.1
	Change	-1.5	-7.2	6.7	-1.8	4.6	1%
Total	Curr Wk	92.7	383.1	134.2	201.7	241.2	1052.9
	Change	-15%	2%	7%	5%	0%	1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1052.9	1%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	257.7	6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1310.6	2%	201

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 166 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 12-AUG-06

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID		DRIED	INED
			WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,299,523	31,819	11,946	5,922	2,481	4,247
PW	1,293,650	31,174	11,198	5,798	2,402	4,481
LY	1,367,911	32,488	12,983	6,778	2,863	4,407
% Chg PWK	0%	2%	7%	2%	3%	-5%
% Chg LY	-5%	-2%	-8%	-13%	-13%	-4%
2006	41,324,070	1,013,712	387,728	206,638	94,296	139,279
2005	41,726,151	982,138	412,578	221,068	93,828	141,649
% Chg YTD	-1%	3%	-6%	-7%	0%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.50	40.70	41.42
(Inedible Excluded)	38.23	37.24	38.20

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	576,918	44.4%	15,409	48.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	574,931	44.4%	15,641	50.2%
LAST YEAR	549,663	40.2%	14,376	44.3%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	AUG 05	AUG 12	AUG 05	AUG 12
	Thousand			
AL	31,846	31,738	21,928	21,798
AR	29,934	30,200	*24,382	22,938
DE	*4,110	4,112	*5,116	4,662
FL	1,344	1,344	1,534	1,410
GA	*34,988	34,513	*28,525	29,009
KY	*7,382	7,260	*6,082	6,029
LA	3,952	3,954	3,962	3,668
MD	8,831	8,797	*6,062	6,454
MS	17,864	17,693	15,990	15,975
NC	18,124	18,406	15,565	15,320
OK	*6,420	6,633	4,029	5,873
PA	*3,962	3,984	*3,063	3,061
SC	5,288	5,311	*4,643	4,182
TX	14,820	14,758	12,577	12,411
VA	6,279	6,326	*5,143	4,775
CA, MO, TN, & WV	17,368	17,953	*16,602	16,960
19 State Total	*212,512	212,982	*175,203	174,525
Previous Year Total	213,068	210,010	177,097	177,045
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	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 23-Sep-06 is estimated at 161.1 million head. This compares to 160.5 million head the previous week and to 165.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 167.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 73.14 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/10/06-08/16/06
CURRENT LDS 114.50 FUTURE LDS 39.50 TOTAL LDS 154.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	37.25	—	37.75	39.58	35.00	—	18.00
GNR BR 1	52.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GL W XL	—	55.73	51.56	53.98	45.82	52.00	33.50
GL W LG	—	55.45	41.87	47.33	41.43	53.00	52.75
GL W MD	29.00	28.50	20.50	22.36	18.94	21.44	14.00
GL W SM	23.92	26.83	22.20	24.40	—	—	8.00
GL BR LG	—	—	40.00	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	29.00	—	31.88	22.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	30.00	1.00
NRBS - 42	17.00	—	—	—	—	27.00	8.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	18.00	20.00	—	—	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 12-AUG-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW	PCT CHG	
				PW	LY
Atlanta	26.4	30.2	-13	-1	
Boston	3.1	3.1	0	-3	
Chicago	64.9	52.7	23	-28	
Detroit	18.1	17.5	3	-22	
Kansas City	4.3	3.7	16	43	
Los Angeles	111.1	105.4	5	-4	
New Orleans	5.6	4.4	27	-7	
New York	28.2	28.4	-1	-3	
St. Louis	15.1	16.4	-8	-21	
San Francisco	17.2	16.9	2	-9	
Total	294.0	278.7	5	-12	
4 Week Moving Avg.	286.1				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 12-AUG-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,850	2,850	34	1	4,735
Avg Wt	16.06	34.84	23.62	29.26	27.42
Last week	1,975	2,769	36	2	4,782
Same wk yr ago	2,000	2,603	37	3	4,643
Avg Wt	16.20	35.36	24.24	25.53	27.01
To-date/2006	61,263	81,269	782	154	143,468
To-date/2005	55,206	81,737	763	121	137,827

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

	Week ending 12-AUG-06					
	(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)					
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		HEAD	LIVE WT
North East	676	-12	23.49	(A)	677	23.49
South Atlantic	861	8	31.31	(A)	861	31.31
North Central	2,224	2	30.50	(A)	2,224	30.50
South Central	684	-5	17.75	(A)	684	17.75
West	289	-11	24.20	(A)	289	24.20
U.S. total	4,734(B)	-1	27.42	1	4,735	27.42
To-date						
2006	143,314(B)			154	143,468	
To-date						
2005	137,706(B)			121	137,827	

