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Prices were unchanged at the start of the week. By late week prices were lower on all sizes in all areas. Trade sentiment was weak demand ranged light to moderate best where features were a factor. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current trade needs. Prices for breaking stock and checks and undergrades were unchanged to lower. Demand was light for the adequate offerings as breakers work to clear current inventories. Supplies are balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were mixed. The trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with a moderate to instances good demand, best into rendering operations. Next week's schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were steady at 5 - 11 cents, mostly 6 - 8 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 2 cents lower for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment remained weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate at best. Loose egg demand was usually moderate. Supplies were fully adequate to ample for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged with checks and undergrades lower. Offerings were adequate for the mostly light demand. Supply was balanced to fully adequate. Schedules mixed. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	55-64	59-61
LARGE	55-63	57-60
MEDIUM	37-43	40-42

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 all sizes were trending lower. The market tone remained weak and highly unsettled. Demand into all channels ranged light to moderate. Offerings were fully sufficient to ample for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock supplies were fully sufficient to ample for the light and unaggressive demand. Spent hens were at least adequate for slaughter requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	63-77	63-67
LARGE	57-71	62-66
MEDIUM	39-52	44-46

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

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL 02-JUL-04
AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	70.00	69.00	49.00
SOUTHEAST	71.50	69.50	46.00
MIDWEST	66.00	64.50	45.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	75.50	71.50	51.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	70.99	68.76	48.08

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY METROPOLITAN AREA POPULATIONS

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	07-06-04	06-29-04	07-08-03
Large	38-45	44-51	47-51
Medium	20-24	24-28	33-35

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM JUL 06, 2004 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.3	27.4	6.8	10.7	10.5	69.7
	Change	0.8	4.7	0.2	-3.3	-0.4	3%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.5	55.3	9.5	22.7	35.9	146.9
	Change	-3.8	3.1	-4.6	1.6	1.8	-1%
Large	Curr Wk	44.0	139.1	58.8	102.9	97.9	442.7
	Change	-8.6	14.3	-10.0	-9.2	2.8	-2%
Medium	Curr Wk	20.4	42.2	12.2	31.8	32.1	138.7
	Change	-0.1	0.5	-0.3	2.8	-7.5	-3%
Small	Curr Wk	9.8	7.5	1.8	5.5	7.5	32.1
	Change	2.0	0.2	-0.5	0.8	-1.8	2%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.3	29.7	9.2	16.0	5.6	66.8
	Change	-0.3	2.9	-0.1	2.6	-0.1	8%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	10.2	51.5	21.6	42.6	28.0	153.9
	Change	-7.7	12.9	-3.0	4.8	2.2	6%
Total	Curr Wk	128.5	352.7	119.9	232.2	217.5	1,050.8
Percent	Change	-12%	12%	-13%	0%	-1%	0%

TOTAL

	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1,050.8	0%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	241.0	6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1,291.8	1%	205

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 170 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. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but 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 03-JUL-04(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,272,734	30,372	12,036	6,330	2,895	4,294
PW	1,283,772	30,963	12,148	6,427	2,821	4,490
LY	1,077,056	25,633	10,381	5,631	2,200	3,953
% CHG PWK	-1	-2	-1	-2	3	-4
% CHG LY	18	18	16	12	32	9
2004	31,531,762	746,141	303,799	167,793	71,508	108,349
2003	29,502,228	720,744	268,821	147,861	59,394	107,514
% CHG YTD	7	4	13	13	20	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	41.67	42.09	42.34
	38.29	38.59	38.67

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	JUN 26	JUL 03	JUN 26	JUL 03
	Thousand			
AL	*30,373	30,690	*20,484	21,372
AR	31,556	31,452	*26,173	25,253
DE	3,793	3,444	4,647	4,881
FL	1,369	1,371	1,644	1,548
GA	33,413	33,079	27,443	28,324
KY	7,086	7,235	6,012	6,113
LA	3,892	3,922	3,490	3,936
MD	8,983	8,892	6,334	6,197
MS	19,742	19,845	17,258	17,288
NC	18,500	17,667	15,442	15,116
OK	*6,344	6,619	*5,372	4,600
PA	*3,924	3,792	*2,615	2,793
SC	3,697	3,785	4,087	3,985
TX	15,264	15,058	12,789	12,752
VA	6,811	6,832	5,236	5,216
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,195	16,631	*15,698	16,183
19 State Total	*211,942	210,3148	*174,724	175,557
Previous Year Total	201,877	205,357	172,446	171,574
Pct. of Prev. Year	105	102	101	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 14-Aug-04 is estimated at 161.2 million head. This compares to 161.1 million head the previous week and to 161.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.10 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES

