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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW



Prices were unchanged in all locations throughout the week. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand into all channels was in a full range, light to very good. Supplies were balanced to adequate for lighter weight eggs and adequate to ample for the larger sizes. Central states breaking stock and checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Demand was light to good for the tight to fully adequate offerings. Regular commitments and existing floor stocks satisfy most breakers current needs. Floor stocks were irregular, tight to ample. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Demand was moderate to fairly good for the adequate offerings. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs were 4.5 to 10 cents, mostly 4.5 to 5.5 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 to barely steady. Cartoned egg sales continued in a wide range of light to very good, but were usually moderate to fairly good. Loose egg sales were light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate to close for the lighter weight eggs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to fully adequate, usually adequate. Demand was light to good, mostly light to moderate. Floor stocks were in a full range of tight to ample. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	90-93
LARGE	86-95	88-91
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72

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 barely steady on larger sizes, and usually steady on mediums. Demand into most areas improved for late week business, but was still in a range of light to good. Supplies of mediums were adequate to fair balance, but larger sizes were reported as adequate to available. Brown eggs were reported as steady. However, breaking stock offerings were also adequate to available, but better quality eggs were still being put into the grading channels. Spent hens offerings were adequate for a fair demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-106	95-99
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	68-81	73-75

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

## COMBINED REGIONAL DECEMBER 08, 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	97.00	96.00	74.00
SOUTHEAST	96.50	94.50	73.00
MIDWEST	91.50	89.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	99.50	98.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.26	94.80	73.05

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

	12-12-06	12-05-06	12-13-05
Large	68-77	68-77	43-52
Medium	49-55	49-55	27-33

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- DEC 11, 2006

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

		NO	SO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.0	23.0	9.2	10.8	16.3	67.3
	Change	0.7	-0.7	0.4	-2.9	0.7	-3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.5	71.5	17.5	27.7	38.3	180.5
	Change	-1.0	-11.3	2.0	-0.6	-5.5	-8%
Large	Curr Wk	44.0	168.1	101.9	133.3	135.1	582.4
	Change	4.5	-27.4	-8.0	2.0	-0.2	-5%
Medium	Curr Wk	7.3	32.9	23.4	15.0	34.2	112.8
	Change	-1.2	-6.6	2.9	-2.2	1.9	-4%
Small	Curr Wk	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.6	2.4	14.0
	Change	0.5	-0.4	0.8	-0.6	-0.9	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.4	28.8	11.2	14.7	7.4	65.5
	Change	0.6	-2.0	-1.7	2.9	0.6	1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	19.3	44.8	21.5	29.5	25.2	140.3
	Change	-1.1	-4.9	-2.9	3.0	-4.7	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	110.5	372.4	187.4	233.6	258.9	1,162.8
	Change	3%	-13%	-3%	1%	-3%	-5%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,162.8	-5%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	245.6	3%	34

Total Shell Egg	1,408.4	-4%	199
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1/ Information supplied by a universe of 165 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 09-DEC-06

	(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)					
	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,274,340	33,325	10,691	5,605	2,283	4,186
PW	1,284,278	32,872	11,363	6,123	2,312	4,464
LY	1,248,908	30,999	10,774	6,194	2,313	4,178
% Chg PWK	-1%	1%	-6%	-8%	-1%	-6%
% Chg LY	2%	8%	-1%	-10%	-1%	0%
2006	63,218,280	1,570,437	580,357	307,107	132,685	212,569
2005	64,183,958	1,529,519	616,599	330,692	140,740	216,834
% Change YTD	-2%	3%	-6%	-7%	-6%	-2%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.22	42.69	41.75
(Inedible Excluded)	38.94	39.21	38.41

