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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Prices were unchanged to start the week. By late week, prices dropped sharply in New York but remained unchanged elsewhere however trending lower for next week. The market tone was weak. Demand was light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to available for current needs. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate while reporting the demand as mostly light. Breakers were currently working from regular commitments and only purchasing for immediate needs. Schedules were full-time to instances extended. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Spent hen removal costs were unchanged. Offerings were in close balance to adequate with a fair to fairly good demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal costs remained 2 to 9, mostly 2 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 to producers in IA-MN-WI were lower for all sizes. Midwest delivered prices were unchanged with asking prices for next week's delivery trending sharply lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Retail demand was light to at times good with limited features providing the best movement. Loose egg sales were light. Supplies were adequate to available. Central States breaking stock prices were lower. Demand was mostly light for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Schedules full-time to extended. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	86-95	89-92
LARGE	85-94	87-90
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, however mediums and larger sizes were trending significantly lower. Trade sentiment was weak. Demand was light to at times good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade requirements. Eastern region breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient to fully sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hen availability was about adequate to adequate for an at least moderate demand.

### RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	94-108	94-97
LARGE	88-102	93-97
MEDIUM	69-82	74-76
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

## COMBINED REGIONAL

Mar 30, 2007

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EXLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	95.50	95.00	75.00
SOUTHEAST	97.50	95.50	74.00
MIDWEST	90.50	88.50	70.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	96.50	94.50	74.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	95.02	93.38	73.52

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

	04-03-07	03-27-07	04-04-06
Large	67-76	67-76	47-56
Medium	49-55	49-55	24-30

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT- APR 02, 2007

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

		North	South	South		5-Area	
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.2	21.7	7.4	11.8	15.4	62.5
	Change	-0.3	-4.6	-2.0	-1.5	-2.1	-14%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.0	47.9	11.7	21.7	39.8	147.1
	Change	-3.2	-1.5	-4.3	-5.4	-1.3	-10%
Large	Curr Wk	40.5	134.8	67.2	90.9	143.5	476.9
	Change	-5.6	-26.0	-36.6	-35.0	-26.7	-21%
Medium	Curr Wk	9.9	38.8	11.3	18.7	37.5	116.2
	Change	-0.9	-3.2	-2.5	-3.6	-4.6	-11%
Small	Curr Wk	3.6	8.5	1.4	4.2	6.6	24.3
	Change	0.0	-0.4	-0.9	1.3	-1.0	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.7	22.5	7.9	14.1	7.3	54.5
	Change	0.5	-1.9	-1.8	2.5	0.4	-1%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	15.1	52.2	21.5	27.3	25.5	141.6
	Change	-4.1	-3.9	-0.9	5.8	0.4	-2%
Total	Curr Wk	104.0	326.4	128.4	188.7	275.6	1023.1
Percent	Change	-12%	-11%	-28%	-16%	-11%	-15%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
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Shell Egg	1,023.1	-15%	157
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	220.0	1%	33
Total Shell Egg	1,243.1	-12%	190

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 157 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 31-MAR-07

	CASES BROKEN	(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)				INED
		LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	
CW	1,259,493	31,524	11,544	6,303	2,493	4,466
PW	1,270,007	31,724	11,583	6,431	2,176	4,294
LY	1,254,356	31,078	11,944	6,400	2,457	4,360
% Chg PWK	-1%	-1%	0%	-2%	15%	4%
% Chg LY	0%	1%	-3%	-2%	1%	2%
2007	15,826,982	394,101	147,188	78,747	31,425	55,560
2006	16,429,876	404,754	153,587	83,938	37,444	56,162
% Chg YTD	-4%	-3%	-4%	-6%	-16%	-1%

Average Yield Per Case -	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
(Inedible Included)	42.54	42.57	42.47
(Inedible Excluded)	39.16	39.07	39.04

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	Lbs.
CURRENT WEEK	617,057	49.0%	17,538	55.6%
PREVIOUS WEEK	613,848	48.3%	17,872	56.3%
LAST YEAR	590,058	47.0%	16,827	54.1%

