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The week began with prices higher on all sizes in all locations. As the week progressed in New York prices were higher, elsewhere prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Demand was light to good. Supplies were adequate to tight. Breaking stock prices were higher. Demand was good with offerings tight to unavailable. Supplies were inclose balance to adequate. Schedules were full-time to longer. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Light type hen offerings were adequate to tight with demand good. Processors work full schedules. Trade sentiment was 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 up 1 cent for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged but trending higher. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Retail demand was fairly good to good. Food service movement was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to at times very tight. Central states breaking stock prices were higher from the last reported prices. Demand was good with offerings very tight to unavailable. Floor stocks were in close balance to adequate. Schedules full-time to longer. Trade sentiment fully steady to firm.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	51-60	55-57
LARGE	51-59	53-56
MEDIUM	34-40	37-39

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 slightly higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand ranged moderate to fairly good. Medium eggs were advertised at 3 dozen for \$1. Supplies were adequate to close. Breaking stock offerings were adequate to fully sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Spent hens were generally sufficient for processing requirements.

**RANGE MOSTLY**

EXTRA LARGE	60-74	60-63
LARGE	54-68	59-63
MEDIUM	34-47	39-41

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

**COMBINED REGIONAL** Sep 17, 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	57.00	55.00	33.00
SOUTHEAST	52.50	50.50	32.00
MIDWEST	50.00	48.50	31.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	54.50	52.50	33.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	53.54	51.66	32.43

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

	09-21-04	09-14-04	09-23-03
Large	34-41	28-35	62-66
Medium	17-21	10-14	44-47

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-SEPTEMBER 20, 2004 STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ (30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		No	So	So	5-Area		
		Cent	Cent	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Current Week	10.0	16.5	5.9	10.6	10.0	53.0
	Change	.7	-3	.6	-1.1	-1.0	-2%
Extra Large	Current Week	24.6	36.5	12.9	20.0	34.4	128.4
	Change	1.7	-3.7	-.5	-19.9	3.1	-13%
Large	Current Week	37.4	109.8	66.9	78.7	90.2	383.0
	Change	2.1	13.4	3.4	-14.9	8.8	3%
Medium	Current Week	14.0	63.5	18.0	27.6	37.3	160.4
	Change	2.4	-2.3	2.0	4.7	-.8	4%
Small	Current Week	5.1	11.5	7.2	5.5	8.8	38.1
	Change	-.5	-1.3	1.0	1.8	-2.3	-3%
Misc	Current Week	6.5	38.4	10.1	19.4	6.1	80.5
	Change	.5	-3.7	-.7	-.1	.2	-5%
Ungraded	Current Week	15.2	30.7	21.0	36.7	21.5	125.1
	Change	-5.8	-9.1	1.4	-8.1	-3.1	-17%
Total	Current Week	112.8	306.9	142.0	198.5	208.3	968.5
	% Change	1%	-2%	5%	-16%	2%	-3%

**Total Shell Egg Inventory**      **Number of Cases**      **Percent Change**      **Number of Cooperators**

Shell Egg	968.5	-3%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	257.5	-8%	35

Total Shell Egg	1226.0	-4%	206
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1/ Information 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 18-SEP-04**(LBS IN THOUSANDS)  
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,280,565	31,056	12,115	6,189	2,935	4,317
PW	1,173,586	28,309	11,133	5,889	2,534	4,055
LY	1,256,837	31,190	11,301	5,818	2,533	4,405
% CHG PW	9	10	9	5	16	6
% CHG LY	2	0	7	6	16	-2
2004	45,540,022	1,082,319	436,644	236,217	102,542	155,872
2003	43,012,689	1,047,342	392,750	213,920	87,164	154,994
% CHG YTD	6	3	11	10	18	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.92	42.08	41.94
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.55	38.63	38.44