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	615,480	48.3%	17,959	53.9%
PREVIOUS WEEK	634,864	49.4%	17,881	54.4%
LAST YEAR	535,123	42.8%	15,353	49.5%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	DEC 02	DEC 09	DEC 02	DEC 09
	Thousand			
AL	*31,106	31,254	*20,721	20,081
AR	29,594	28,614	23,607	23,273
DE	3,943	3,937	*4,941	5,206
FL	1,164	1,356	1,194	1,484
GA	35,298	33,968	26,515	28,138
KY	*7,472	6,698	*5,717	6,174
LA	3,712	3,712	3,445	3,635
MD	*8,495	8,482	*5,340	5,821
MS	17,007	17,147	15,302	15,762
NC	18,605	18,660	15,586	15,496
OK	6,449	6,447	4,805	5,424
PA	*3,984	3,764	*2,924	2,910
SC	5,574	5,471	4,998	4,578
TX	14,309	14,080	*11,670	12,142
VA	*6,399	6,282	*5,017	4,799
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,606	17,838	*16,367	17,129
19 State Total	*210,717	207,710	*168,149	172,052
Previous Year Total	214,156	213,249	171,991	173,392
Pct. of Prev. Year	98	97	98	99

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING**

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 20-Jan-07 is estimated at 156.7 million head. This compares to 152.0 million head the previous week and to 162.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.4 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.21 cents per pound.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 12/07/06-12/13/06

CURRENT LDS	92.00	FUTURE LDS	89.25	TOTAL LDS	181.25		
CLASS	SE		NE		MW	LOADS	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG		DST
GNR W XL	—	—	—	84.00	78.00	—	1.00
GNR W 1	72.50	—	72.83	74.64	72.00	76.00	44.00
GNR W 4	—	—	41.00	45.50	44.00	—	3.00
GL W J	—	—	86.50	88.33	54.53	—	6.75
GL W XL	—	71.51	72.83	73.64	60.07	61.00	41.25
GL W LG	—	74.19	75.50	78.00	53.61	78.93	50.50
GL W MD	58.33	66.00	52.88	60.00	49.33	53.00	20.50
GL W SM	45.00	48.00	45.00	46.67	—	—	4.00
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	91.00	—	.50
GL BR XL	—	—	97.00	—	70.00	—	1.25
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	68.00	—	1.25
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	39.25	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	36.00	38.00	37.00	39.63	28.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	33.50	7.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 09-DEC-2006

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG FW LY	
Atlanta	29.3	28.6	2	3
Boston	3.0	3.4	-12	15
Chicago	85.7	73.1	17	-9
Detroit	25.6	15.4	66	-28
Kansas City	4.9	5.3	-8	9
Los Angeles	109.5	97.6	12	-6
New Orleans	6.1	5.8	5	17
New York	28.1	23.3	21	-18
St. Louis	23.6	17.5	35	-4
San Francisco	18.7	17.8	5	-7
Total	334.5	287.8	16	-9
4 Week Moving Avg.	321.6			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 09-DEC-06

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	2,141	2,704	19	0	4,864
Avg Wt	15.50	38.22	27.76	0.00	28.18
Last week	1,937	2,645	33	1	4,616
Same wk yr ago	2,229	2,785	11	1	5,026
Avg Wt	15.94	37.91	27.77	40.84	28.14
To-date/2006	96,509	126,560	1,334	205	224,608
To-date/2005	90,180	126,618	1,206	210	218,214

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

Week ending 09-DEC-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	745	-5	24.13	(A)	745	24.13
South Atlantic	759	-8	33.71	(A)	759	33.71
North Central	2,155	4	32.53	(A)	2,155	32.53
South Central	858	40	18.05	(A)	858	18.05
West	347	4	22.83	(A)	347	22.83
U.S. total	4,864(B)	5	28.18	0	4,864	28.18
To-date						
2006	224,403(B)			205	224,608	
To-date						
2005	218,004(B)			210	218,214	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.  
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 19,000; for the current year to date 1,334,000; for last year to date 1,206,000.

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

W/E 09-Dec-2006	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	163,326	1,157	1,529	2,686	567
Avg Wt	5.49	3.28	8.02	5.98	6.68
Last week	164,436	800	1,562	2,362	533
Same wk yr ago	161,899	1,270	1,483	2,753	518
Avg Wt	5.46	3.29	8.01	5.83	6.92
To-date/2006	7,897,646	52,408	72,909	125,317	24,506
To-date/2005	7,885,289	69,632	69,358	138,990	24,453

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 156.6 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.3 million head, or 8.7 million more than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 16-Dec-06

Class	Current Week	Previous Week
	12/16/06 (1)	12/09/06
----- Thousand head -----		
Broiler/fryer	163,751 (2)	163,726
Light hens	1,232	1,224
Heavy hens	1,519	1,516
Total	166,502	166,466