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in		Broiler Chicks Placed	
	19 Selected States		in 19 Selected States	
	MAR 24	MAR 31	MAR 24	MAR 31
	Thousand			
AL	*31,090	31,304	*20,395	20,197
AR	27,095	27,991	24,627	24,830
DE	4,047	4,039	*5,768	4,449
FL	1,365	1,364	1,419	1,450
GA	35,870	35,361	*29,227	28,940
KY	*7,584	7,569	*6,360	6,349
LA	*3,924	3,924	*3,756	3,655
MD	8,952	8,985	*5,663	6,778
MS	19,193	18,936	17,043	17,335
NC	19,326	18,348	15,867	15,885
OK	6,690	6,357	4,548	4,365
PA	*3,799	3,866	*2,785	2,860
SC	5,422	5,388	4,823	4,429
TX	15,105	15,016	12,302	12,578
VA	6,399	6,495	4,593	4,758
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*19,660	20,436	*16,132	16,969
19 State Total	*215,521	215,379	*175,308	175,827
Previous Year Total	211,053	213,715	176,996	176,993
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	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 12-May-07 is estimated at 161.7 million head. This compares to 160.8 million head the previous week and to 166.5 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 166.9 million head and the composite weighted average price was 58.09 cents per pound.

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

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/29/07-04/04/07

CLASS	CURRENT LDS 69.25		FUTURE LDS 47.75		TOTAL LDS 117.00		LOADS
	SE	NE	SE	NE	SE	NE	
GNR W 1	62.50	73.00	66.00	67.73	59.60	68.42	54.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	68.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	83.00	85.50	55.63	—	4.00
GL W XL	—	64.00	78.00	72.25	58.11	—	21.00
GL W LG	—	—	54.25	71.75	50.27	78.00	19.75
GL W MD	68.00	—	60.50	63.00	44.28	—	8.50
GL W SM	48.67	51.67	49.00	51.00	—	—	4.00
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	53.50	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	46.50	53.46	26.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	—	52.00	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	38.75	—	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 31-MAR-07

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT PW	CHG LY
Atlanta	31.1	30.0	4	-2
Boston	2.6	2.6	0	-13
Chicago	72.6	80.0	-9	-25
Detroit	19.0	19.8	-4	28
Kansas City	4.3	5.1	-16	23
Los Angeles	106.5	98.3	8	-6
New Orleans	5.7	5.4	6	-7
New York	36.1	30.4	19	11
St. Louis	18.1	13.3	36	-8
San Francisco	19.2	17.4	10	-1
Total	315.2	288.3	9	-7
4 Week Moving Avg.	292.9			

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 31-MAR-07

	YOUNG		YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	HENS	TOMS			
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,915	2,721	4	5	4,645
Avg Wt	16.43	37.29	27.19	37.99	28.68
Last week	2,047	2,538	18	0	4,603
Same wk yr ago	2,147	2,537	0	3	4,687
Avg Wt	17.58	37.53	0.00	51.01	28.40
To-date/2007	23,799	32,693	178	52	56,722
To-date/2006	22,635	32,186	279	75	55,175

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

	Week ending 31-MAR-07 (Preliminary)					
	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG		THOUSAND	AVG
	HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	THOUSAND	HEAD	LIVE WT
North East	787	5	23.53	(A)	788	23.53
South Atlantic	780	19	31.27	(A)	781	31.27
North Central	2,041	-4	33.62	(A)	2,042	33.62
South Central	755	7	18.70	(A)	756	18.70
West	277	-23	26.64	(A)	278	26.64
U.S. total	4,640(B)	1	28.68	5	4,645	28.68
To-date						
2007	56,670(B)			52	56,722	
To-date						
2006	55,100(B)			75	55,175	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 4,000; for the current year to date 178,000; for last year to date 279,000.

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

W/E 31-Mar-2007	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	158,956	1,214	1,412	2,626	510
AvgWt	5.38	3.31	8.01	5.84	6.70
Last week	158,447	1,115	1,138	2,253	532
Same wk yr ago	161,822	1,166	1,433	2,599	485
AvgWt	5.28	3.21	7.80	5.74	6.69
To-date/2007	2,033,059	14,554	17,493	32,047	6,766
To-date/2006	2,088,573	15,763	18,652	34,415	6,549

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 160.9 million head, or 0.2 million less than estimated available.

