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Prices were unchanged the entire week. The market tone remained steady. Retail and food service demand was light to instances very good where retail features were a factor. Supplies were adequate for present trade needs. Breaking stock prices were lower on all sizes. Demand was light to occasionally moderate for the fully adequate offerings. Most breakers were satisfied with regular sources with very little spot trade taking place. Floor stocks were adequate to fully adequate with trade sentiment steady. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was fairly good with adequate offerings. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 5 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 were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was moderate to instances good where planned and ongoing feature activity provided high customer interest. Loose egg demand was light to moderate. Supplies were somewhat mixed ranging from adequate to available at times. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light to instances moderate for the adequate to fully adequate offerings. Most breakers were satisfied with regular sources of product with very limited spot trades still taking place within the quoted price range. Floor stocks remained adequate to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	41-50	45-47
LARGE	41-49	43-46
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 remained unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were fully sufficient for the fair demand. Spent hen supplies ranged adequate to fully adequate for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	48-62	51-55
LARGE	44-58	49-53
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

Aug 20, 2004

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	56.00	54.00	33.00
SOUTHEAST	54.50	52.50	32.00
MIDWEST	49.00	47.50	31.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	54.50	53.50	33.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	53.50	51.93	32.42

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

	08-24-04	08-17-04	08-26-03
Large	24-31	27-34	66-70
Medium	10-14	10-14	43-45

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AUGUST 23, 2004

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

		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Northeast	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	11.5	28.2	7.0	12.5	10.7	69.9
	Change	-0.5	1.5	0.3	2.8	0.8	8%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.2	70.5	19.2	24.5	32.9	171.3
	Change	1.1	0.3	2.2	3.2	-6.3	0%
Large	Curr Wk	46.1	121.6	65.1	92.9	94.0	419.7
	Change	0.9	-13.0	-3.6	-2.4	-9.0	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	17.1	39.7	13.3	25.4	40.0	135.5
	Change	-6.7	-0.7	-4.4	-2.7	4.3	-7%
Small	Curr Wk	6.2	7.9	4.1	15.0	12.2	45.4
	Change	-2.0	1.9	1.2	5.0	0.8	18%
Misc	Curr Wk	3.6	33.0	8.3	16.3	7.1	68.3
	Change	-1.8	2.9	-2.6	0.6	2.3	2%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	22.6	61.1	20.1	30.3	29.8	163.9
	Change	5.9	0.9	-0.8	2.3	0.8	6%
Total	Curr Wk	131.3	362.0	137.1	216.9	226.7	1074.0
	Change	-2%	-2%	-5%	4%	-3%	-1%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1074.0	-1%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	289.9	1%	35
Total Shell Egg	1363.9	-1%	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 21-AUG-04(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,308,226	30,939	12,861	6,387	2,798	4,381
PW	1,314,100	30,731	12,551	6,483	2,681	4,362
LY	1,226,600	30,193	10,939	5,900	2,367	4,246
% CHG PWK	0	1	2	-1	4	0
% CHG LY	7	2	18	8	18	3
2004	40,451,123	959,997	388,375	211,305	91,580	138,592
2003	38,056,552	927,251	347,205	190,257	77,116	137,676
% CHG YTD	6	4	12	11	19	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.71	41.19	41.81
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.36	37.87	38.34

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	AUG 14	AUG 21	AUG 14	AUG 21
	Thousand			
AL	30,144	30,158	21,752	21,526
AR	31,870	31,864	*25,208	26,386
DE	3,694	3,771	*5,018	4,906
FL	1,353	1,348	1,589	1,467
GA	33,656	33,535	*26,398	26,884
KY	7,261	7,038	*6,216	6,448
LA	3,923	3,923	3,674	3,719
MD	*8,885	8,888	*5,743	6,059
MS	19,845	19,713	17,570	17,179
NC	18,069	18,122	14,724	14,955
OK	6,485	6,739	5,121	4,926
PA	*3,872	3,963	*2,764	2,929
SC	4,132	3,856	4,160	4,661
TX	15,427	15,260	12,874	12,702
VA	6,579	6,572	5,380	5,209
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,741	17,798	*16,470	15,896
19 State Total	*212,936	212,548	*174,661	175,852
Previous Year Total	205,371	205,998	169,515	169,295
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	103	103	104