(1) ESTIMATED

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 16-Dec-06 is 156.8 million head compared to 166.3 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.1 million head or 7.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 23-Dec-06 the estimated available is 153.4 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
November 4	166.1	163.0	102%	5.29
11	168.3	159.9	105%	5.50
18	162.4	156.3	104%	5.49
25	122.0	156.7	78%	5.44
December 2	166.4	156.8	106%	5.53
9	165.3	156.6	106%	5.49
Year to date	7,993.4	7,993.1	100%	
December 16		156.8		
23		153.4		

**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 11-DEC-2006 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	59.00-62.00	61.81	34	63.03
Los Angeles	76.00	74.83	64	69.75
New York	61.00-64.00	62.87	23	62.93

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

	Change from	04-DEC-2006	04-DEC-2006	12-DEC-2005
11-DEC-2006	66.13	.30	65.83	64.42

NUMBER OF LOADS 566

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
<b>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	72-73	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-73	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-73	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION	70-72	70	70.00	40
CENTRAL REGION	72	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72	-	-	-

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 12/11/06	3,202	37,117	63,315
AM 12/01/06	3,159	38,753	65,295
CHG	43	-1,636	-1,980
PCT CHG	1%	-4%	-3%

**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.		4.45
Southeast(2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	2-7.75 CENTS/LB.		4.88

(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) 08-DEC-06

**REMOVAL COST**

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	6-12	7-9
South Central		Too Few To Report
North Central	4.5-10	4.5-5.5

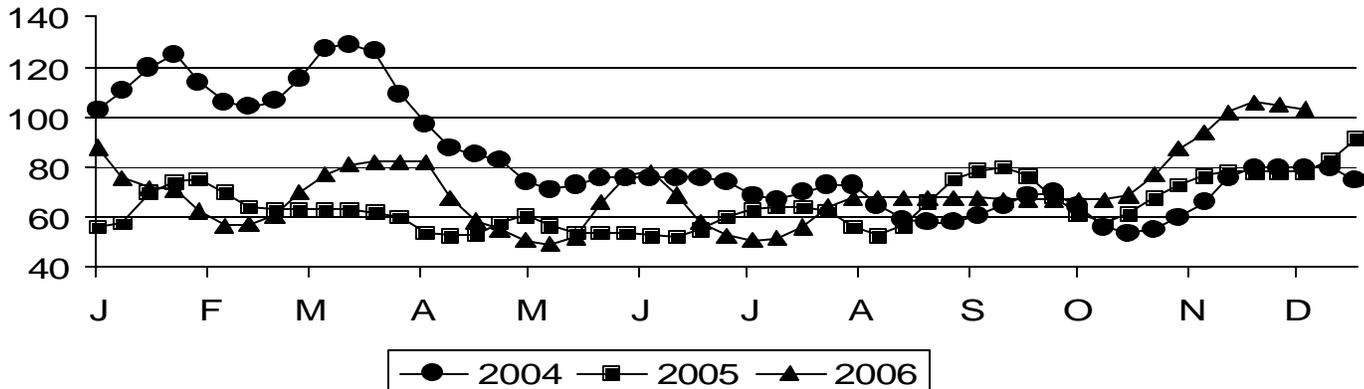
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT**

(Receipts From Producers)