(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 782,000; for last year to date 763,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 12-AUG-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	162,061	975	1,586	2,561	490
Avg Wt	5.24	3.25	8.60	6.56	6.29
Last week	162,092	1,028	1,561	2,589	488
Same wk yr ago	168,700	1,187	1,720	2,907	484
Avg Wt	5.18	3.40	7.92	6.07	6.55
To-date/2006	5,150,199	35,930	47,136	83,066	16,193
To-date/2005	5,149,004	48,298	45,364	93,662	15,858

(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 164.0 million head, or 0.2 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 19-Aug-06

CLASS	CW - 08/19/06(1)	PW - 08/12/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	163,609(2)	165,650
Light hens	971	968
Heavy hens	1,689	1,574
Total	166,269	168,192

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 19-Aug-06 is 164.3 million head compared to 169.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.9 million head or 0.4 million less than estimated available. For the week of 26-Aug-06 the estimated available is 163.6 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
July	8	141.1	162.3	87%	5.37
	15	162.4	163.7	99%	5.34
	22	164.8	164.1	100%	5.29
	29	163.2	164.0	100%	5.22
August	5	164.1	163.8	100%	5.31
	12	164.0	164.2	100%	5.24
Year to date	5212.7	5244.8	99%		
August	19	164.3			
	26	163.6			

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 14-AUG-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	63.00-66.00	64.95	33	66.75	59	
Los Angeles	77.00	75.88	67	75.59	116	
New York	63.00-66.00	64.96	24	65.73	64	

COMPOSITE WTD AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

14-AUG-2006	Change from		
	07-AUG-2006	07-AUG-2006	15-AUG-2005
69.04	2.61	66.43	71.32
NUMBER OF LOADS	516		

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	78-80	-	-	-
EASTERN REGION 3/	78-80	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	78-79	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	78-80	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	78-80.5	80.5	80.50	120
CENTRAL REGION	78-79	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	78-82	-	-	-

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. Gov't Stocks) (IN THOUSANDS)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
AM 08/14/06	3,202	108,384	66,402
AM 08/01/06	3,272	110,271	63,810
CHG	-70	-1887	2592
PCT CHG	-2%	-2%	4%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 14-AUG-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	2-8 CENTS/LB.		5.00
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	2-8 CENTS/LB.		5.31

(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) 11-AUG-06

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-11	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	4.5-10.5	5.5-10

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

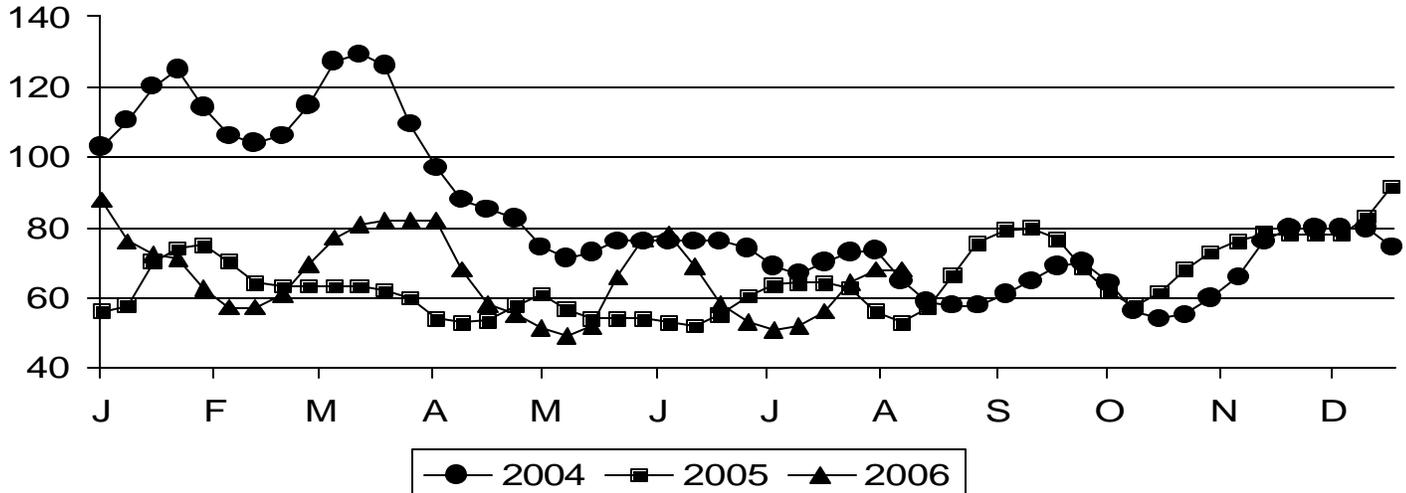
(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 12-AUG-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	189.5	0	-8
East North Central	618.8	-1	8
West North Central	280.7	0	3
South Atlantic	182.0	-3	-2
South Central	59.0	4	-4
West	191.7	-2	-10
Total	1521.7	-1	1

