



U.S. Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service Poultry Programs Market News Branch



NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Prices began the week lower on the larger sizes however mediums were higher except in New York where larger sizes were unchanged. During the week prices in New York increased on mediums and remained unchanged on heavier weights. Prices in other locations were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and fully steady to firm for the lighter weights. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available on larger sizes and in close balance to tight for mediums. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand ranged light with tight to adequate offerings. Many potential buyers reported limited offerings and felt many sellers were holding and waiting for higher prices to appear. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged to slightly higher. Offerings were adequate to ample with a light demand. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 5.5 to 11 cents, mostly 6 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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and fully steady to firm for mediums. Cartoned and loose egg sales were light to moderate. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and tight to barely adequate for mediums. Central States breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand reported as very light. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	50-59	53-56
LARGE	49-58	51-54
MEDIUM	37-46	39-42

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 higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm on medium eggs and steady on the larger sizes. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available on the larger sizes and close on the lighter weights. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the moderate demand. Spent hens were at least adequate to ample for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	59-74	60-63
LARGE	53-67	58-62
MEDIUM	39-52	44-46

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

COMBINED REGIONAL

Sep 15, 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	61.50	61.00	38.00
SOUTHEAST	64.50	62.50	38.00
MIDWEST	56.50	54.50	34.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	65.50	61.50	40.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	62.14	59.90	37.87

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

	09-19-06	09-12-06	09-20-05
Large	31-40	33-42	42-51
Medium	19-25	14-20	21-25

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- SEPTEMBER 18, 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	7.8	20.3	10.7	12.8	11.7	63.3
	Change	1.4	1.8	0.3	1.1	0.0	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.5	60.3	16.4	25.5	37.6	162.3
	Change	4.2	2.3	3.0	2.1	-0.1	8%
Large	Curr Wk	28.9	168.6	84.1	107.4	108.0	497.0
	Change	3.3	3.8	-1.6	8.6	-4.6	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	7.0	37.7	23.0	22.1	36.6	126.4
	Change	-2.0	-1.1	6.7	1.2	-1.9	2%
Small	Curr Wk	5.2	5.5	1.1	7.5	5.5	24.8
	Change	0.8	-0.3	0.2	1.0	0.2	8%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.8	46.3	10.8	10.4	6.4	76.7
	Change	0.1	-0.7	2.7	-2.9	0.4	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	9.6	60.8	19.8	30.7	23.0	143.9
	Change	-11.9	3.2	0.1	3.7	-4.7	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	83.8	399.5	165.9	216.4	228.8	1094.4
Percent	Change	-5%	2%	7%	7%	-4%	2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1094.4	2%	166
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	237.0	-10%	35
Total Shell Egg	1331.4	0%	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 16-SEP-06

(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,339,966	32,086	13,113	6,562	2,621	4,415
PW	1,278,334	31,632	11,953	5,964	2,624	4,454
LY	1,344,955	33,183	12,363	6,434	3,128	4,462
% Chg PWK	5%	1%	10%	10%	0%	-1%
% Chg LY	0%	-3%	6%	2%	-16%	-1%
2006	47,949,469	1,175,149	449,752	238,163	107,622	161,566
2005	48,321,210	1,138,484	474,543	254,146	108,234	163,469
% Chg YTD	-1%	3%	-5%	-6%	-1%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	41.92	42.24	41.97
(Inedible Excluded)	38.63	38.76	38.65

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	579,714	43.3%	15,877	49.5%
PREVIOUS WEEK	599,837	46.9%	16,444	52.0%
LAST YEAR	541,747	40.3%	14,288	43.1%

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	SEP 09	SEP 16	SEP 09	SEP 16
	Thousand			
AL	30,109	31,245	*21,755	20,867
AR	29,573	28,333	*24,146	22,920
DE	3,831	3,862	4,855	5,007
FL	1,371	1,367	1,541	1,429
GA	*33,224	33,443	*27,995	28,566
KY	*7,032	6,686	*6,160	6,402
LA	3,771	3,802	3,751	3,527
MD	8,589	8,126	5,891	6,018
MS	17,075	17,065	15,792	15,621
NC	17,722	17,788	14,802	15,245
OK	6,554	6,234	*4,897	5,623
PA	*3,948	3,681	*2,864	2,852
SC	4,925	5,305	4,957	5,224
TX	14,646	14,084	12,682	12,714
VA	6,185	6,194	4,823	4,784
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,727	16,722	*16,215	17,140
19 State Total	*205,282	203,937	*173,126	173,939
Previous Year Total	209,112	202,351	172,881	174,088
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	101	100	100

