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The week began and continued to see prices higher on all sizes in New York. Elsewhere, prices were adjusted to higher levels early in the week on the larger sizes and unchanged on mediums. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was moderate to very good. In the Southeast, Hurricane Ivan delayed deliveries and closed several plants. Supplies were adequate to tight for current trade needs. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher with check and undergrade prices unchanged. Demand was light with offerings also light as producers continue to hold for higher prices. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to longer. Trade sentiment steady. Removal prices were 5 to 9 cents, mostly 5 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 and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged but trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good, best for features. Food service movement was at times light to usually moderate. Supplies were adequate to close for the larger sizes and usually adequate for medium and small. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher with checks and undergrades higher. Demand was light with offerings also light as producers continue to hold for higher prices. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time to extended. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	45-54	49-51
LARGE	45-53	47-50
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 all sizes were trending sharply higher. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand into all outlets was moderate to good, best where featured. Large eggs were advertised for 35 cents per dozen. Supplies were adequate to close for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were closely balanced to at times ample for the light to occasionally moderate demand. Offerings of spent hens were sufficient for processing requirements.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	52-66	55-59
LARGE	48-62	53-57
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 10, 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

	09-14-04	09-07-04	09-16-03
Large	28-35	24-31	59-63
Medium	10-14	10-14	38-40

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-SEPTEMBER 13, 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	9.3	16.7	5.2	11.7	10.9	53.8
	Change	0.8	-0.8	0.1	2.0	0.7	5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.9	40.2	13.4	39.9	31.3	147.7
	Change	2.6	-3.2	-1.0	6.9	-2.2	2%
Large	Curr Wk	35.3	96.3	63.5	93.6	81.4	370.1
	Change	-5.7	-14.1	-10.1	-24.9	-11.4	-15%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.6	65.8	16.0	22.9	38.1	154.4
	Change	-1.0	8.3	3.3	-4.0	0.6	5%
Small	Curr Wk	5.6	12.8	6.2	3.7	11.1	39.4
	Change	1.4	2.0	1.5	-0.4	1.1	17%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.0	42.1	10.7	19.5	5.9	84.2
	Change	0.0	2.7	0.8	1.9	1.6	9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	21.0	39.8	19.5	44.8	24.5	149.6
	Change	4.9	-1.8	-0.4	2.3	3.1	6%
Total	Curr Wk	111.7	313.7	134.5	236.1	203.2	999.2
	Change	3%	-2%	-4%	-6%	-3%	-3%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	999.2	-3%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock*	280.8	12%	35
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Total Shell Egg*	1280.0	0%	206

\*Breaking stock inventory for 9/6 should have read 251.6, -5% and Total 1283.2, -3%.

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 - 11-SEP-2004**  
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,173,586	28,309	11,133	5,889	2,534	4,055
PW	1,312,258	31,477	12,255	6,397	2,797	4,411
LY	1,307,983	30,523	12,440	6,354	2,497	4,547
% CHG PW	-11	-10	-9	-8	-9	-8
% CHG LY	-10	-7	-11	-7	1	-11
2004	44,259,457	1,051,263	424,529	230,028	99,607	151,555
2003	41,755,852	1,016,152	381,449	208,102	84,631	150,589
% CHG YTD	6	3	11	11	18	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
	42.08	41.56	41.18
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
	38.63	38.20	37.70

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set, 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004	Sep 4 2004	Sep 11 2004
	THOUSAND			
AL	*30,262	28,658	*21,911	21,825
AR	*31,753	28,990	*25,421	25,536
DE	3,628	3,546	4,897	4,719
FL	1,339	1,339	1,182	1,374
GA	*32,843	32,681	*26,594	27,154
KY	*6,751	6,477	*6,080	6,027
LA	3,967	3,833	3,839	3,662
MD	8,762	7,893	5,858	6,020
MS	*19,340	18,472	*17,576	17,168
NC	17,710	17,592	14,331	14,738
OK	*6,583	6,530	4,857	5,021
PA	*3,825	3,586	*2,659	2,965
SC	4,136	4,033	*4,772	3,833
TX	15,268	14,829	12,774	12,702
VA	*6,205	6,620	*5,408	5,401
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,026	17,267	*16,287	16,143
19 State Total	*209,398	202,346	*174,446	174,288
Previous Year Total	200,711	195,084	168,221	168,773
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	104	104	103