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 02-Oct-04 is estimated at 161.4 million head. This compares to 160.1 million head the previous week and to 158.9 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 160.2 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.23 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 08/19/04-08/25/04

CURRENT LDS 92.25 FUTURE LDS 57.75 TOTAL LDS 150.00

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	29.67	31.73	30.00	30.50	—	—	19.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	25.00	27.75	1.00
GL W J	—	—	50.00	51.00	44.00	—	5.00
GL W XL	—	40.33	40.33	41.63	37.45	—	61.50
GL W LG	—	40.71	32.93	33.67	35.76	37.20	33.00
GL W MD	26.00	26.00	22.25	23.75	—	24.70	13.75
GL W SM	26.00	27.50	—	—	—	—	1.00
NRBS - 48	—	31.00	31.50	32.60	32.23	33.07	49.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	28.25	—	29.00	3.00
NRBS - 42	21.00	23.00	23.00	25.60	21.33	25.00	7.25
NRBS - 39	21.00	—	—	26.00	—	—	1.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 21-AUG-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	LY
Atlanta	23.9	26.5	-10	4
Boston	3.6	3.3	9	3
Chicago	59.0	60.9	-3	1
Detroit	29.3	27.7	6	-17
Kansas City	2.7	4.6	-41	-33
Los Angeles	90.3	93.2	-3	15
New Orleans	7.1	7.3	-3	-49
New York	27.7	26.9	3	-3
St. Louis	16.9	14.9	13	-2
San Francisco	19.3	20.9	-8	-6
Total	279.8	286.2	-2	-1
4 Week Moving Avg.	284.6			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 21-AUG-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,760	2,647	85	13	4,505
Avg Wt	15.65	35.49	22.62	23.63	27.46
Last week	1,691	2,516	90	24	4,321
Same wk yr ago	2,088	2,761	69	15	4,933
Avg Wt	15.41	34.37	22.73	24.19	26.15
To-date/2004	57,081	83,682	1,662	252	142,677
To-date/2003	61,811	90,091	2,093	476	154,471

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

Week ending 21-AUG-04 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
---YOUNG TURKEYS---			OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS		
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	BANDED	THOUSAND	HEAD-	AVG
HEAD	PW	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT	
North East	780	25	20.88	(A)	783	20.88
South Atlantic	776	-2	29.58	(A)	779	29.58
North Central	2,155	3	31.23	(A)	2,158	31.23
South Central	505	8	20.18	(A)	507	20.18
West	276	-13	24.22	(A)	278	24.22
U.S. total	4,492 (B)	5	27.46	13	4,505	27.46
To-date						
2004	142,425 (B)			252	142,677	
To-date						
2003	153,995 (B)			476	154,471	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 85,000 for the current year to date 1,662,000; for last year to date 2,093,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 21-Aug-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	163,809	1,657	1,298	2,955	506
Avg Wt	5.18	3.20	8.41	5.49	6.73
Last week	161,051	1,445	1,498	2,943	477
Same wk yr ago	160,560	1,256	1,538	2,794	392
Avg Wt	5.19	3.53	7.97	5.97	6.56
To-date/2004	5,146,848	44,931	43,552	88,483	15,397
To-date/2003	5,082,767	50,765	45,971	96,736	13,746

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 165.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 165.8 million head, or 0.3 million more than estimated available.

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

Week ending 28-Aug-04

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	08/28/04(1)	08/21/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	170,398(2)	171,212
Light hens	1,449	1,616
Heavy hens	1,523	1,295
Total	173,370	174,123

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 28-Aug-04 is 165.0 million head compared to 164.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.7 million head or 5.7 million more than estimated available. For the week of 04-Sep-04 the estimated available is 163.9 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD		PCT	AVG WT	
	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE			
July	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
	21	165.8	165.5	100%	5.18
Year to date	5209.4	5306.9	98%		
August	28		165.0		
September	4		163.9		

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 08/23/04-08/27/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD	AVG	LDS	WTD	AVG
Chicago	66.00-69.00	70.22	43	72.64	75	
Los Angeles	85.00	82.93	60	77.86	167	
New York	67.00-70.00	68.69	26	71.03	53	

