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Early week prices were unchanged. As the week progressed, mediums were unchanged with larger sizes lower. The market tone was in a full range of steady to weak. Demand was light to instances fairly good with best activity into features. Supplies were mixed; barely sufficient to instances ample. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Check and undergrades were down one cent. Offerings were fully adequate with a light demand. Liquid whole egg and whites were reported as fully adequate with liquid yolk balanced for the current demand. Supplies were at least fully adequate. The trade sentiment was barely steady. Prices of light type fowl were slightly lower. Offerings were adequate to about adequate. Demand was fairly good. Processing schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 4 to 10 cents, mostly 5 to 8 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 Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were 2 cents lower for large with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment continued cautiously steady to weak. Retail demand was light to moderate, best into features and reported as disappointing by many. Loose egg demand was mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to mostly fully adequate. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged to lower. Offerings were fully adequate to ample with demand light. Supplies were fully adequate. Trade sentiment barely steady.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	44-53	48-50
LARGE	44-52	46-49
MEDIUM	27-33	30-32
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 the larger sizes were trending lower. The market tone was somewhat steadier. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fair, slightly better in areas with features. Large eggs were advertised for 79 cents per dozen. Supplies were fully adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully adequate for the light demand. Spent hens were sufficient to fully sufficient for slaughter requirements.

RANGE MOSTLY

EXTRA LARGE	51-65	54-58
LARGE	47-61	52-56
MEDIUM	27-40	32-34
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT		

COMBINED REGIONAL

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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	65.50	65.00	40.00
SOUTHEAST	65.50	63.50	39.00
MIDWEST	59.00	57.50	38.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	68.50	65.50	40.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	64.81	62.99	39.43

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

	08-17-04	08-10-04	08-19-03
Large	27-34	35-42	67-71
Medium	10-14	15-19	44-46

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AUGUST 16, 2004

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

		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.0	26.7	6.6	9.7	9.9	64.9
	Change	-0.7	5.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.9	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	23.2	70.2	16.9	21.3	39.2	170.8
	Change	3.2	10.3	5.4	-0.6	2.2	14%
Large	Curr Wk	45.2	134.6	68.7	95.2	103.0	446.7
	Change	0.3	3.0	0.5	-2.3	5.3	2%
Medium	Curr Wk	23.8	40.4	17.7	28.1	35.7	145.7
	Change	3.0	-3.5	0.1	-2.6	-0.7	-2%
Small	Curr Wk	8.2	6.0	2.9	10.1	11.4	38.6
	Change	0.3	0.9	0.0	1.1	3.2	17%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.4	30.1	10.9	15.7	4.8	66.9
	Change	-0.1	4.1	3.3	0.5	-1.3	11%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.7	60.2	20.9	28.0	29.0	154.8
	Change	-4.7	6.6	0.3	-8.0	-1.1	-4%
Total	Curr Wk	134.5	368.2	144.6	208.1	233.0	1088.4
	Change	1%	8%	7%	-6%	3%	3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1088.4	3%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	286.5	2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1374.9	3%	206

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 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 14-AUG-04(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,314,100	30,731	12,551	6,483	2,681	4,362
PW	1,296,088	30,676	12,282	6,334	2,508	4,581
LY	1,236,425	29,700	11,385	6,283	2,439	4,285
% CHG PWK	1	0	2	2	7	-5
% CHG LY	6	3	10	3	10	2
2004	39,142,897	929,058	375,514	204,917	88,782	134,211
2003	36,829,952	897,058	336,266	184,357	74,749	133,429
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	11	19	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.19	41.57	41.78
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	37.87	38.03	38.31

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	AUG 7	AUG 14	AUG 7	AUG 14
	Thousand			
AL	30,390	30,144	21,273	21,752
AR	31,552	31,870	*25,393	24,238
DE	3,747	3,694	5,056	5,021
FL	1,349	1,353	1,447	1,589
GA	*34,319	33,656	*27,056	26,437
KY	*7,437	7,261	*6,008	6,188
LA	3,923	3,923	3,625	3,674
MD	8,895	8,887	5,998	5,735
MS	19,831	19,845	16,978	17,570
NC	17,962	18,069	14,982	14,724
OK	*6,913	6,485	*4,935	5,121
PA	*3,655	3,874	*2,923	2,751
SC	3,978	4,132	4,606	4,160
TX	15,512	15,427	12,871	12,874
VA	6,665	6,579	5,256	5,380
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,548	17,819	*16,166	16,094
19 State Total	*213,676	213,018	*174,573	173,308
Previous Year Total	206,725	205,371	170,090	169,515
Pct. of Prev. Year	103	104	103	102