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	SEP 11	SEP 18	SEP 11	SEP 18
	Thousand			
AL	28,658	28,557	21,825	21,352
AR	28,990	30,823	25,536	24,846
DE	3,546	3,250	4,719	5,096
FL	1,339	1,349	*1,359	1,298
GA	*32,697	31,989	*27,180	27,310
KY	6,477	6,204	*6,012	5,982
LA	3,833	3,918	3,662	4,126
MD	7,893	7,872	6,020	5,557
MS	18,472	18,374	*17,194	16,006
NC	*17,492	17,107	*14,715	14,270
OK	6,530	6,277	5,021	6,721
PA	*3,637	3,632	*2,894	2,887
SC	*3,938	4,208	*3,789	4,026
TX	14,829	13,315	12,702	12,731
VA	6,620	5,839	5,401	5,518
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,298	15,396	*16,164	14,925
19 State Total	*202,249	198,110	*174,193	172,651
Previous Year Total	195,084	193,335	168,773	165,761
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	102	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 30-Oct-04 is estimated at 159.7 million head. This compares to 160.5 million head the previous week and to 157.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 159.7 million head and the composite weighted average price was 64.04 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES**  
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/15/04-09/21/04

CURRENT LDS 59.75 FUTURE LDS 51.00 TOTAL LDS 110.75

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	39.50	41.33	42.63	44.73	—	39.50	24.00
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	41.50	5.00
GL W J	—	—	64.00	66.00	50.00	59.00	4.00
GL W XL	—	57.85	53.71	55.87	52.50	52.56	35.50
GL W LG	—	53.85	44.13	44.00	52.63	49.00	23.25
GL W MD	—	—	26.00	31.00	32.25	34.00	10.50
GL W SM	26.75	28.75	24.67	27.00	22.00	25.00	5.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	32.00	36.57	34.67	11.25
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.50
NRBS - 39	—	21.50	—	—	18.50	—	4.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 18-SEP-04

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG PW	LY
Atlanta	32.0	30.6	5	40
Boston	3.4	3.4	0	-3
Chicago	65.6	67.8	-3	15
Detroit	29.6	29.3	1	-7
Kansas City	2.8	6.4	-56	-20
Los Angeles	83.8	97.8	-14	-2
New Orleans	5.3	9.2	-42	-34
New York	30.7	31.5	-3	4
St. Louis	16.7	17.9	-7	15
San Francisco	20.5	19.7	4	-6
Total	290.4	313.6	-7	4
4 Week Moving Avg.	297.2			

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

W/E 18-SEP-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,759	2,730	87	6	4,582
Avg Wt	15.64	35.84	23.70	28.90	27.84
Last week	1,564	2,371	61	9	4,005
Same wk yr ago	1,876	2,718	81	14	4,689
Avg Wt	15.38	34.52	23.85	29.43	26.66
To-date/2004	64,109	94,249	1,913	281	160,552
To-date/2003	69,364	100,904	2,345	522	173,135

**TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS**

W/E 18-Sep-2004 BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS (PRELIMINARY)

	—YOUNG TURKEYS—			OLD BANDED	TOTAL TURKEYS	
	THOUSAND HEAD	PCT CHG PW	AVG LIVE WT		THOUSAND HEAD	AVG LIVE WT
North East	757	4	21.77	(A)	759	21.77
South Atlantic	779	6	30.92	(A)	780	30.92
North Central	2,144	20	31.67	(A)	2,145	31.67
South Central	483	21	20.71	(A)	484	20.71
West	413	20	21.62	(A)	414	21.62
U.S. total	4,576(B)	15	27.84	6	4,582	27.84
To-date 2004	160,271(B)			281	160,552	
To-date 2003	172,613(B)			522	173,135	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 87,000 for the current year to date 1,913,000; for last year to date 2,345,000.

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

W/E 18-Sep-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	154,376	1,443	1,561	3,004	484
Avg Wt	5.33	3.31	8.08	5.79	6.70
Last week	149,574	1,231	1,346	2,577	414
Same wk yr ago	156,044	1,153	1,418	2,571	402
Avg Wt	5.30	3.35	7.88	5.85	6.55
To-date/2004	5,783,232	50,365	49,601	99,966	17,217
To-date/2003	5,696,460	55,248	51,920	107,168	15,267

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 163.4 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 156.3 million head, or 7.1 million less than estimated available.

