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## NATIONAL EGG REVIEW

Prices began the week unchanged. During the week prices in New York were higher on the larger sizes and unchanged on the mediums. All other reported prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand was light to good, best where featured. Supplies were adequate to tight for current needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light and unaggressive as breakers worked from regular commitments and previous agreements. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate. Supplies were in balance to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was fairly good. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0 to 10 cents, mostly 5 to 7 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 2 cents higher for large. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm with the larger sizes in the strongest position. Retail demand was moderate to good. Food service movement was mostly moderate to at times fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for current needs. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was light and unaggressive as most breakers worked from previous agreements and regular commitments. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate and reported as easily attainable within the current quoted range. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. 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 were unchanged, however the larger sizes were trending higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail demand improved in some areas and was moderate to good. Supplies ranged adequate to tight for full trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate and demand was reported as light to moderate. Spent hens were adequate to fully adequate for slaughter 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

Sep 03, 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	53.00	51.00	33.00
SOUTHEAST	51.50	49.50	32.00
MIDWEST	46.00	44.50	31.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	52.50	50.50	33.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	50.79	48.92	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

	09-07-04	08-31-04	09-09-03
Large	24-31	24-31	59-63
Medium	10-14	10-14	37-39

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-SEPTEMBER 07, 2004 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	8.5	17.5	5.2	9.7	10.2	51.1
	Change	-0.6	-6.2	-1.5	-2.8	-0.2	-18%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	20.4	43.4	14.4	33.0	33.5	144.7
	Change	-2.5	-15.1	-7.4	5.9	8.5	-7%
Large	Curr Wk	40.9	110.4	73.7	118.5	92.8	436.3
	Change	-6.1	-4.9	4.9	26.8	-8.9	3%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.6	57.5	12.7	26.9	37.5	147.2
	Change	-4.8	11.1	2.1	-1.4	-5.5	1%
Small	Curr Wk	4.2	10.8	4.7	4.1	10.0	33.8
	Change	-1.1	-0.2	1.3	-5.1	-3.9	-21%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	39.5	9.9	17.6	4.3	77.3
	Change	1.1	2.6	1.4	-1.4	-1.7	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.1	41.6	19.9	42.5	21.4	141.5
	Change	-10.7	-2.4	-1.1	10.5	-5.9	-6%
Total	Curr Wk	108.7	320.7	140.5	252.3	209.7	1031.9
	Change	-18%	-4%	0%	15%	-8%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1031.9	-2%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	249.3	-6%	35
Total Shell Egg	1281.2	-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.

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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 04-SEP-04**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,312,258	31,477	12,255	6,397	2,797	4,411
PW	1,322,490	31,480	12,765	6,438	2,696	4,498
LY	1,136,253	28,418	10,113	5,230	2,435	3,913
% CHG PWK	-1	0	-4	-1	4	-2
% CHG LY	15	11	21	22	15	13
2004	43,085,871	1,022,954	413,395	224,139	97,073	147,501
2003	40,447,869	985,628	369,010	201,748	82,134	146,042
% CHG YTD	7	4	12	11	18	1

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE - (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.56	41.72	41.96
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.20	38.32	38.51

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	AUG 28	SEP 4	AUG 28	SEP 4
	Thousand			
AL	30,106	29,579	21,657	21,354
AR	31,540	31,479	*24,919	25,192
DE	3,693	3,628	5,241	4,897
FL	1,339	1,339	1,313	1,182
GA	*33,277	32,756	*27,485	26,098
KY	7,314	6,817	*6,408	6,121
LA	3,968	3,967	3,914	3,839
MD	8,879	8,762	5,880	5,858
MS	18,790	19,689	17,055	17,581
NC	17,651	17,710	14,135	14,331
OK	6,478	6,614	4,693	4,857
PA	*3,951	3,836	*2,744	2,688
SC	4,131	4,136	4,242	5,170
TX	*15,299	15,268	*12,874	12,774
VA	6,612	6,293	5,197	5,086
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,224	17,585	*17,333	16,404
19 State Total	*210,252	209,458	*175,090	173,432
Previous Year Total	203,135	200,711	169,271	168,221
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	103	103

\* Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 16-Oct-04 is estimated at 160.3 million head. This compares to 161.4 million head the previous week and to 158.1 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.07 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/02/04-09/08/04