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 25-Sep-04 is estimated at 160.1 million head. This compares to 159.1 million head the previous week and to 159.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 162.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.59 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/12/04-08/18/04

CURRENT LDS 70.00 FUTURE LDS 71.50 TOTAL LDS 141.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	30.25	33.40	31.67	32.57	—	—	17.00
GNR W 2	31.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	1.00
GL W J	—	—	53.50	55.75	47.00	—	9.00
GL W XL	—	43.12	41.08	42.77	38.00	—	48.50
GL W LG	—	43.09	33.75	34.83	32.50	37.00	22.75
GL W MD	26.00	25.00	22.54	24.66	23.00	25.27	14.00
GL W SM	—	—	22.08	25.92	—	—	3.00
NRBS - 48	30.00	31.00	—	32.00	31.75	33.06	33.25
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	28.14	24.10	29.15	14.75
NRBS - 42	—	22.50	—	—	19.50	—	2.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	15.00	—	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 14-AUG-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	26.5	25.5	4	15
Boston	3.3	3.5	-6	0
Chicago	60.9	58.4	4	-2
Detroit	27.7	23.8	16	15
Kansas City	4.6	4.0	15	18
Los Angeles	93.2	88.4	5	16
New Orleans	7.3	8.2	-11	-37
New York	26.9	27.6	-3	-14
St. Louis	14.9	22.6	-34	-9
San Francisco	20.9	19.4	8	0
Total	286.2	281.4	2	3
4 Week Moving Avg.	286.2			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 14-AUG-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,691	2,516	90	24	4,321
Avg Wt	15.90	35.62	23.94	29.42	26.75
Last week	1,808	2,754	47	15	4,624
Same wk yr ago	2,075	2,675	56	8	4,814
Avg Wt	15.58	34.75	23.37	31.17	26.35
To-date/2004	55,321	81,035	1,577	239	138,172
To-date/2003	59,723	87,330	2,024	461	149,538

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 14-AUG-04 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
	---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND HEAD	PCT CHG PW	AVG LIVE WT		-THOUSAND HEAD-	AVG LIVE WT
North East	625	-28	19.54	(A)	630	19.54
South Atlantic	789	-1	29.99	(A)	794	29.99
North Central	2,100	-2	31.11	(A)	2,105	31.11
South Central	467	-1	20.61	(A)	472	20.61
West	316	-4	24.84	(A)	320	24.84
U.S. total	4,297 (B)	-7	26.75	24	4,321	26.75
To-date						
2004	137,933 (B)				239	138,172
To-date						
2003	149,077 (B)				461	149,538

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 90,000 for the current year to date 1,577,000; for last year to date 2,024,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 14-Aug-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	161,051	1,445	1,498	2,943	477
Avg Wt	5.18	3.29	7.98*	5.68*	6.77
Last week	159,603	1,324	1,407	2,731	457
Same wk yr ago	161,757	1,225	1,483	2,708	414
Avg Wt	5.18	3.54	7.95	5.96	6.63
To-date/2004	4,983,039	43,274	42,254	85,528	14,891
To-date/2003	4,922,207	49,509	44,433	93,942	13,354

Heavy Hen avg wgt for 7-Aug should have read 7.95, total hen avg wgt should have been 5.59.

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 163.0 million head, or 2.1 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF U.S. BROILER/FRYERS AND FOWL

Week ending 21-Aug-04

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	08/21/04(1)	08/14/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	171,212(2)	167,828
Light hens	1,616	1,433
Heavy hens	1,295	1,506
Total	174,123	170,767

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 21-Aug-04 is 165.5 million head compared to 162.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 171.6 million head or 6.1 million more than estimated available. For the week of 28-Aug-04 the estimated available is 165.0 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
July	10	147.8	164.0	90%	5.15
	17	163.0	165.2	99%	5.13
	24	163.2	167.1	98%	5.15
	31	163.7	166.4	98%	5.26
August	7	161.5	164.8	98%	5.32
	14	163.0	165.1	99%	5.18
Year to date		5043.6	5141.4	98%	
August	21		165.5		
	28		165.0		

