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COMBINED REGIONAL	95.76	94.41	74.43

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

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	Change	-24.3	-54.2	-42.2	-47.5	-80.3	-40%
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TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	834.8	-33%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	258.0	5%	35
Total Shell Egg	1092.8	-27%	205

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SAME WK YR AGO	152,185	1,955	1,221	3,176	405
AVG WT	5.17	3.44	8.00	5.19	6.73
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TO-DATE/2003	2,116,286	23,960	18,883	42,843	5,855

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

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 17-Apr-04

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	04/17/04(1)	04/10/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	158,112(2)	155,106
LT HENS	1,494	1,495
HVY HENS	1,366	1,360
TOTAL	160,972	157,961

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**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH	6	155.3	99%	5.41
	13	159.1	101%	5.06
	20	154.9	98%	5.15
	27	154.6	98%	5.16
APRIL	3	153.9	98%	5.19
	10	152.3	97%	5.22
YEAR TO DATE	2171.1	2199.6	99%	
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Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 4/12/04-04/16/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	71.00-74.00	73.87	41	76.65	76
Los Angeles	80.00	79.68	62	77.33	151
New York	75.00-77.00	76.42	24	75.88	50

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

	Change from			
	12-Apr-04	5-Apr-04	5-Apr-04	14-Apr-03
	76.00	-0.96	76.96	57.87
NUMBER OF LOADS	616			

**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>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/</b>				
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EASTERN REGION 3/	64-65	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64-65	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64-66	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS				
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**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**  
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM	04/12/04	3,114	183,619	44,043
AM	04/01/04	3,195	183,458	41,759
CHG		-81	161	2284
PCT CHG		-3%	0%	5%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 12-Apr-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
<b>Southeast (1)</b>	6-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.75-9.5	9.12
<b>Southeast (2)</b>	<b>TFEWR</b>		
<b>South Central(1)</b>	6.25-12 CENTS/LB.	9-9.75	9.55