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

23-Aug-04	Change from		
	16-Aug-04	16-Aug-04	25-Aug-03
74.34	-1.22	75.56	63.31

Number of loads 654

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/	72-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72-74	73-74	73.98	4120
WESTERN REGION 5/	72-74	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	72-74	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	72-74	72.25-74	73.95	2080
WESTERN REGION	72-74	-	-	-

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 GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)		Processed other		
		Frozen Eggs/LBS	Turkeys/LBS	Poultry/LBS
AM	08/23/04	3,279	192,739	61,943
AM	08/01/04	3,334	197,542	54,909
CHG		-55	-4803	7034
PCT CHG		-2%	-2%	13%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 23-Aug-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.25-11	10.39
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6-13.5 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.75	10.29

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

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)

20-Aug-04		REMOVAL COST	
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	
Eastern	5-12	9-10	
South Central	Too Few To Report		
North Central	5-10	5-8	

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

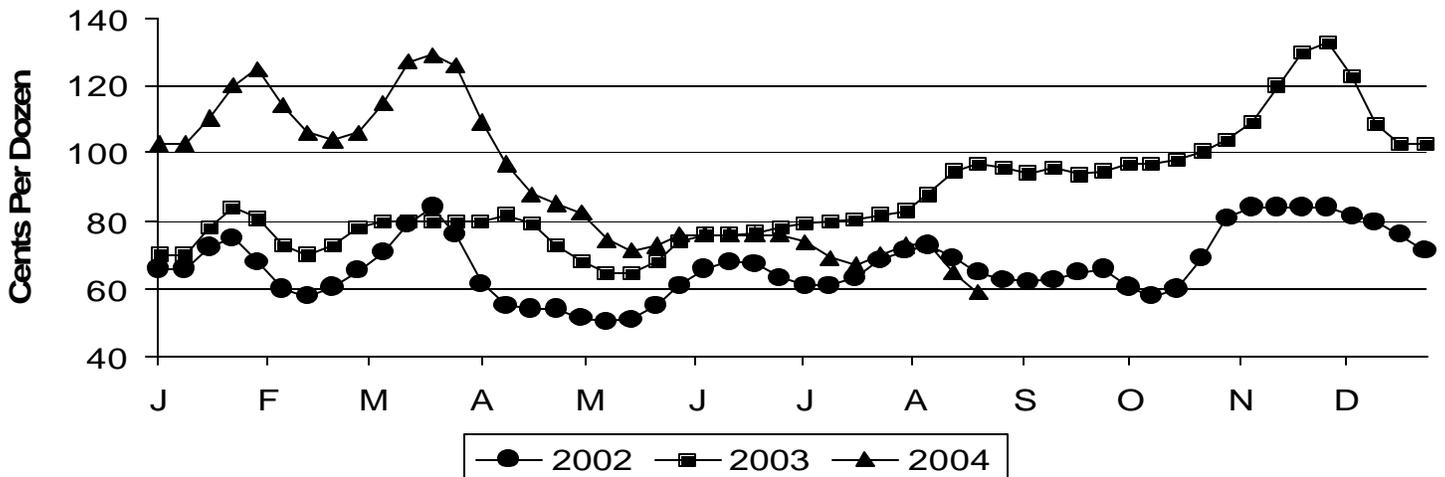
W/E 21-Aug-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	221.5	-1	6
East North Central	566.0	0	2
West North Central	281.5	-1	-2
South Atlantic	213.7	2	-2
South Central	58.1	-12	-14
West	187.9	-1	7
Total	1528.7	-1	1
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	85
		Last year	85