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 28-Oct-06 is estimated at 159.8 million head. This compares to 159.3 million head the previous week and to 162.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.6 million head and the composite weighted average price was 68.69 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/14/06-09/20/06

CURRENT LDS 84.75 FUTURE LDS 44.00 TOTAL LDS 128.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	36.00	—	37.00	38.58	—	—	10.00
GNR BR 1	—	66.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	53.50	55.00	40.00	—	4.00
GL W XL	48.50	52.00	49.50	49.24	40.00	58.75	66.00
GL W LG	—	52.00	45.00	46.29	37.44	—	41.50
GL W MD	37.00	—	36.00	37.67	30.38	—	10.50
GL W SM	23.75	26.50	22.31	24.56	—	—	7.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	24.00	25.00	—	—	28.14	28.60	33.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	28.00	25.00	4.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 21-SEP-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW	PCT CHG	
				PW	LY
Atlanta	26.0	28.8	-10	7	
Atlanta	27.2	26.0	5	14	
Boston	3.3	2.9	14	6	
Chicago	83.8	85.3	-2	19	
Detroit	14.9	13.9	7	-15	
Kansas City	4.2	5.4	-22	40	
Los Angeles	109.4	106.0	3	-2	
New Orleans	5.1	5.4	-6	364	
New York	27.1	26.1	4	-5	
St. Louis	13.9	15.2	-9	0	
San Francisco	17.6	18.2	-3	0	
Total	306.5	304.4	1	6	
4 Week Moving Avg.	300.7				

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 16-SEP-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	2,026	2,644	35	0	4,705
Avg Wt	17.56	36.06	25.27	0.00	28.01
Last week	1,875	2,066	6	9	3,956
Same wk yr ago	2,030	2,778	25	9	4,842
Avg Wt	16.27	35.16	24.62	31.70	27.18
To-date/2006	70,946	94,043	891	177	166,057
To-date/2005	64,708	95,065	866	153	160,792

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 16-SEP-06
(Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)

—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS
THOUSAND HEAD	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT		
North East	776	8	24.75 (A)	776
South Atlantic	809	57	30.30 (A)	809
North Central	2,274	25	31.27 (A)	2,274
South Central	560	-9	17.13 (A)	560
West	286	2	25.77 (A)	286
U.S. total	4,705(B)	19	28.01	4,705
To-date				
2006	165,880(B)		177	166,057
To-date				
2005	160,639(B)		153	160,792

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 35,000; for the current year to date 891,000; for last year to date 866,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 16-SEP-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	166,512	970	1,542	2,512	546
Avg Wt	5.45	3.36	8.14	6.29	6.73
Last week	154,603	876	1,242	2,118	535
Same wk yr ago	169,204	1,331	1,551	2,882	453
Avg Wt	5.33	3.15	8.24	5.89	6.89
To-date/2006	5,966,723	40,564	54,789	95,353	18,625
To-date/2005	5,954,984	54,793	52,488	107,281	18,323

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 168.5 million head, or 4.8 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 23-Sep-06

CLASS	CW - 09/23/06(1)	PW - 09/16/06
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	166,895(2)	164,985
Light hens	1,141	1,086
Heavy hens	1,397	1,516
Total	169,433	167,587

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 23-Sep-06 is 164.6 million head compared to 167.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.2 million head or 2.6 million more than estimated available. For the week of 30-Sep-06 the estimated available is 164.5 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
August	12	164.0	164.2	100%	5.24
	19	162.6	164.3	99%	5.27
	26	168.5	163.6	103%	5.30
September	2	170.3	162.6	105%	5.18
	9	156.5	162.0	97%	5.39
	16	168.5	163.7	103%	5.45
Year to date		6039.1	6061.0	100%	
September	23		164.6		
	30		164.5		