\*Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 23-Oct-04 is estimated at 160.5 million head. This compares to 160.3 million head the previous week and to 158.3 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 161.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 63.82 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES**  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEP 09, 2004-SEP 15, 2004

LOADS:	CURRENT 81.25		FUTURE 70.50		TOTAL 151.75	
	SE		NE		MW	
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
CLASS						
GNR W 1	35.00	38.33	35.75	38.98	--	35.75
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	34.00	37.00
GNR BR 1	--	41.00	--	--	--	40.00
GL W J	--	--	60.00	60.00	54.00	54.00
GL W XL	--	46.00	50.15	51.11	48.82	51.92
GL W LG	--	47.00	42.80	45.00	42.73	--
GL W MD	--	--	26.00	27.50	29.58	28.17
GL W SM	--	--	24.83	27.00	--	--
GL BR LG	50.00	53.50	--	--	--	--
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	31.00	33.89	33.75
NRBS - 45	--	--	34.50	34.00	--	--
NRBS - 42	--	--	--	26.00	--	24.25
NRBS - 36	--	16.00	--	--	13.00	--

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 11-Sep-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW THOUSANDS	PCT CHG	
			PW	LY
Atlanta	30.6	28.0	9	21
Boston	3.4	3.3	3	-11
Chicago	67.8	63.0	8	-5
Detroit	29.3	27.2	8	10
Kansas City	6.4	4.3	49	14
Los Angeles	97.8	93.0	5	1
New Orleans	9.5	8.4	13	30
New York	31.5	27.7	14	5
St. Louis	17.9	15.1	19	7
San Francisco	19.7	19.8	-1	-11
Total	313.9	289.8	8	3
4 Week Moving Avg.	294.6			

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS W/E 11-Sep-2004  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

-THOUSAND HEAD-	YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
	PCT CHG	AVG LIVE WT	OLD BANDED	AVG LIVE WT	
	PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT	
North East	729	-9	21.55	(A) 731	21.55
South Atlantic	734	-9	30.26	(A) 736	30.26
North Central	1,790	-15	31.83	(A) 1,792	31.83
South Central	399	-17	19.93	(A) 401	19.93
West	344	-14	23.24	(A) 345	23.24
U.S. total	3,996(B)	-13	27.75	9	4,005
To-date					
2004	155,695(B)			275	155,970
To-date					
2003	167,938(B)			508	168,446

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 61,000; for the current year to date 1,826,000; for last year to date 2,264,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED** W/E 11-Sep-2004

	YOUNG		YOUNG OLD		TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		
	THOUSANDS				
Head	1,564	2,371	61	9	4,005
Avg Wt	15.87	35.68	23.50	31.53	27.75
Last week	1,827	2,716	54	0	4,597
Same wk yr ago	1,980	2,882	37	8	4,907
Avg Wt	15.25	34.37	24.16	30.02	26.56
To-date/2004	62,350	91,519	1,826	275	155,970
To-date/2003	67,488	98,186	2,264	508	168,446

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

W/E 11-Sep-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	149,574	1,231	1,346	2,577	414
Avg Wt	5.31	3.43	8.00	5.82	6.77
Last week	167,764	1,464	1,571	3,035	467
Same wk yr ago	158,505	1,121	1,597	2,718	447
Avg Wt	5.18	3.46	7.91	6.07	6.73
To-date/2004	5,628,856	48,922	48,040	96,962	16,733
To-date/2003	5,540,416	54,095	50,502	104,597	14,865

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 151.4 million head, or 11.6 million less than estimated available.