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

**LIGHT TYPE** 09-Apr-04 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

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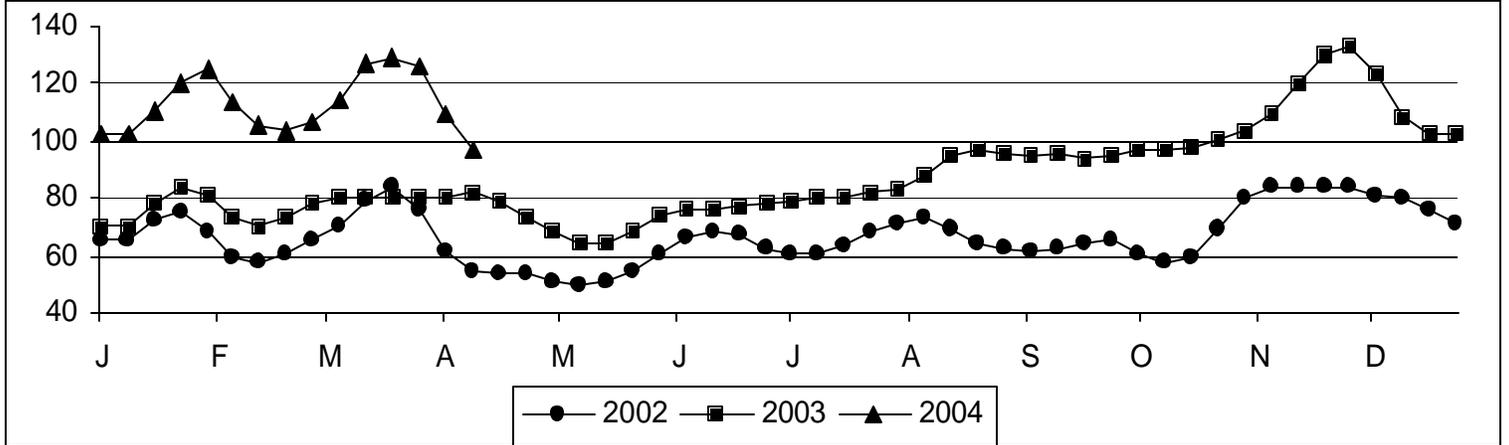
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<b>Eastern</b>	0-12	8.5-10.5
<b>So. Central</b>	Too Few To Report	
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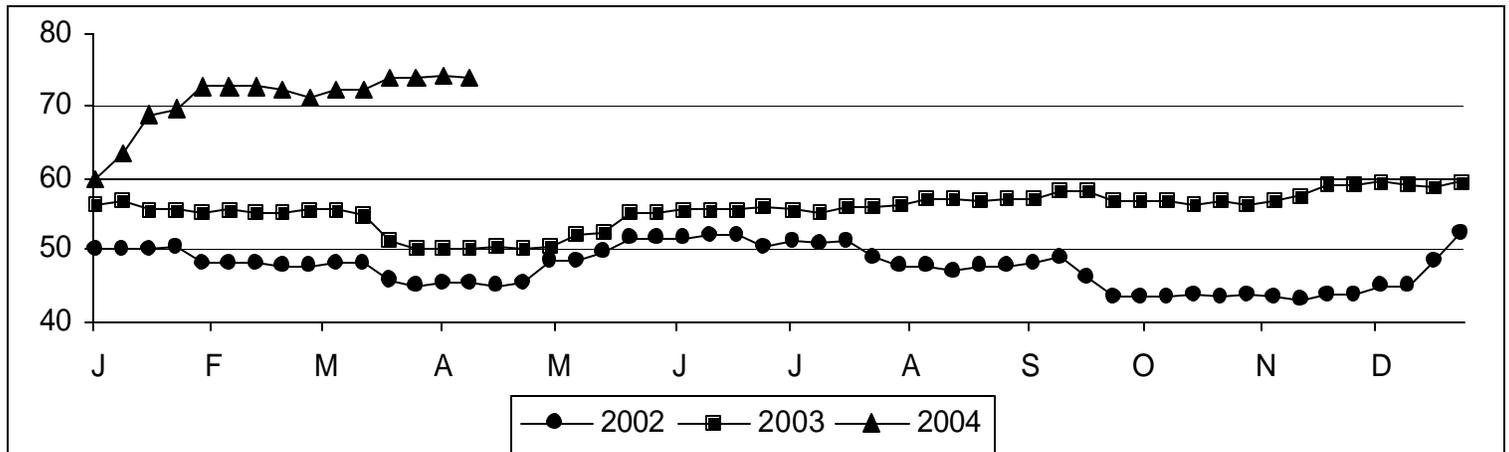