(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 07/01/04-07/07/04

CURRENT LDS 60.50 FUTURE LDS 44.50 TOTAL LDS 105.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	39.33	42.00	42.00	41.75	—	45.00	16.00
GL W J	—	—	—	69.00	61.00	—	3.00
GL W XL	—	52.63	52.25	53.79	47.26	49.88	51.50
GL W LG	—	—	52.00	53.00	41.65	—	12.50
GL W MD	36.00	—	31.75	33.67	36.93	—	12.75
GL W SM	—	—	28.25	30.50	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	39.33	—	—	42.33	41.00	15.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	34.00	—	34.00	37.17	3.00
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	28.00	30.50	1.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	26.58	28.67	6.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 03-JUL-04

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	26.5	23.5	13	25
BOSTON	3.4	3.8	-11	-6
CHICAGO	55.2	56.5	-2	-1
DETROIT	26.6	25.7	4	5
KANSAS CITY	4.4	3.4	29	-65
LOS ANGELES	92.1	95.6	-4	4
NEW ORLEANS	8.2	8.1	1	-40
NEW YORK	32.2	29.3	10	7
ST. LOUIS	14.6	16.2	-10	-17
SAN FRANCISCO	21.8	21.5	1	-3
TOTAL	285.0	283.6	0	-2
4 WK MVG AVG	285.3			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 03-JUL-04

	YOUNG	YOUNG	YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	1,809	2,728	44	5	4,586
AVG WT	15.94	36.27	24.75	26.44	28.13
LAST WEEK	1,729	2,743	46	2	4,520
SAME WK YR AGO	1,639	2,256	47	2	3,944
AVG WT	16.06	35.91	24.01	44.56	27.52
TO-DATE/2004	44,604	65,387	1,163	173	111,327
TO-DATE/2003	47,510	70,795	1,624	373	120,302

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 03-JUL-04 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
--YOUNG TURKEYS--			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS		
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
N EAST	893	7	22.27	(A)	894	22.27
SATL	760	-2	29.92	(A)	761	29.92
N CENT	2,104	1	31.86	(A)	2,105	31.86
S CENT	589	23	22.19	(A)	590	22.19
WEST	235	-30	26.13	(A)	236	26.13
U.S. TOTAL	4,581(B)	1	28.13	5	4,586	28.13
TO-DATE						
2004	111,154(B)			173	111,327	
TO-DATE						
2003	119,929(B)			373	120,302	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.
(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 44,000; for the current year to date 1,163,000; for last year to date 1,624,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 03-JUL-2004 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	160,885	1,452	1,354	2,806	480
AVG WT	5.09	3.42	7.73	5.50	6.37
LAST WEEK	162,023	1,456	1,449	2,905	484
SAME WK YR AGO	143,589	1,019	1,179	2,198	340
AVG WT	5.24	3.41	7.78	5.03	6.43
TO-DATE/2004	4,032,325	34,697	33,766	68,463	12,074
TO-DATE/2003	3,966,019	42,708	35,364	78,072	10,853

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.2 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.8 million head, or 1.4 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 10-Jul-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	07/10/04(1)	07/03/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	154,812(2)	166,246
LT HENS	1,448	1,523
HVY HENS	1,216	1,448
CHECK TOTAL	157,476	169,217

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 10-Jul-04 is 164.0 million head compared to 161.8 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.1 million head or 8.9 million less than estimated available. For the week of 17-Jul-04 the estimated available is 165.2 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MAY	29 163.2	162.3	101%	5.25
JUNE	5 144.6	163.1	89%	5.24
	12 165.1	164.1	101%	5.27
	19 157.7	164.6	96%	5.28
	26 164.0	164.3	100%	5.35
JULY	3 162.8	164.2	99%	5.09
YEAR TO DATE	4081.4	4148.8	98%	
JULY	10 164.0			
	17 165.2			

READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS

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 07/05/04-07/09/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	78.00-81.00	80.52	45	82.59	75
Los Angeles	86.00	85.42	65	85.98	130
New York	81.00-84.00	82.79	24	82.67	48