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 18-SEP-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	61.00-64.00	62.58	33	60.06	66
Los Angeles	78.00	76.90	67	73.32	149
New York	64.00-67.00	65.63	24	66.99	61

COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

18-SEP-2006	Change from 11-SEP-2006	11-SEP-2006	19-SEP-2005
67.80	-2.06	69.86	73.14
NUMBER OF LOADS	580		

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/	85-87	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	85-87	85	85.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	85-87	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	85	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	85	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	85	-	-	-

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 09/18/06	3,150	104,420	69,387
AM 09/01/06	3,241	106,259	71,254
CHG	-91	-1839	-1867
PCT CHG	-3%	-2%	-3%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE**

(7 pounds and up)* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 18-SEP-06

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	2-7 CENTS/LB.	-	4.51
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	2-8 CENTS/LB.	-	4.75

(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) 15-SEP-06

REMOVAL COST

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-12	9-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5.5-11	6-8

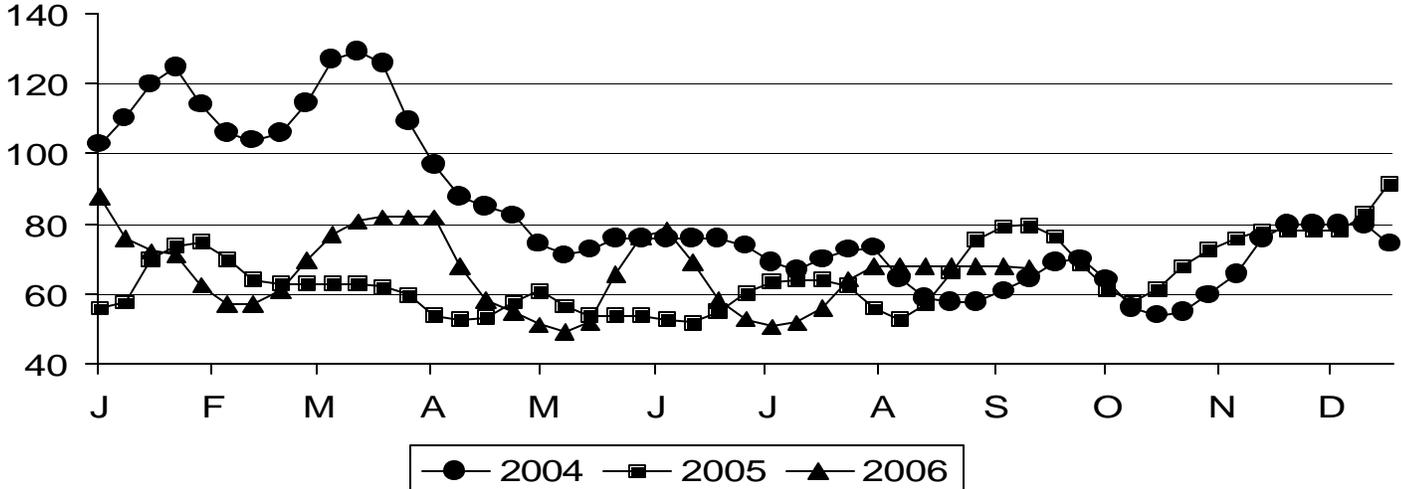
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

