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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Prices were unchanged the entire week. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate, occasionally available in some locations. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Checks and undergrades prices ranged unchanged while mostly prices were slightly higher. Offerings were adequate to instances fully adequate with a mostly light to moderate demand. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules continue to be full-time. Trade sentiment was steady with a cautiously steady undertone. Spent hen removal costs remain unchanged. Demand into rendering facilities was moderate to instances fairly good with a light demand into other locations. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 4.5 to 10.5 cents, mostly 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. Retail demand was moderate to at times fairly good. Food service movement was reported as moderate. Supplies were adequate to fully adequate. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light to good demand. Floor stocks were closely balanced to adequate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady with a cautiously steady undertone.

### 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. Trade sentiment was steady. Demand into all channels was light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to instances available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the mostly light to moderate demand. Spent hens were readily available for processing requirements.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	60-79	65-68
LARGE	54-68	59-63
MEDIUM	28-41	33-35

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

## COMBINED REGIONAL AUGUST 25, 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	34.00
SOUTHEAST	66.50	64.50	34.00
MIDWEST	58.50	56.50	30.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	71.50	64.50	37.00
COMBINED REGIONAL	66.01	61.72	34.02

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

	08-29-06	08-22-06	08-30-05
Large	35-44	35-44	33-42
Medium	9-15	9-15	23-27

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - Aug 28, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.0	17.3	9.2	11.5	11.6	55.6
	Change	-0.5	2.3	3.8	-0.1	-2.5	6%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	28.4	52.6	12.9	22.1	37.0	153.0
	Change	3.1	2.7	1.5	2.1	-1.3	6%
Large	Curr Wk	41.2	169.5	80.2	88.0	118.7	497.6
	Change	-0.1	21.4	14.9	3.6	11.7	12%
Medium	Curr Wk	16.2	41.2	25.7	22.4	30.7	136.2
	Change	0.1	-11.3	0.4	-3.5	-3.4	-12%
Small	Curr Wk	6.6	11.0	1.9	4.4	6.0	29.9
	Change	0.7	-0.3	-0.5	-1.5	-0.4	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.3	45.6	9.1	11.7	5.2	73.9
	Change	-0.9	1.3	1.5	-1.0	0.1	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.0	59.6	24.9	25.1	25.9	151.5
	Change	5.7	-2.7	0.1	-1.0	-2.3	0%
Total	Curr Wk	116.7	396.8	163.9	185.2	235.1	1097.7
Percent	Change	7%	3%	15%	-1%	1%	4%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,097.7	4%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	221.4	-7%	35

**Total Shell Egg 1,319.1 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 26-AUG-06**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,327,594	32,084	12,173	6,412	2,546	4,491
PW	1,360,697	32,375	12,951	6,468	2,882	4,469
LY	1,328,391	31,234	12,558	6,607	3,000	4,599
% Chg PWK	-2%	-1%	-6%	-1%	-12%	0%
% Chg LY	0%	3%	-3%	-3%	-15%	-2%
2006	44,012,361	1,078,170	412,852	219,519	99,724	148,240
2005	44,418,808	1,044,747	438,052	235,132	99,839	150,645
% Chg YTD	-1%	3%	-6%	-7%	0%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.55	41.35	41.40
(Inedible Excluded)	38.17	38.06	37.94

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	592,111	44.6%	15,864	49.4%
PREVIOUS WEEK	605,652	44.5%	15,541	48.0%
LAST YEAR	532,539	40.1%	14,142	45.3%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	AUG 19	AUG 26	AUG 19	AUG 26
	Thousand			
AL	31,873	31,580	22,310	21,902
AR	30,346	30,429	*23,635	23,946
DE	4,008	3,824	5,331	4,449
FL	1,353	1,364	1,510	1,516
GA	35,047	35,145	27,811	28,275
KY	7,195	7,165	*6,231	5,967
LA	3,954	3,954	3,629	3,923
MD	8,862	8,766	5,844	6,621
MS	17,628	17,700	15,894	16,028
NC	18,350	18,417	15,464	15,036
OK	6,264	6,456	*5,238	4,523
PA	4,104	4,086	*2,970	2,735
SC	5,261	5,291	4,417	4,707
TX	14,794	14,852	12,390	12,523
VA	5,917	5,917	4,995	4,9295
CA, MO, TN, & WV	18,093	18,234	16,727	17,108
19 State Total	*213,024	213,049	*174,396	174,188
Previous Year Total	212,244	212,598	176,063	174,673
Pct. of Prev. Year	100	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 07-Oct-06 is estimated at 160.5 million head. This compares to 160.7 million head the previous week and to 164.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 168.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 69.48 cents per pound.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/24/06-08/30/06