W/E 10-Apr-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	225.1	-2	1
E.N. CENTRAL	555.3	-2	-4
W.N. CENTRAL	287.2	-6	-12
S. ATLANTIC	207.7	11	5
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WEST	227.0	19	8
TOTAL	1616.3	2	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

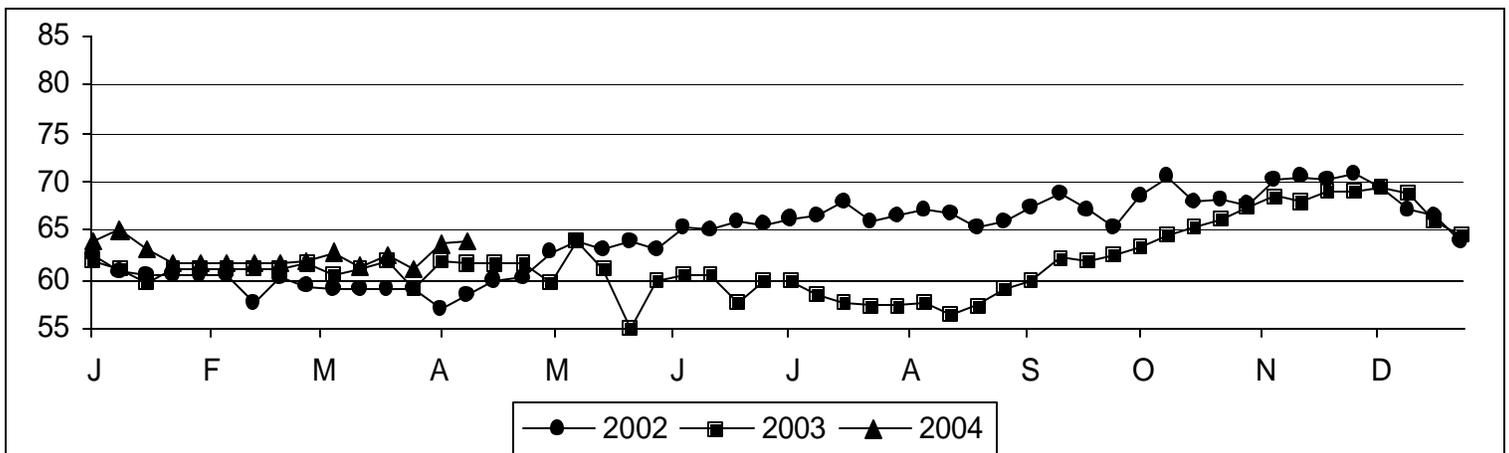
New York Large Weekly Average Price  
Cents per Dozen