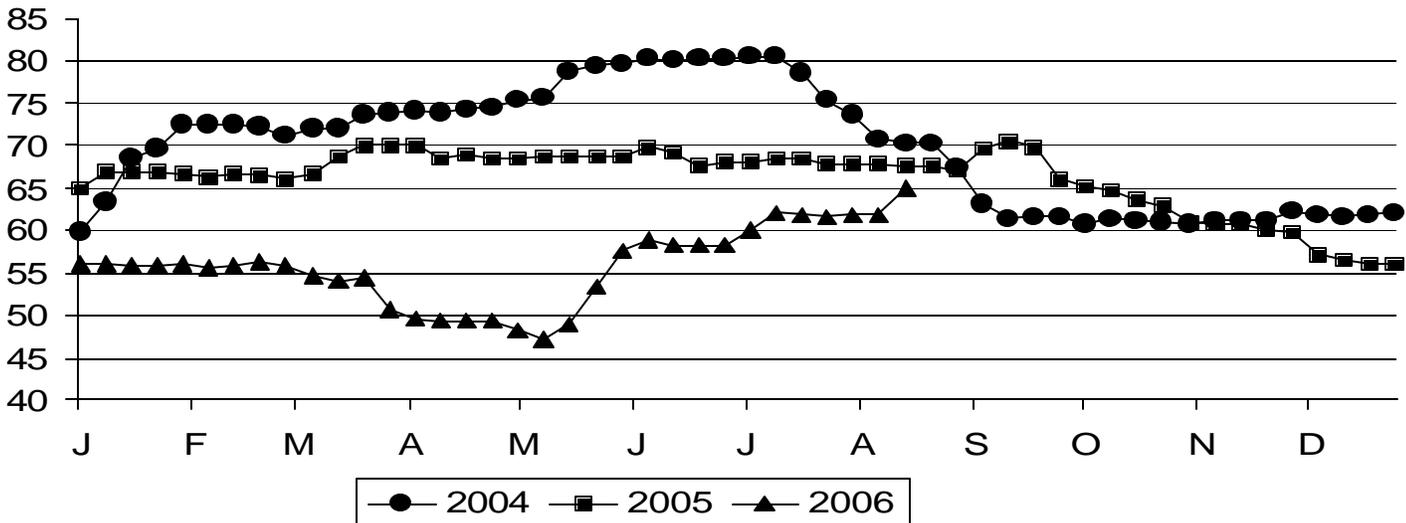
Matched Plants reporting

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)

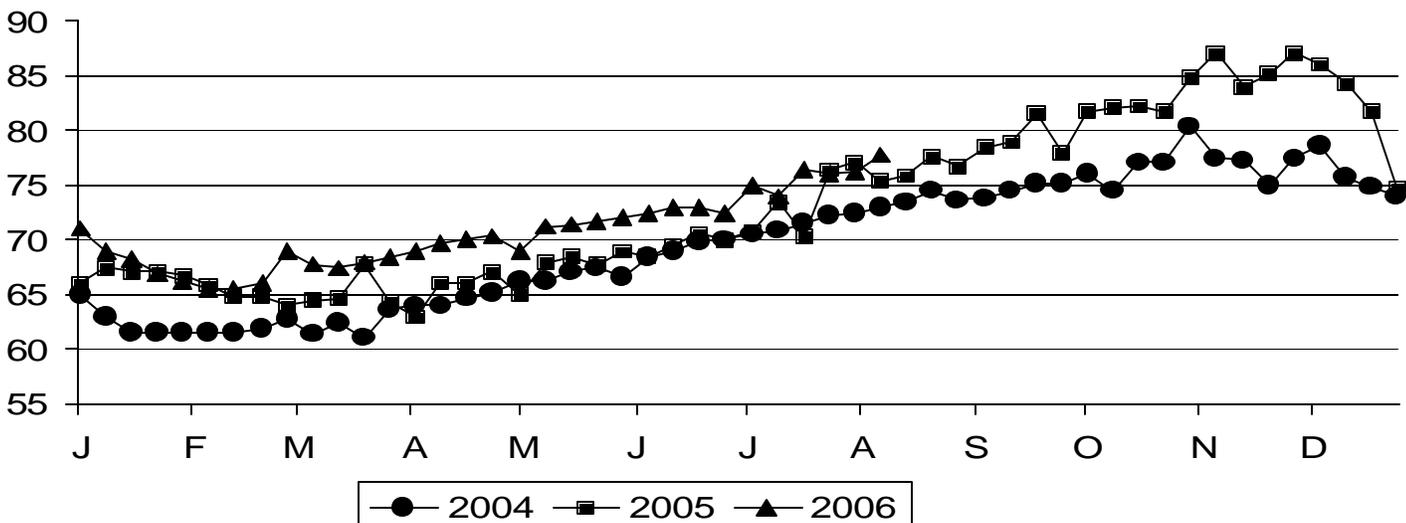
New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



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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