CURRENT LDS 61.75 FUTURE LDS 55.75 TOTAL LDS 117.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	37.50	—	38.67	40.17	—	—	6.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	36.00	2.00
GL W J	—	—	54.50	56.00	57.00	—	1.50
GL W XL	—	53.83	51.75	54.33	48.00	—	29.25
GL W LG	—	58.00	44.75	49.00	47.04	—	31.75
GL W MD	28.00	24.00	21.80	23.75	23.00	24.71	12.75
GL W SM	22.88	26.00	21.25	23.63	—	20.00	6.75
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	62.00	—	1.00
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	86.00	—	.75
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	31.00	—	25.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	23.75	26.25	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 26-AUG-2006**

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
Atlanta	26.2	28.3	-7	7
Boston	3.0	3.1	-3	-17
Chicago	62.8	52.3	20	-23
Detroit	17.4	17.2	1	-13
Kansas City	4.5	4.0	13	-6
Los Angeles	106.5	104.8	2	-6
New Orleans	5.6	6.2	-10	-14
New York	28.8	29.4	-2	-5
St. Louis	15.9	18.0	-12	-16
San Francisco	18.7	17.6	6	-2
Total	289.4	280.9	3	-10
4 Week Moving Avg.	285.8			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 26-AUG-06**

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,873	2,776	48	1	4,698
Avg Wt	15.78	34.92	25.37	45.87	27.19
Last week	2,108	2,624	18	5	4,755
Same wk yr ago	1,953	2,723	9	8	4,693
Avg Wt	15.79	34.96	21.30	35.67	26.96
To-date/2006	65,244	86,669	848	160	152,921
To-date/2005	59,088	87,151	791	130	147,160

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

	Week ending 26-AUG-06					
	(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)					
	—YOUNG TURKEYS—		OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS		
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		HEAD- LIVE WT	AVG	
North East	746	-2	23.61	(A)	747	23.61
South Atlantic	720	-8	30.40	(A)	720	30.40
North Central	2,243	5	31.04	(A)	2,243	31.04
South Central	694	-5	17.11	(A)	694	17.11
West	294	-13	22.82	(A)	294	22.82
U.S. total	4,697(B)	-1	27.19	1	4,698	27.19
To-date						
2006	152,761(B)			160	152,921	
To-date						
2005	147,030(B)			130	147,160	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 48,000; for the current year to date 848,000; for last year to date 791,000.

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

W/E 26-Aug-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	166,432	955	1,553	2,508	461
Avg Wt	5.30	3.30	8.19	6.33	6.67
Last week	160,682	902	1,759	2,661	462
Same wk yr ago	167,447	1,458	1,481	2,939	517
Avg Wt	5.24	3.07	8.06	5.58	6.65
To-date/2006	5,477,313	37,787	50,448	88,235	17,116
To-date/2005	5,484,261	51,058	48,557	99,615	16,864

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.5 million head, or 4.9 million more than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 02-Sep-06

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	09/02/06 (1)	08/26/06
Thousand head		
Broiler/fryer	170,536 (2)	166,394
Light hens	987	981
Heavy hens	1,561	1,575
Total	173,084	168,950

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-Sep-06 is 162.6 million head compared to 152.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.9 million head or 8.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 09-Sep-06 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
July	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
	19	162.6	164.3	99%	5.27
	26	168.5	163.6	103%	5.30
Year to date	5,543.8	5,572.7	99%		
September	2	162.6			
	9	162.0			

**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 28-AUG-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	63.00-66.00	65.57	36	66.92	63
Los Angeles	78.00	76.97	67	73.62	149
New York	64.00-67.00	65.76	21	66.98	40

**COMPOSITE W/A PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS** (cents per lb)

	Change from			
	21-AUG-2006	21-AUG-2006	29-AUG-2005	
28-AUG-2006	69.69	.62	69.07	71.38