CURRENT LDS 59.75 FUTURE LDS 36.50 TOTAL LDS 96.25

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	30.00	33.00	30.83	32.67	—	31.00	15.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.00
GL W J	—	—	52.50	54.00	42.00	—	6.00
GL W XL	—	43.50	42.25	44.25	42.30	44.63	35.50
GL W LG	—	—	35.00	39.83	37.36	41.13	15.75
GL W MD	26.00	—	22.00	24.14	28.11	—	8.50
GL W SM	25.88	28.13	—	—	—	—	2.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	32.67	34.57	31.17	30.50
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	26.00	4.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 04-SEP-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS		PW	PCT CHG PW LY	
Atlanta	28.0	25.2	11	29	
Boston	3.3	3.3	0	-3	
Chicago	63.0	64.5	-2	-12	
Detroit	27.2	28.7	-5	-5	
Kansas City	4.3	4.5	-4	-12	
Los Angeles	93.0	96.8	-4	16	
New Orleans	8.4	6.4	31	19	
New York	27.7	28.6	-3	-8	
St. Louis	15.1	17.7	-15	-18	
San Francisco	19.8	19.1	4	-12	
Total	289.8	294.8	-2	0	
4 Week Moving Avg.	287.6				

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 04-SEP-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,827	2,716	54	0	4,597
Avg Wt	15.68	34.80	23.63	0.00	27.31
Last week	1,878	2,750	49	14	4,691
Same wk yr ago	1,670	2,356	41	22	4,089
Avg Wt	15.40	34.38	22.05	27.87	26.47
To-date/2004	60,786	89,148	1,765	266	151,965
To-date/2003	65,508	95,304	2,227	500	163,539

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

Week ending 04-SEP-04 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)						
---YOUNG TURKEYS---				OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS AVG	
THOUSAND	PCT CHG	AVG	LIVE WT	-THOUSAND	HEAD-	LIVE WT
North East	798	-2	21.10	(A)	798	21.10
South Atlantic	806	0	28.36	(A)	806	28.36
North Central	2,111	-5	31.06	(A)	2,111	31.06
South Central	481	1	20.42	(A)	481	20.42
West	401	9	23.31	(A)	401	23.31
U.S. total	4,597 (B)	-2	27.31	0	4,597	27.31
To-date 2004	151,699 (B)				266	151,965
To-date 2003	163,039 (B)				500	163,539

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 54,000 for the current year to date 1,765,000; for last year to date 2,227,000.

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

W/E 04-Sep-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	167,764	1,464	1,571	3,035	467
Avg Wt	5.16	3.35	8.08	5.80	6.61
Last week	164,670	1,296	1,571	2,867	455
Same wk yr ago	137,041	980	1,378	2,358	293
Avg Wt	5.15	3.33	7.83	5.96	6.75
To-date/2004	5,479,282	47,691	46,694	94,385	16,319
To-date/2003	5,381,911	52,974	48,905	101,879	14,418

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.9 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.8 million head, or 5.9 million more than estimated available.

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

Week ending 11-Sep-04

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	09/11/04(1)	09/04/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	153,951(2)	175,449
Light hens	1,206	1,453
Heavy hens	1,317	1,557
Total	156,474	178,459

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Sep-04 is 163.0 million head compared to 160.4 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 154.3 million head or 8.7 million less than estimated available. For the week of 18-Sep-04 the estimated available is 163.4 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July	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
	28 166.7	165.0	101%	5.30
September	4 169.8	163.9	104%	5.16
Year to date	5545.9	5635.8	98%	
September	11 163.0			
	18 163.4			

**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 09/06/04-09/10/04 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	63.08	40	64.83	79
Los Angeles	84.00	81.32	60	77.24	143
New York	60.00-63.00	61.22	23	64.97	50

**COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

06-Sep-04	Change from		08-Sep-03
	30-Aug-04	30-Aug-04	
70.14	-2.23	72.37	63.61
Number of loads	603		

\*\*On report of Aug 30, the average for the 30th should have read 72.37, 622 loads down 1.97 from previous week, last years price for 01-Sep-03 should have read 64.18.

Aug Avg should have been 75.56 with 2,608.80 loads.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES,  
COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER  
LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)**

WTD LBS

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/	OFFERS	SALES	AVG	(000)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-75	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	73-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	73-74	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	73-75	-	-	-

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	09/06/04	3,326	186,396	56,584
AM	08/01/04	3,334	197,542	54,909
CHG		-8	-11146	1675
PCT CHG		0%	-6%	3%

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

FROZEN EGGS	17 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	562 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	738 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

**HEN MARKETS****HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of

06-Sep-04	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
<b>REGIONS</b>			
Southeast (1)	6.25-15 CENTS/LB.	9.5-11.25	10.06
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.5-13.5 CENTS/LB.	9.75-10.5	10.19