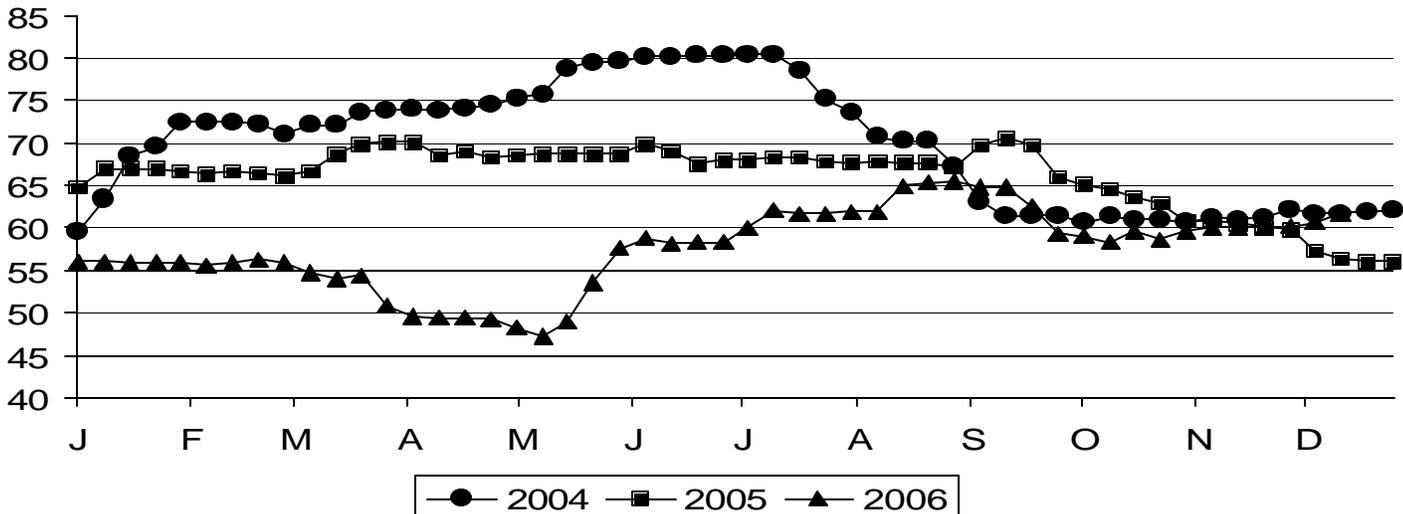
W/E 09-Dec-2006	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT PW	CHANGE FROM LY
North Atlantic	188.6	0	-9
East North Central	642.3	1	8
West North Central	280.0	5	1
South Atlantic	204.7	-1	1
South Central	60.0	-1	-1
West	199.3	2	-6
Total	1,574.9	1	1
Matched plants reporting		82	82

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)

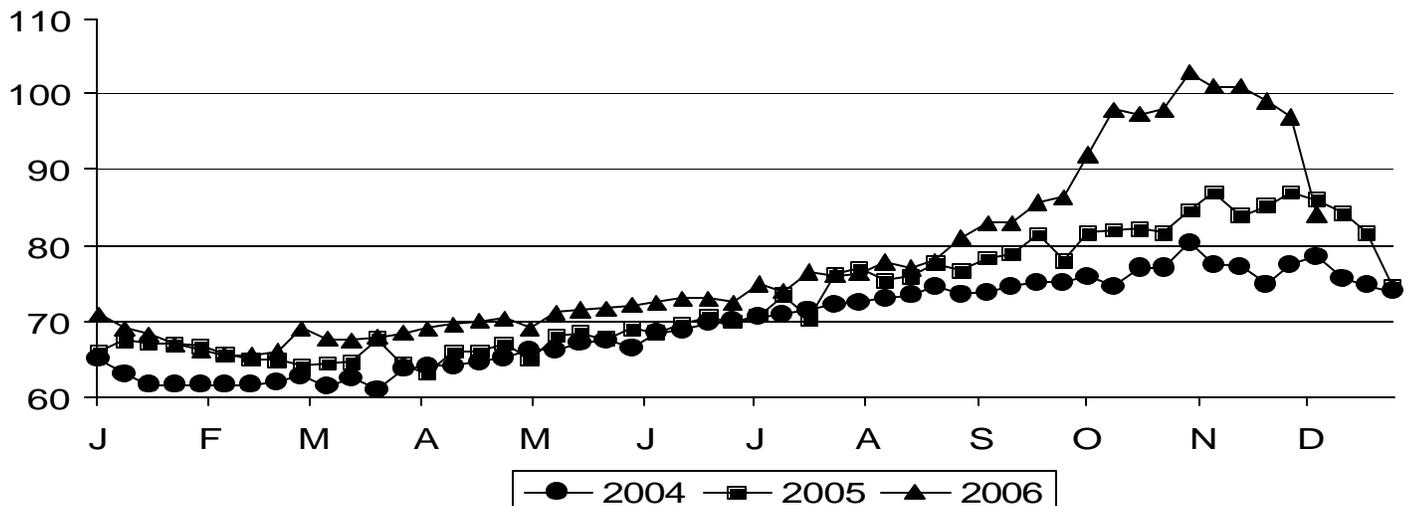
### New York Large Weekly Average Price cents per dozen



### 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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