NUMBER OF LOADS 538

**MONTHLY COMPOSITE W/A PRICE FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
August	68.26	2,549.6

**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/			WTD	LBS
8-16 LB HENS	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
EASTERN REGION 3/	80-82	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	80-82.5	81.5-82.5	82.00	40
WESTERN REGION	80-82	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	80-83	81.5-82.5	82.00	40
CENTRAL REGION	80-82.5	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	80-82	-	-	-

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 GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

		Processed other		
		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	08/28/06	3,241	106,240	71,451
AM	08/01/06	3,272	110,271	63,810
CHG		-31	-4,031	7,641
PCT CHG		-1%	-4%	12%

**HEN MARKETS****HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)\* Final Price, Cents Per Lb, Generally for slaughter the week of 28-AUG-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	2-7 CENTS/LB.		4.87
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	2-8 CENTS/LB.		5.27

(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) 25-AUG-06

**REMOVAL COST**

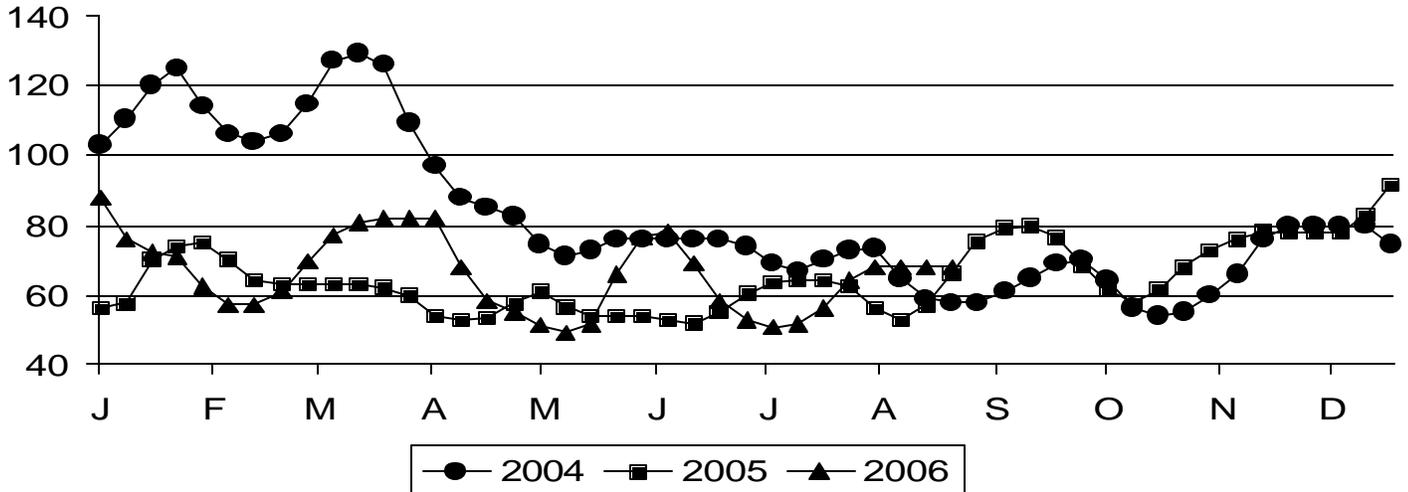
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-11	8-10
South Central		Too Few To Report
North Central	4.5-10.5	5-10