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

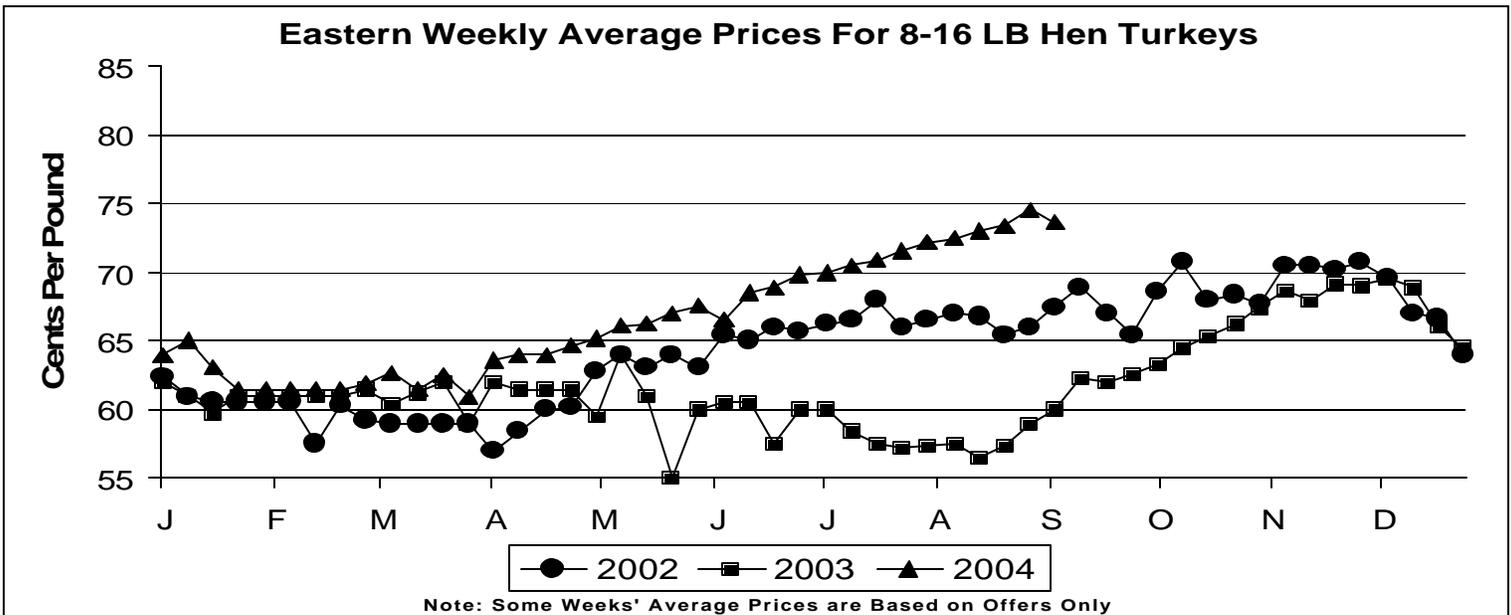
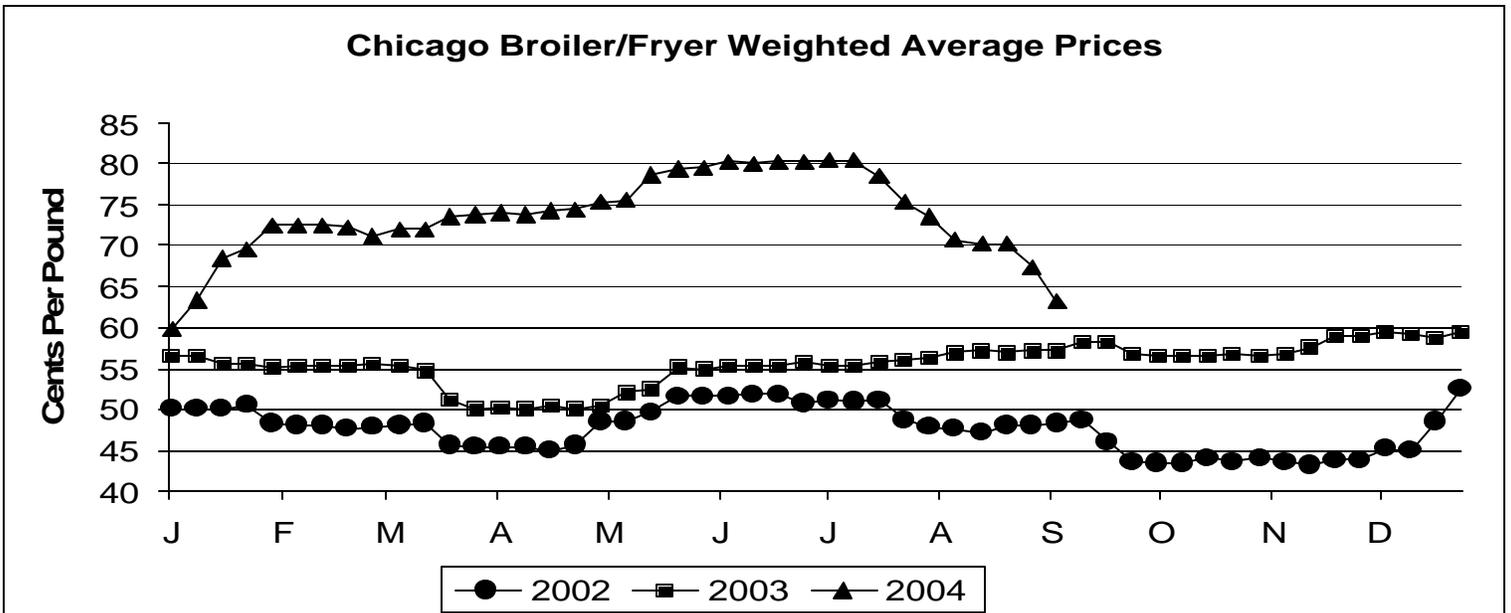
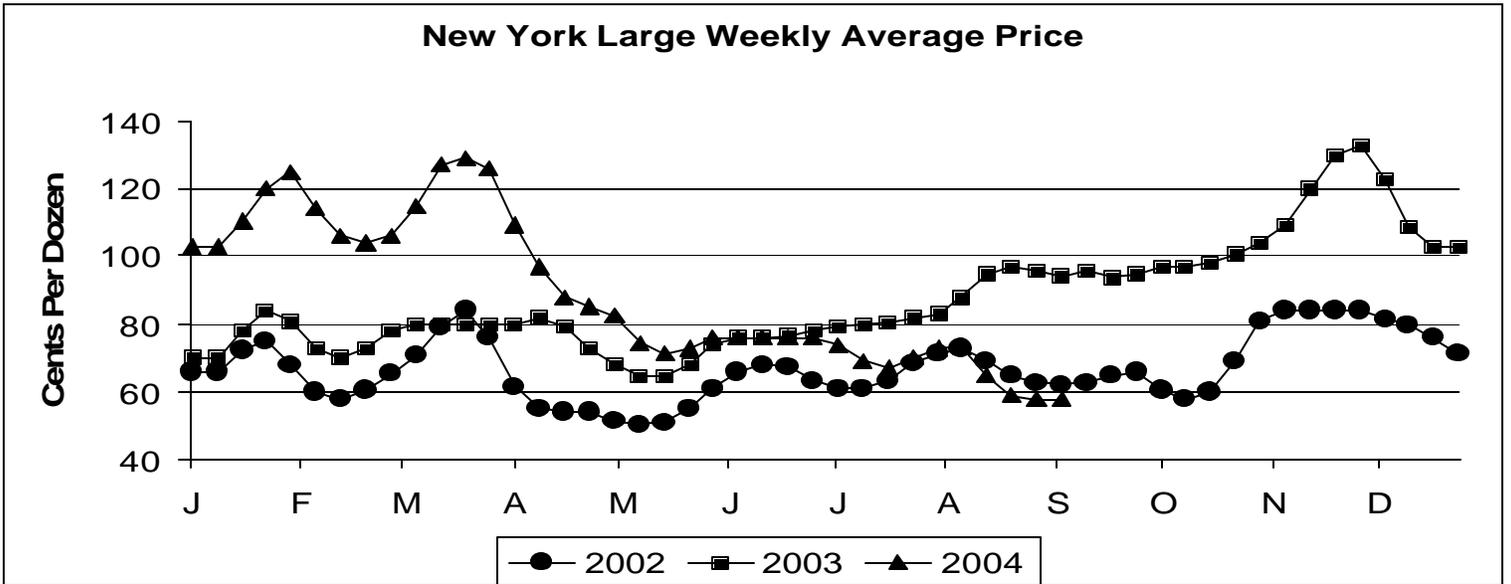
**LIGHT TYPE** Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

03-Sep-04	RANGE	MAJORITY
<b>REGIONS</b>		
Eastern	5-12	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-10	5-7

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

W/E 04-Sep-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
<b>REGIONS</b>			
North Atlantic	229.3	1	3
East North Central	599.5	-1	-1
West North Central	301.8	2	3
South Atlantic	215.9	-2	4
South Central	71.8	2	-1
West	194.4	0	6
Total	1612.7	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)



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