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices  
Cents per Pound



Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys  
Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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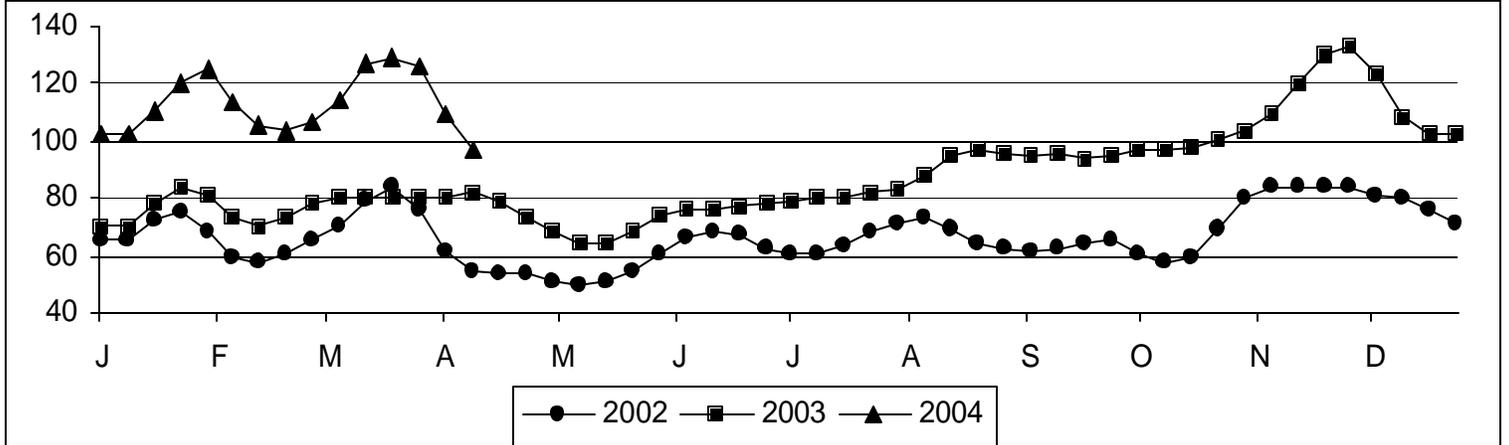
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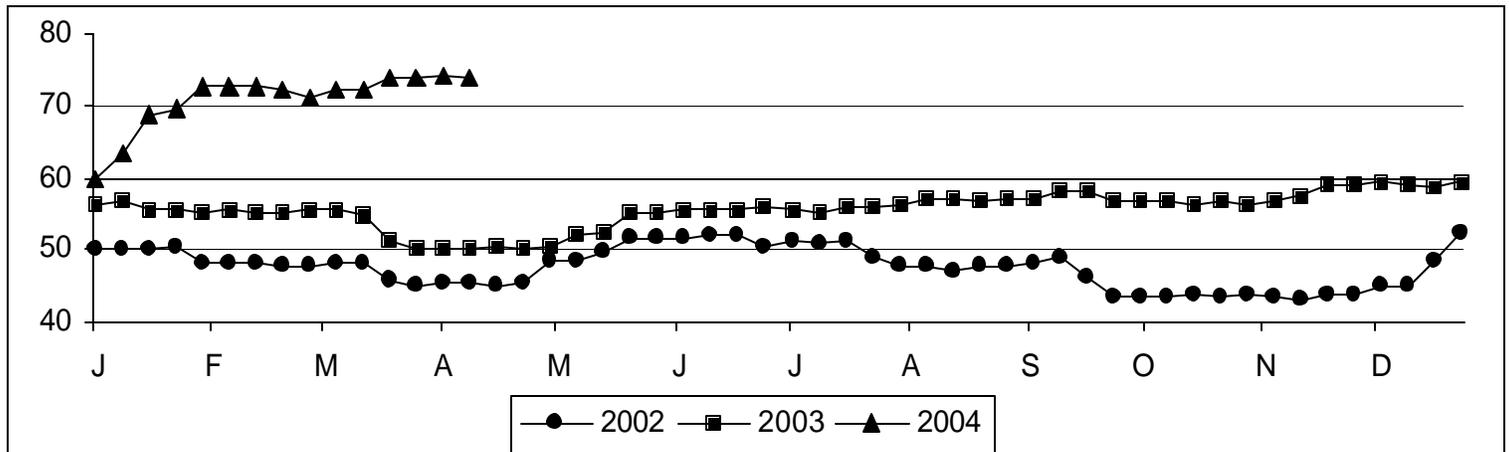
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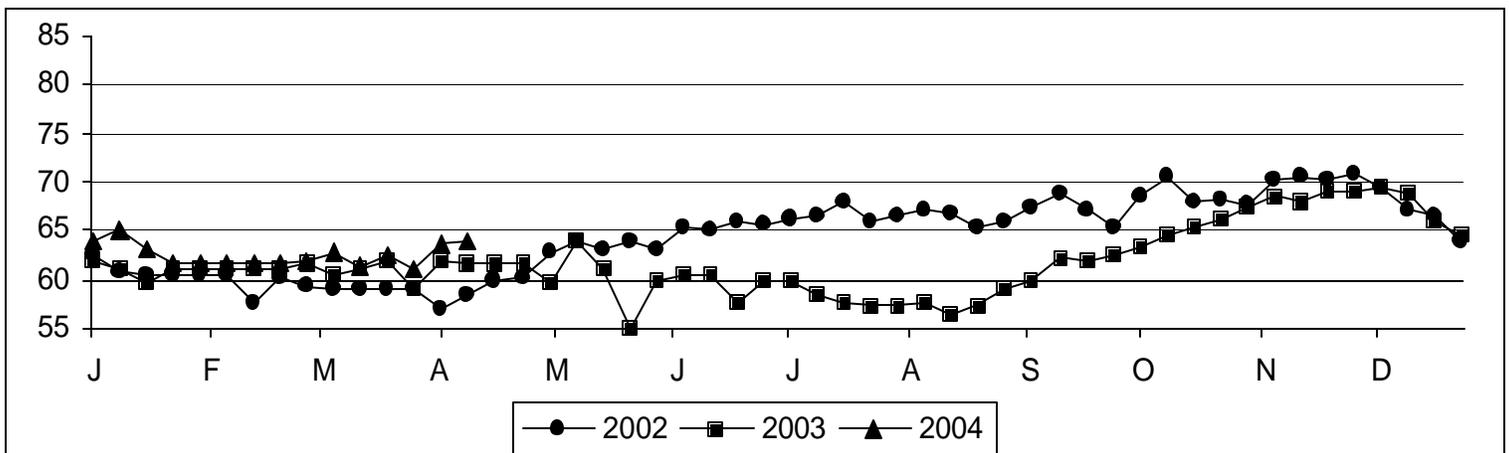
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Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys  
Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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