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

Week ending 18-Sep-04

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	09/18/04(1)	09/11/04
	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
Broiler/fryer	169,891(2)	153,951
Light hens	1,428	1,206
Heavy hens	1,531	1,317
Total	172,850	156,474

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 18-Sep-04 is 163.4 million head compared to 157.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 170.2 million head or 6.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 25-Sep-04 the estimated available is 164.3 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
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
	11	151.4	163.0	93%	5.31
Year to date		5697.3	5798.8	98%	
September	18		163.4		
	25		164.3		

**FINAL BROILER/FRYER**

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 13-SEP-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		LDS	COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG		WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.44	44 :	62.45	75
Los Angeles	84.00	81.08	61 :	76.85	139
New York	60.00-63.00	62.64	25 :	64.41	48

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

Change from			
13-SEP-2004	06-SEP-2004	06-SEP-2004	15-SEP-2003
69.59	-55	70.14	64.27
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)
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-76	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74-75	75	75.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	73-75	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	73-74	74	74.00	40
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	09/12/04	3,978	194,494	56,937
AM	09/01/04	3,322	184,056	56,558
CHG		656	10438	379
PCT CHG		20%	6%	1%

**HEN MARKETS****HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 13-Sep-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-15 CENTS/LB.	9.25-11.25	9.96
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.25-13 CENTS/LB.	9.5-10.25	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)

10-Sep-04		
REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	5-11	8-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	5-9	5

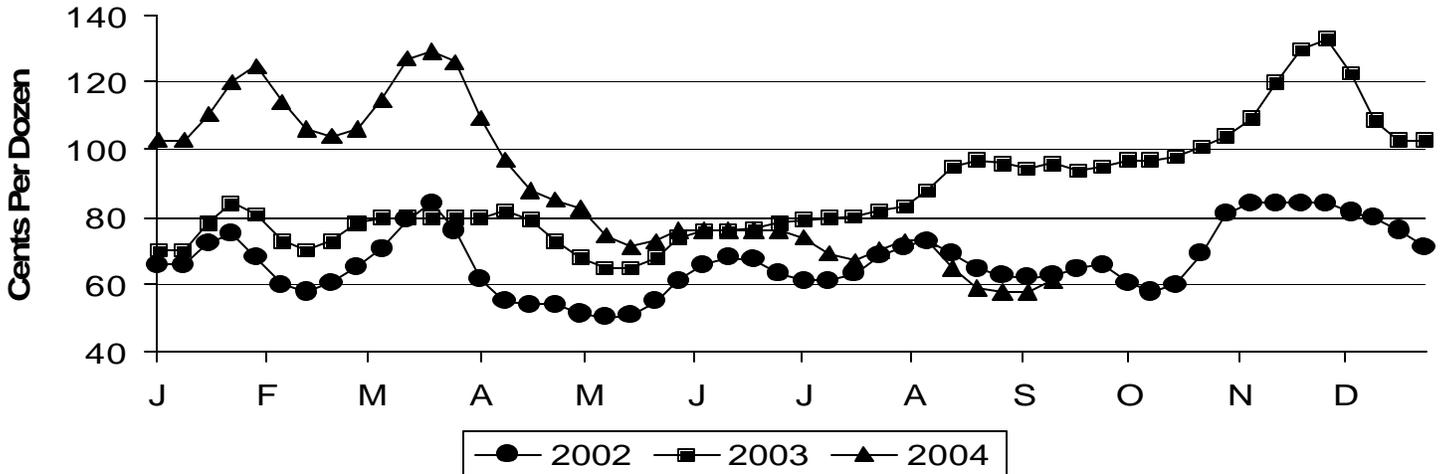
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT** (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 11-Sep-04