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 07-Apr-07

CLASS	CW - 04/07/07(1)	PW - 03/31/07
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	155,076(2)	160,388
Light hens	1,255	1,257
Heavy hens	1,424	1,442
Total	157,755	163,087

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 07-Apr-07 is 162.0 million head compared to 164.6 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.4 million head or 6.6 million less than estimated available. For the week of 14-Apr-07 the estimated available is 162.8 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
February	24 161.2	162.0	100%	5.21
March	3 162.0	161.8	100%	5.37
	10 163.3	162.0	101%	5.43
	17 160.0	161.6	99%	5.39
	24 160.4	161.3	99%	5.45
	31 160.9	161.1	100%	5.38
Year to date	2057.8	2081.3	99%	
April	7	162.0		
	14	162.8		

**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: 02-Apr-2007 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	73.00-76.00	75.40	36	75.93	70
Los Angeles	84.00	83.65	63	83.29	131
New York	73.00-76.00	75.14	21	76.00	50

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from		
02-APR-2007	26-MAR-2007	26-MAR-2007	27-MAR-2006
78.66	-05	78.71	58.92
NUMBER OF LOADS	510		

**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)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-
<b>16-24 LB TOMS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-

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)

	Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Processed other Poultry/LBS
	(THOUSANDS)		
AM 04/02/07	3,240	69,750	47,359
AM 03/01/07	3,312	69,187	54,570
CHG	-72	563	-7211
PCT CHG	-2%	1%	-13%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of February 28, 2007 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on April 1, 2007 are:

Frozen Eggs	15 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	388 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	544 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

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

(7 pounds and up)\* Final price, cents per lb., Generally for slaughter the week of 02-Apr-07

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
Southeast (1)	5-12 CENTS/LB.		7.75
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central (1)	5-10 CENTS/LB.		7.33

(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) 30-Mar-07

**REMOVAL COST**

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-12	7-9
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	2-9	2-5.5

**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 31-Mar-2007	CASES (IN THOUS)	PW	LY
North Atlantic	181.1	0	-5
East North Central	658.2	5	7
West North Central	288.2	5	-2
South Atlantic	197.3	1	0
South Central	64.2	-1	-8
West	209.4	10	10
Total	1598.4	4	3
Matched plants reporting		82	82

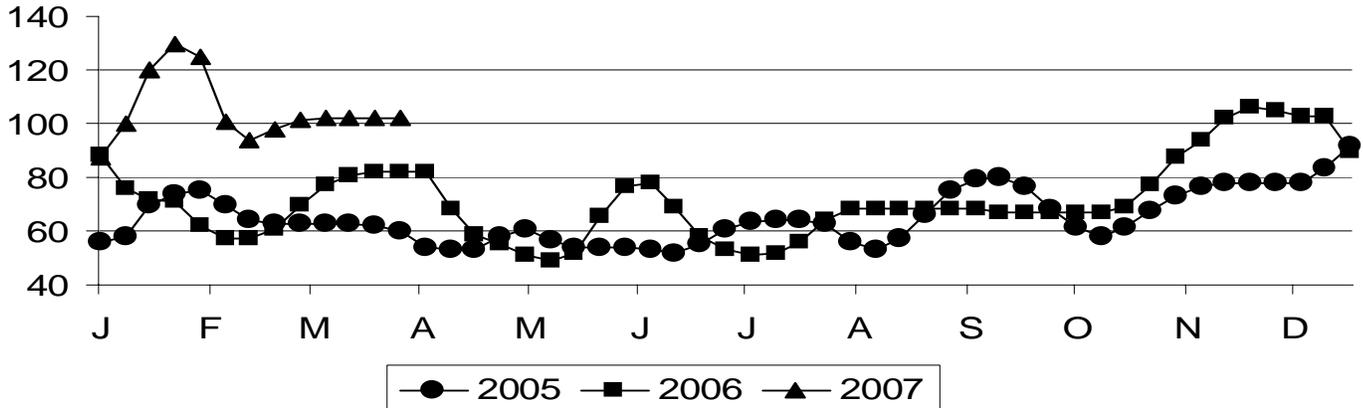
Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)

East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)