FINAL BROILER/FRYER

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 08/16/04-08/20/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD
Chicago	66.00-69.00	70.28	43	73.09	75
Los Angeles	85.00	82.84	61	81.01	123
New York	68.00-71.00	69.96	24	71.52	53

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

16-Aug-04	Change from		18-Aug-03
	9-Aug-04	9-Aug-04	
75.56	-0.41	75.97	63.60

Number of loads 598

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/	73-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	74	74.00	160

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	72-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-73	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	72-74	73	73.00	120

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)		Processed other		
		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	08/16/04	3,289	193,779	57,882
AM	08/01/04	3,334	197,542	54,909
CHG		-45	-3,763	2,973
PCT CHG		-1%	-2%	5%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.75	10.32
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-13.75 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.5	10.49

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

LIGHT TYPE 13-August-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)

REMOVAL COST		
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-12	9-10.5
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	4-10	5-8

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

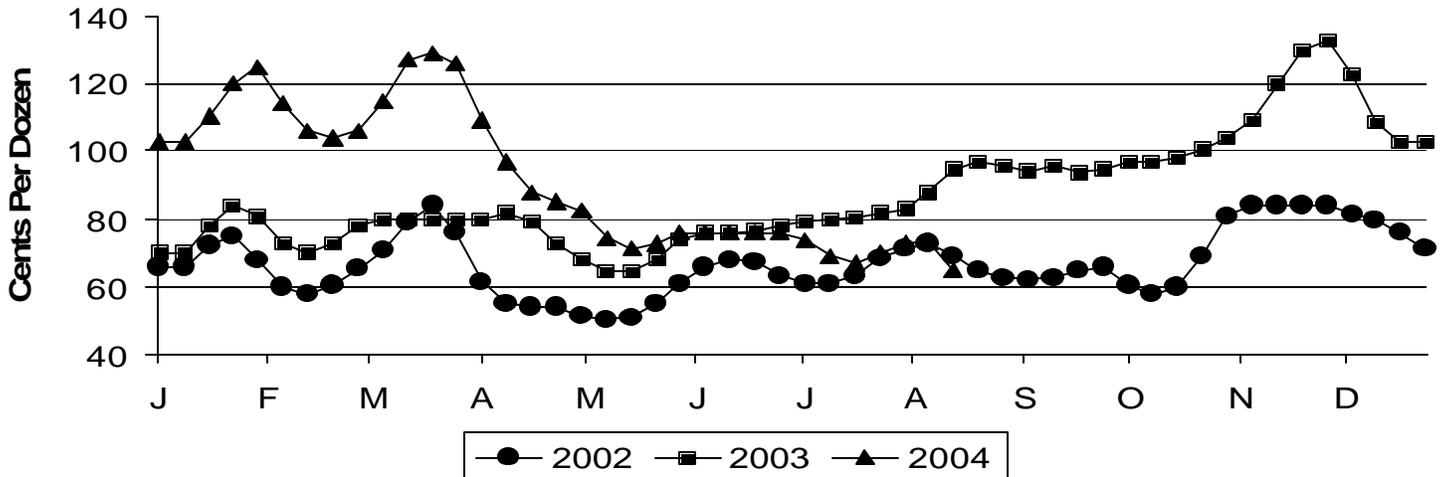
W/E 14-Aug-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	224.8	-2	7
East North Central	566.2	-1	1
West North Central	285.5	6	-3
South Atlantic	209.5	-3	1
South Central	65.9	-6	9
West	190.2	2	3
Total	1542.1	0	2
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	85
		Last year	85