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

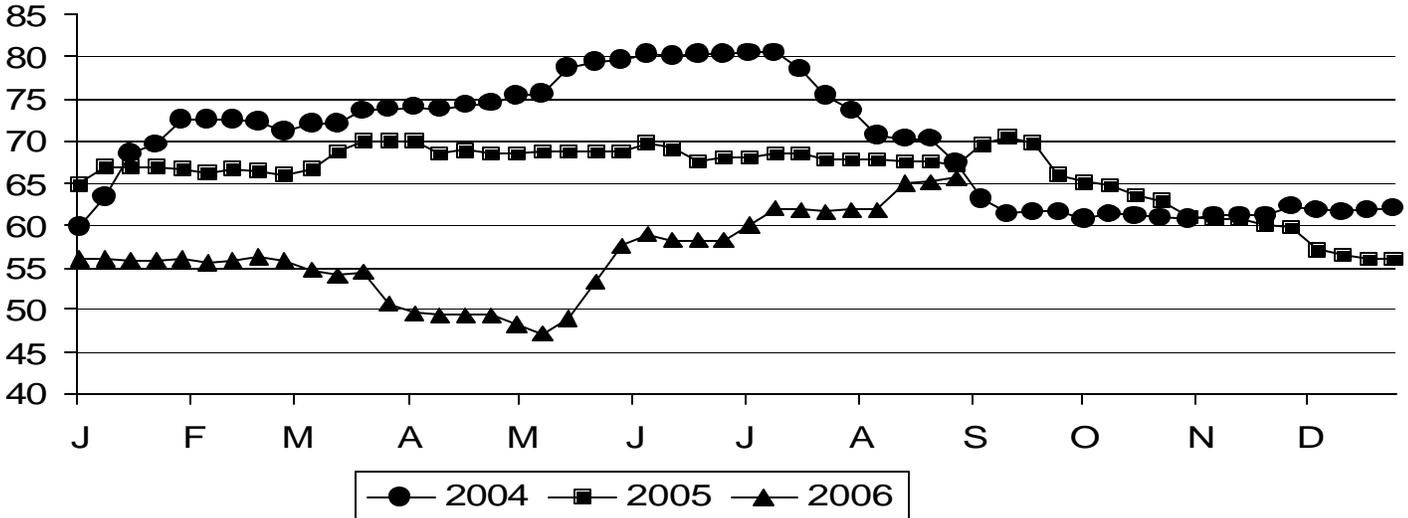
(Receipts From Producers)

W/E 26-Aug-2006	CASES	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	192.2	1	-10
East North Central	631.2	-1	12
West North Central	291.9	3	0
South Atlantic	186.0	-1	0
South Central	63.3	7	12
West	192.4	-3	-6
Total	1,557.0	0	3
Matched plants reporting		83	83
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,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)			

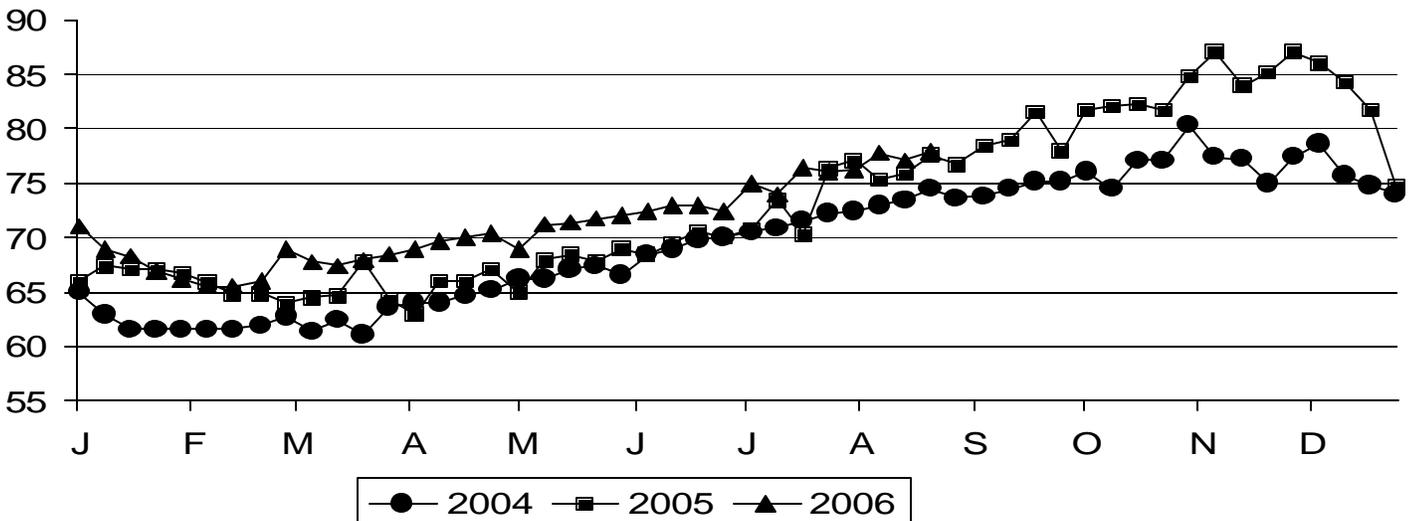
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



### 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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