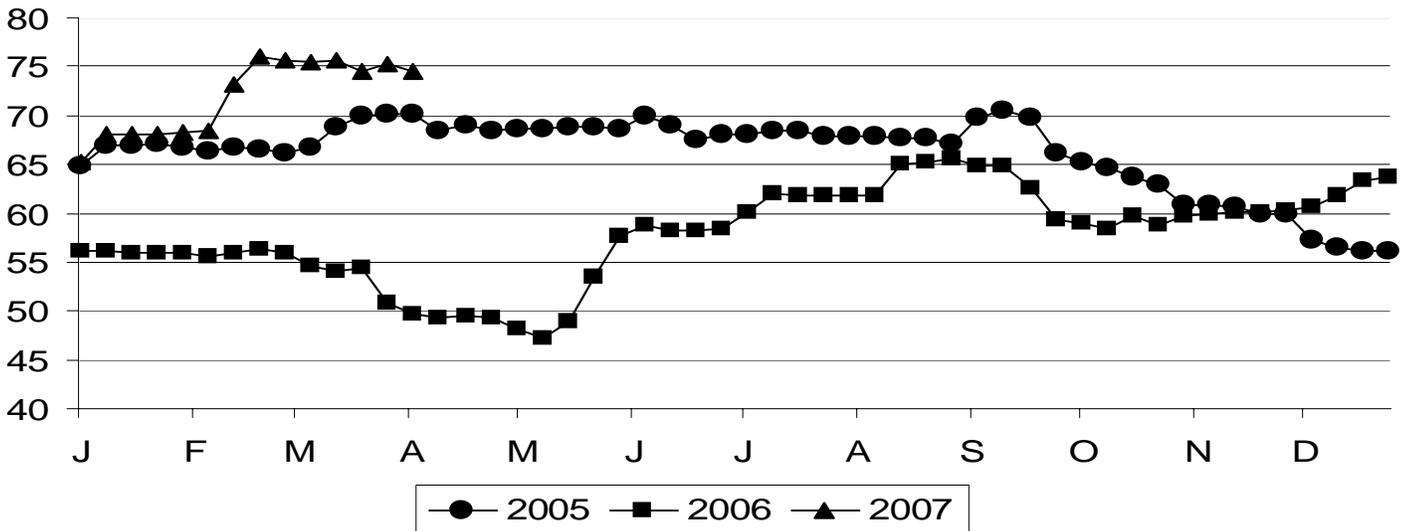
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)

West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

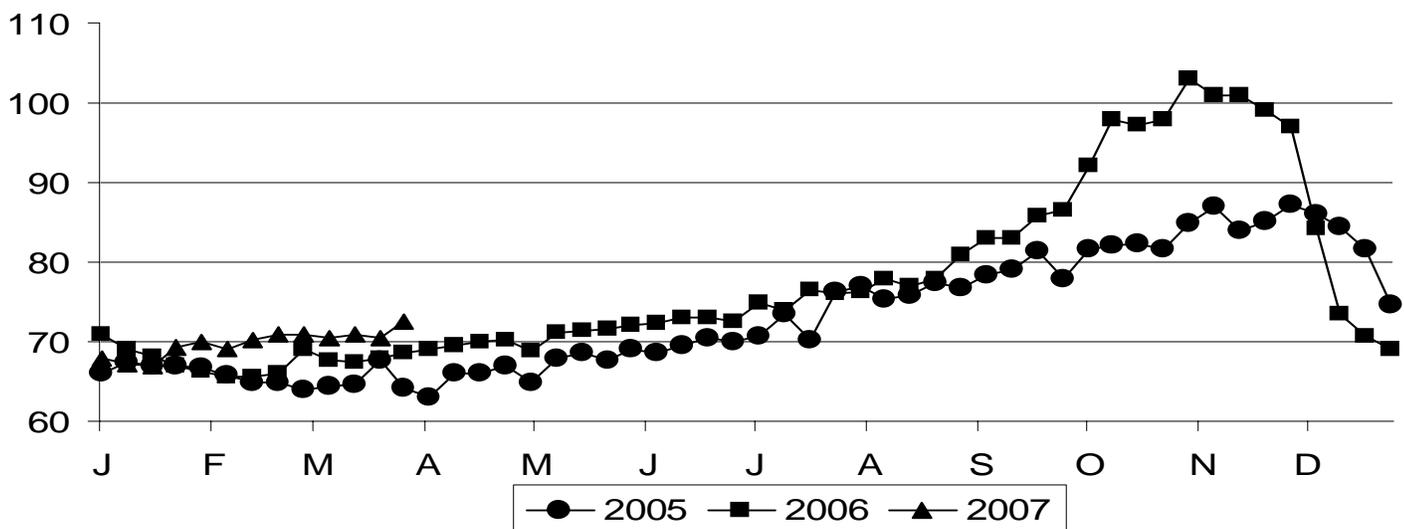
**New York Large Weekly Average Price**  
cents per dozen



**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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