COMPOSITE WTD AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

Change from			
	06-JUL-04	29-JUN-04	08-JUL-03
	83.44	1.18	62.44

NUMBER OF LOADS 570

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)
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CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/

8-16 LB HENS

EASTERN REGION 3/	70-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	70-71	71	71.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	70-71	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	70-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	70	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	70	-	-	-

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.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS

(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 07/06/04	3,311	198,591	56,152
AM 06/01/04	3,471	196,039	50,785
CHG	-160	2552	5367
PCT CHG	-5%	1%	11%
CK TTL	6942	397182	112304

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of May 31, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on July 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	20	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	572	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	757	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

*****Correction for wire released June 02, 2004*****

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of April 30, 2004 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on June 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	23	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	*** 586	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	*** 785	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

HEN MARKETS**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 05-July-04

	RANGE	WTD. MAJORITY	AVG
Southeast (1)	6.25-11.5 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.5	10.08
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-13 CENTS/LB.	9.75-10.5	10.37

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

LIGHT TYPE 02-July-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)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
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Eastern

Removal Cost 5-12 9-10.5

So. Central

Removal Cost Too Few To Report

No. Central

Removal Cost 5-11 6-8

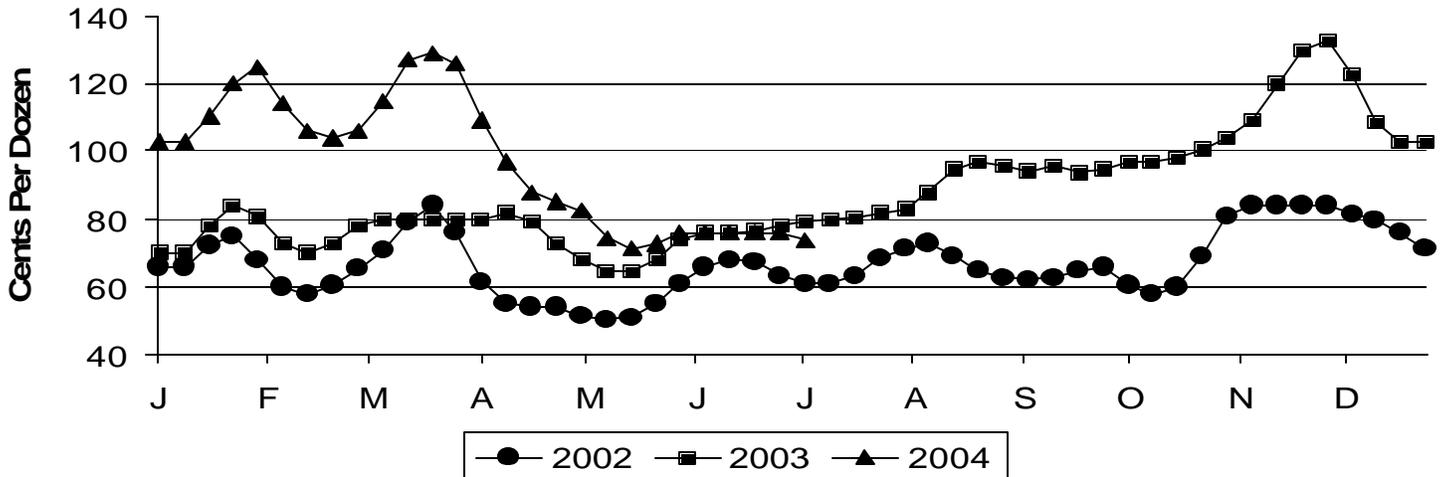
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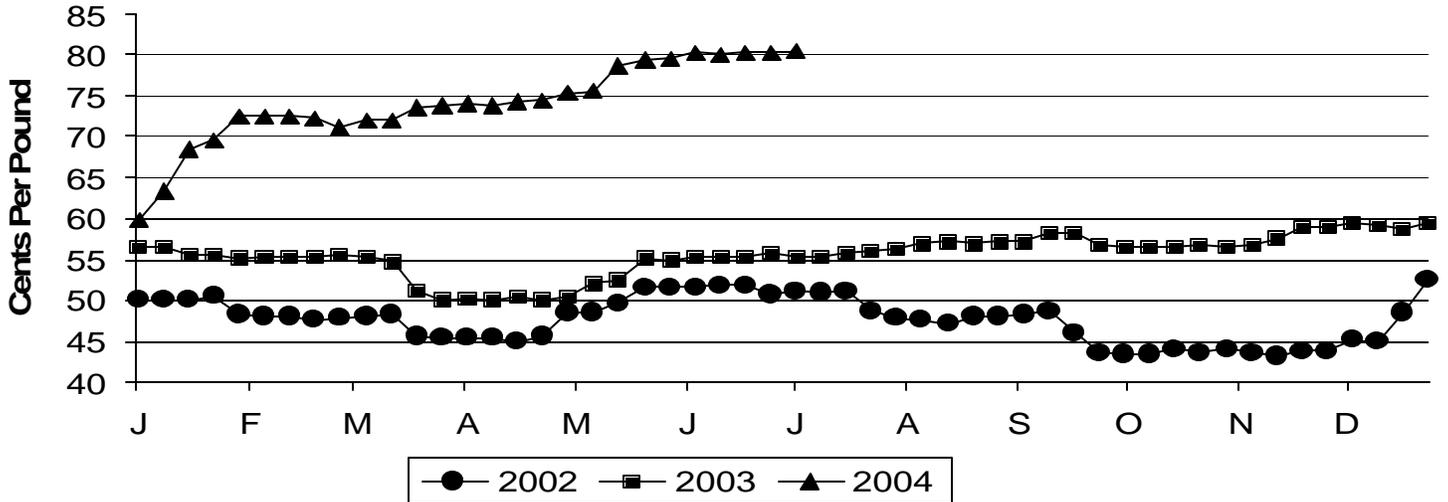
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REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	228.5	-1	7
E.N. CENTRAL	544.8	-1	2
W.N. CENTRAL	279.2	-3	-2
S. ATLANTIC	207.4	-1	4
S. CENTRAL	68.6	16	0
WEST	187.8	-1	-2
TOTAL	1,516.3	-1	2
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