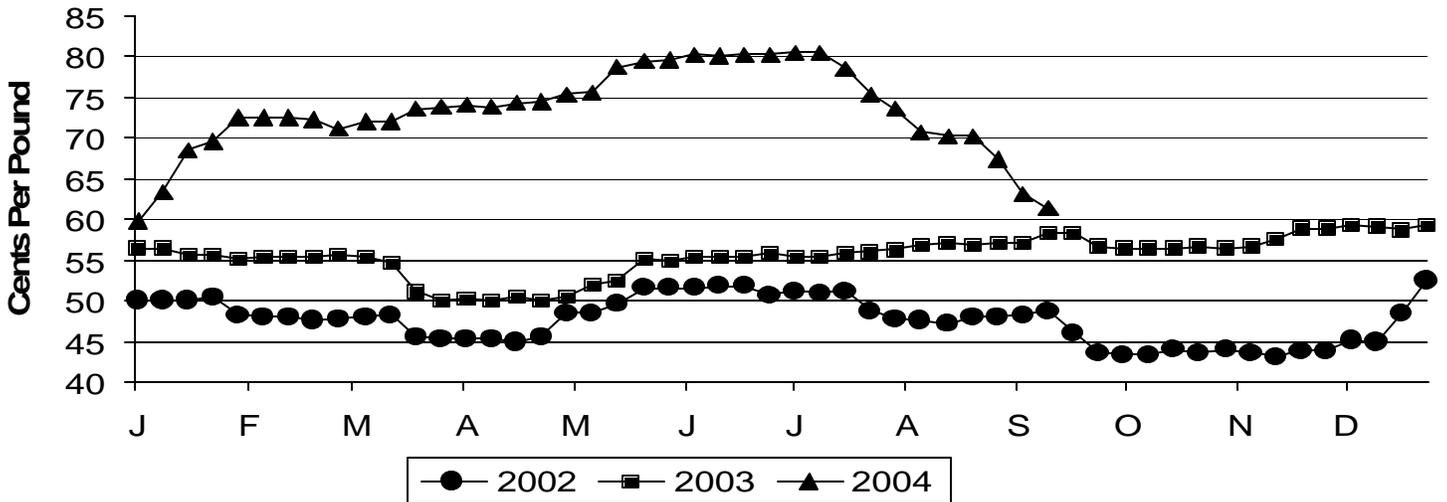
REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	236.8	3	10
East North Central	547.1	-9	-2
West North Central	279.4	-7	-4
South Atlantic	215.1	0	1
South Central	65.8	-8	-12
West	180.8	-7	-4
Total	1525.0	-5	-1
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	85
		Last year	85

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)

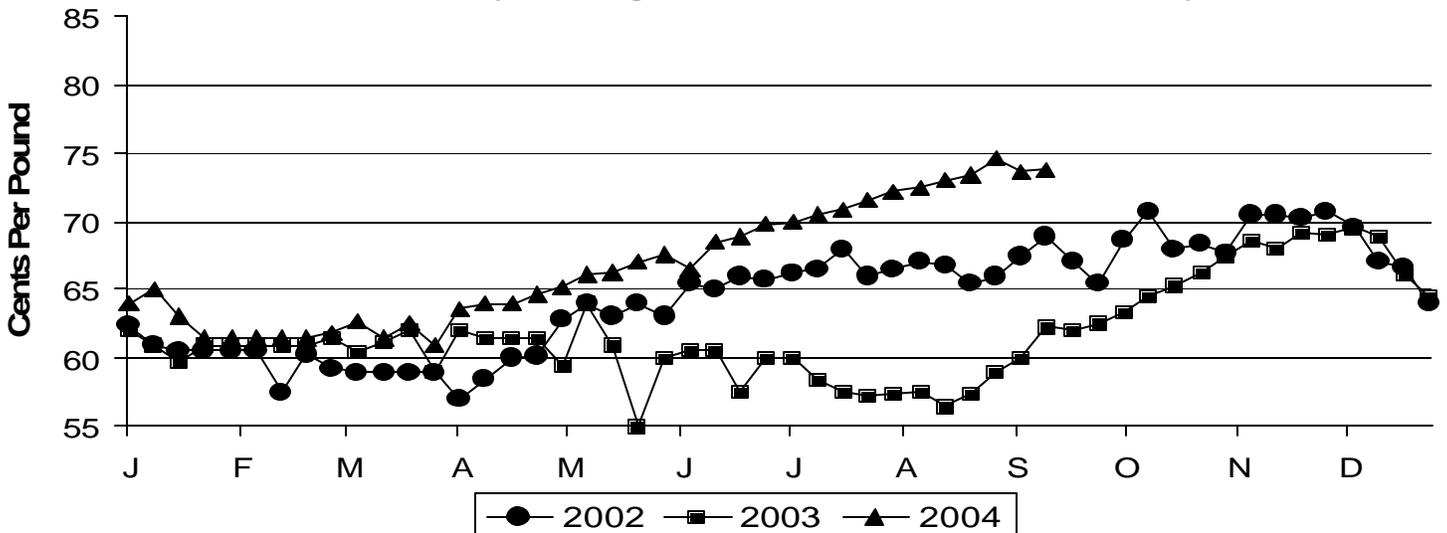
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### 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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