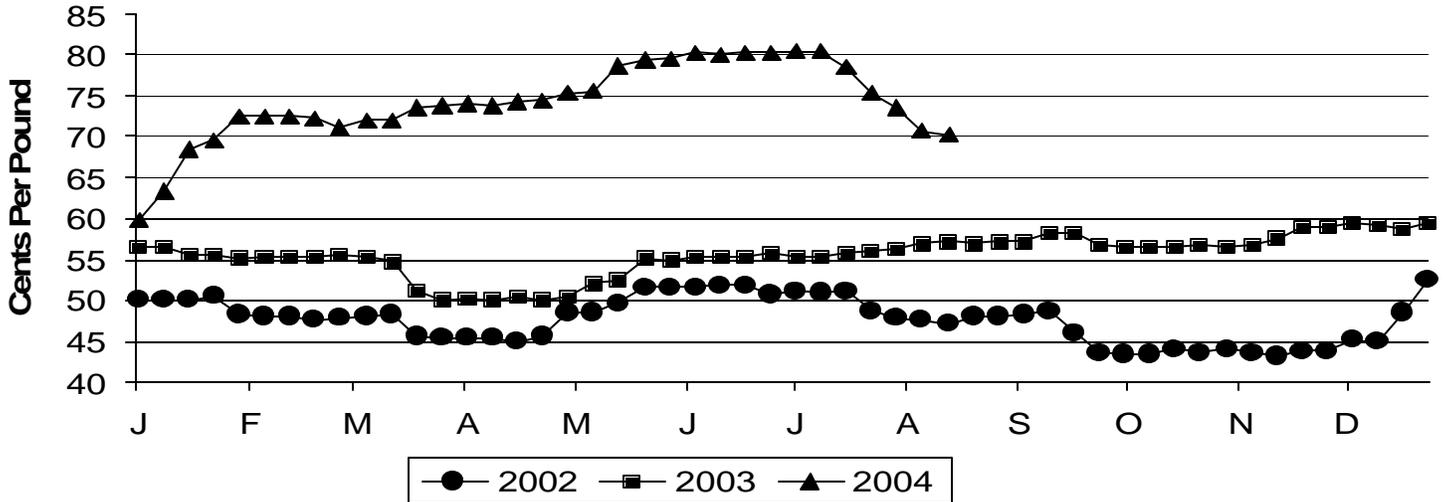
Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,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)

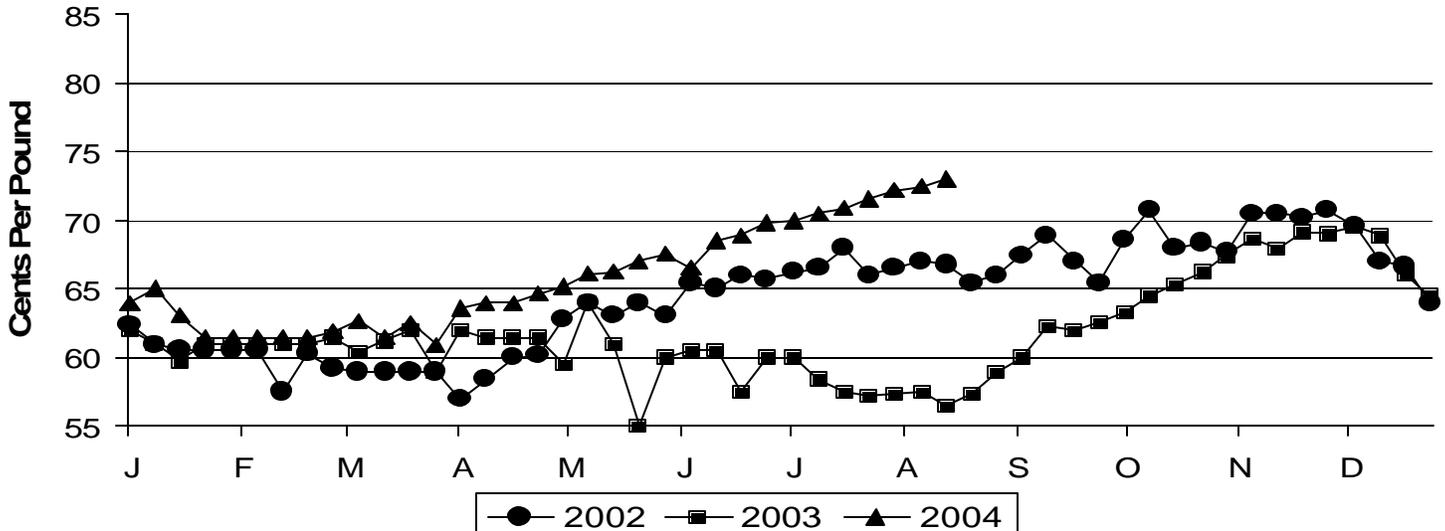
New York Large Weekly Average Price



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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