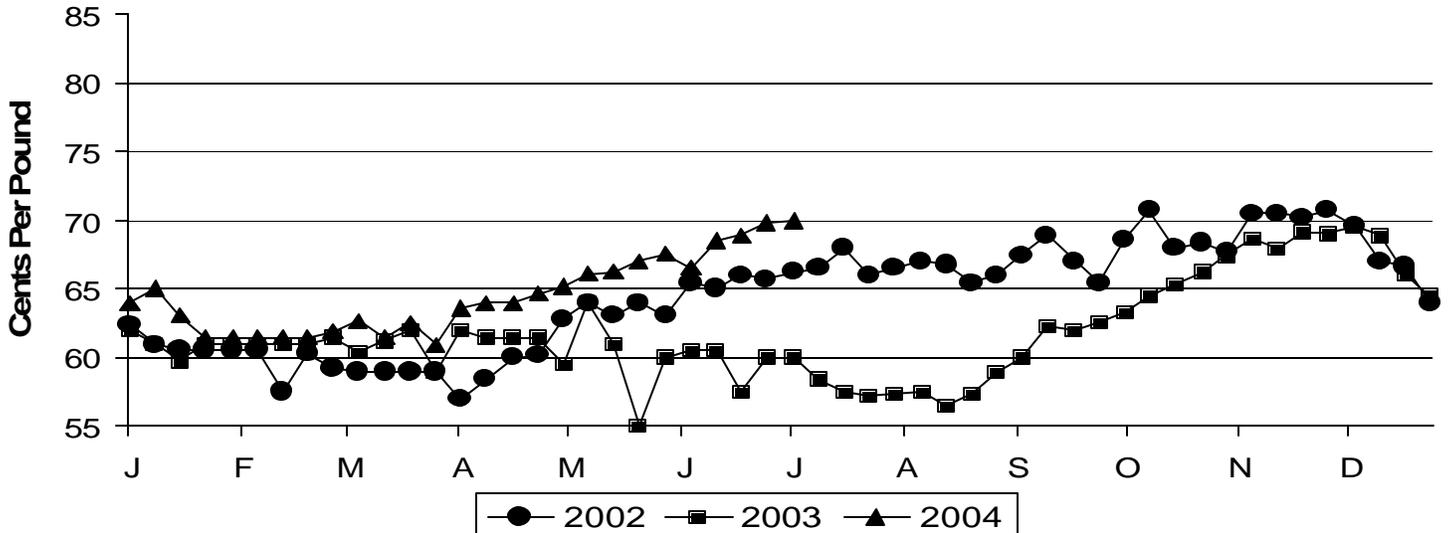
New York Large Weekly Average Price



Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices



Eastern Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys



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

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