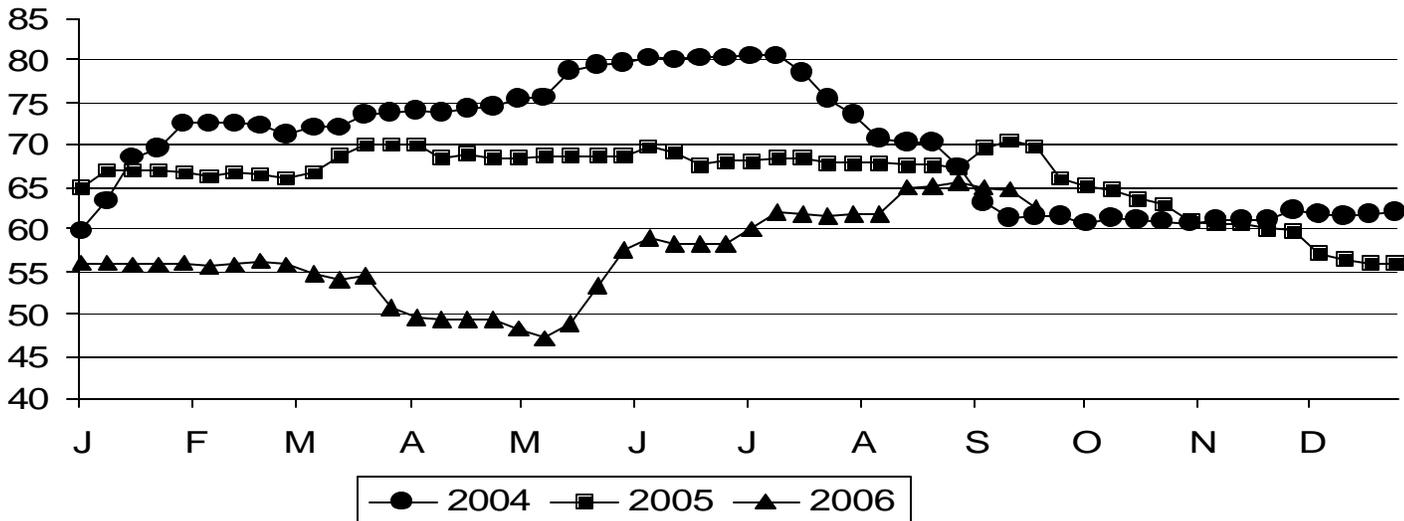
W/E 16-SEP-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
REGIONS			
North Atlantic	204.1	0	-4
East North Central	641.9	2	2
West North Central	295.2	4	6
South Atlantic	191.4	-3	1
South Central	57.7	0	-8
West	195.7	-1	-1
Total	1586.0	1	1
Matched Plants reporting		83	83

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)

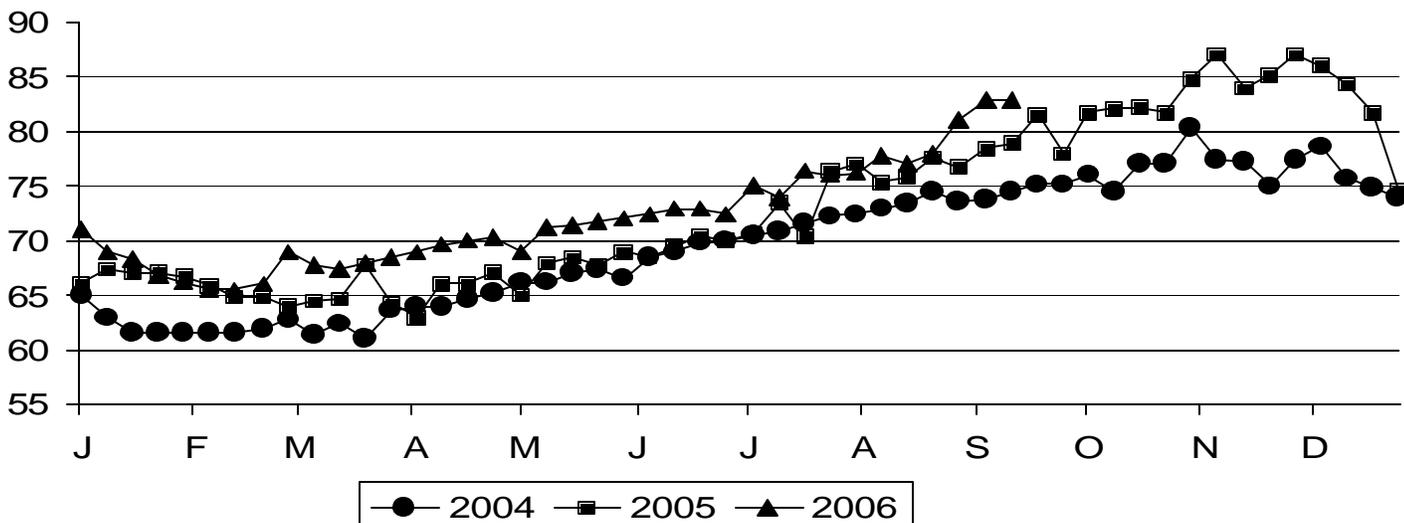
New York Large Weekly Average Price
cents per dozen



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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