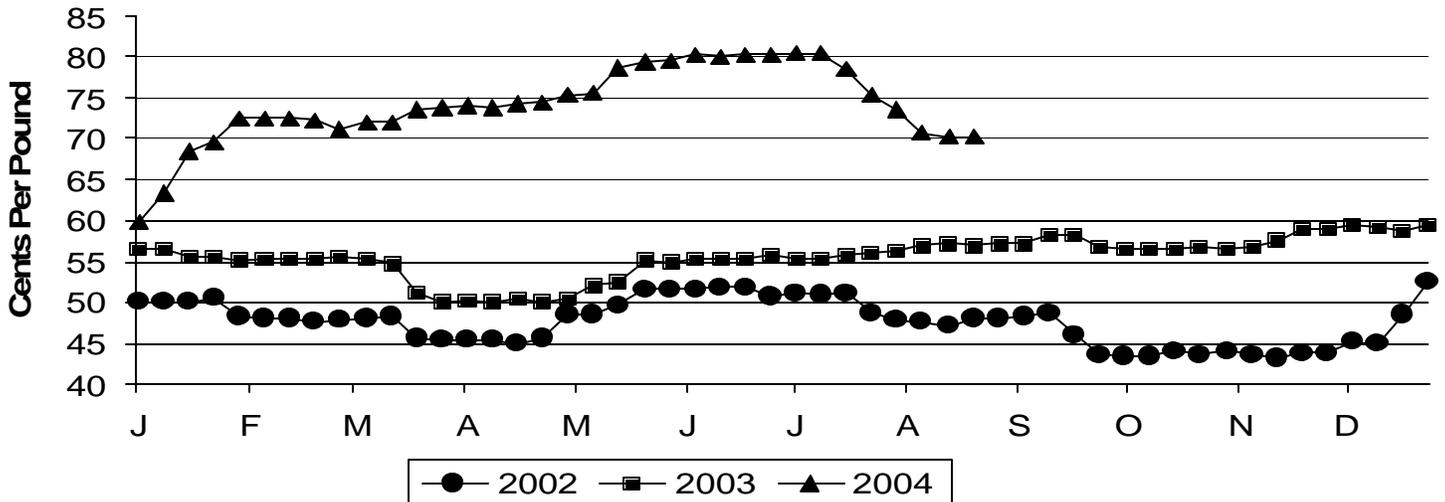
Areas Covered:

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)

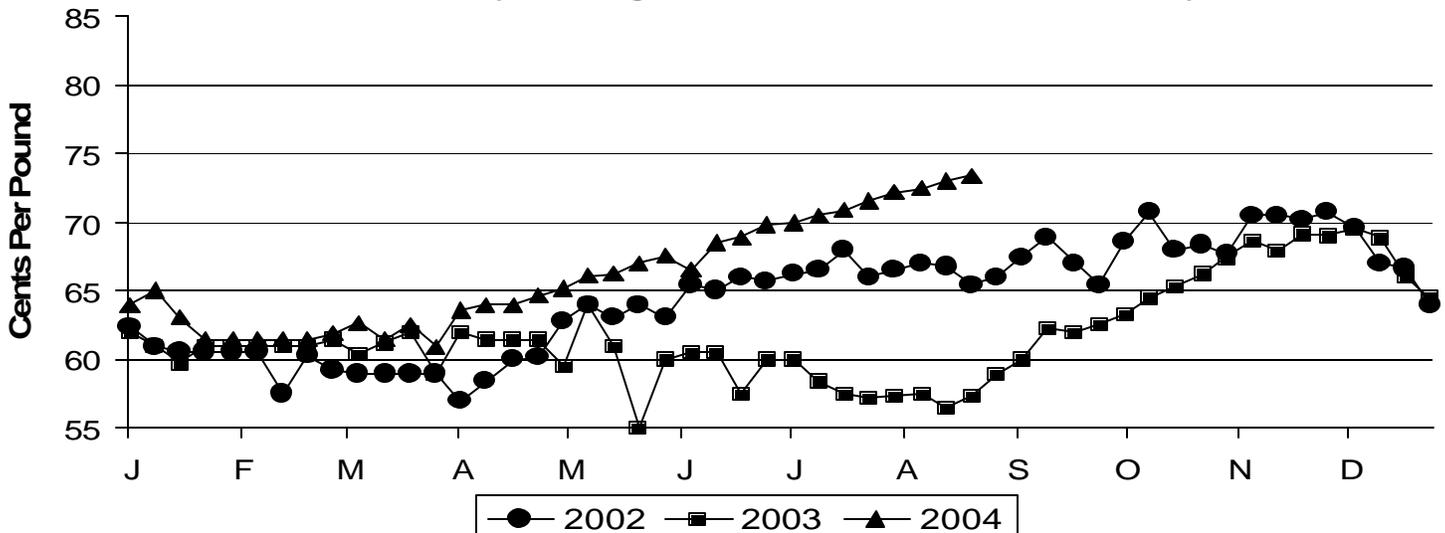
New York Large Weekly Average Price



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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