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

W/E 25-Sep-04

CLASS	Current Week	Previous Week
	09/25/04(1)	09/18/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	164,337(2)	169,891
Light hens	1,562	1,428
Heavy hens	1,505	1,531
Total	167,404	172,850

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 25-Sep-04 is 164.3 million head compared to 162.0 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.7 million head or 0.4 million more than estimated available. For the week of 02-Oct-04 the estimated available is 164.9 million head.

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

WEEK ENDING		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD	PCT	AVG WT
		SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE		
August	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
	18	156.3	163.4	96%	5.33
Year to date		5853.6	5962.2	98%	
September	25		164.3		
October	2		164.9		

**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 20-SEP-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A			COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS	
Chicago	58.00-61.00	61.58	42 :	63.37	74	
Los Angeles	83.00	80.05	64 :	74.59	166	
New York	60.00-63.00	62.74	25 :	65.76	53	

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

20-SEP-2004	Change from		
	13-SEP-2004	13-SEP-2004	22-SEP-2003
69.21	-.38	69.59	64.59
NUMBER OF LOADS	625		

**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/	74-76	74-75	74.71	70
CENTRAL REGION 4/	72.5-76	72.5-74	73.25	240
WESTERN REGION 5/	74-76	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	73-75	74	74.00	170
CENTRAL REGION	73-74	74	74.00	10
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	09/20/04	3,233	195,641	56,705
AM	09/01/04	3,322	184,056	56,558
CHG		-89	11585	147
PCT CHG		-3%	6%	0%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 20-Sep-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	10.25-12	11.88
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.5-13 CENTS/LB.	9.75-10.5	9.92

(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)

17-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 18-Sep-04

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
North Atlantic	231.3	-2	6
East North Central	571.0	4	4
West North Central	296.4	6	6
South Atlantic	212.7	-1	0
South Central	67.2	2	-6
West	181.8	1	0
Total	1560.4	2	3

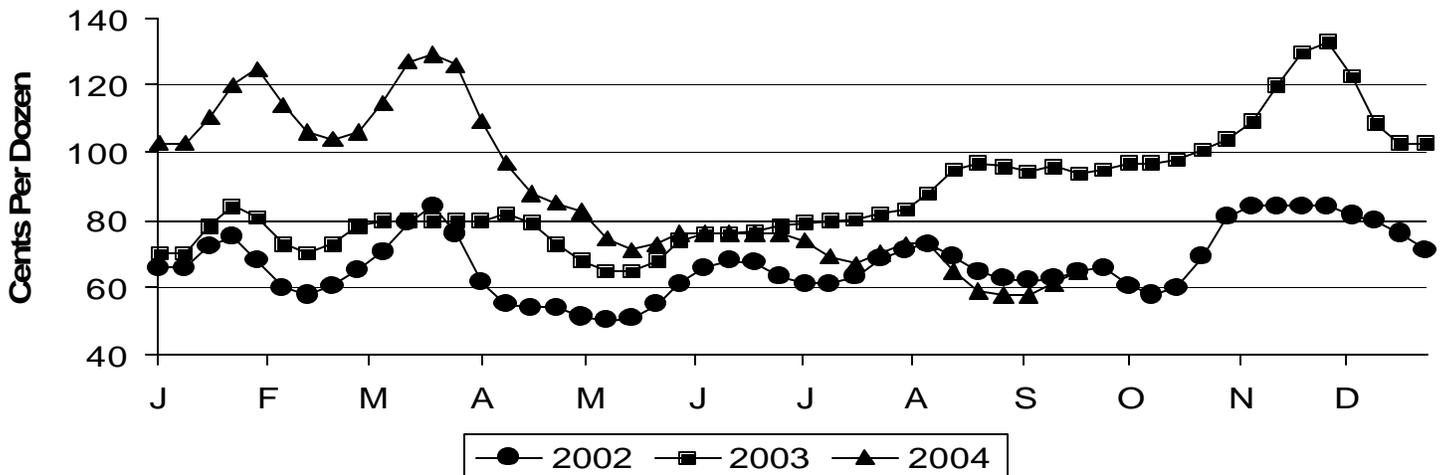
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Previous week 85

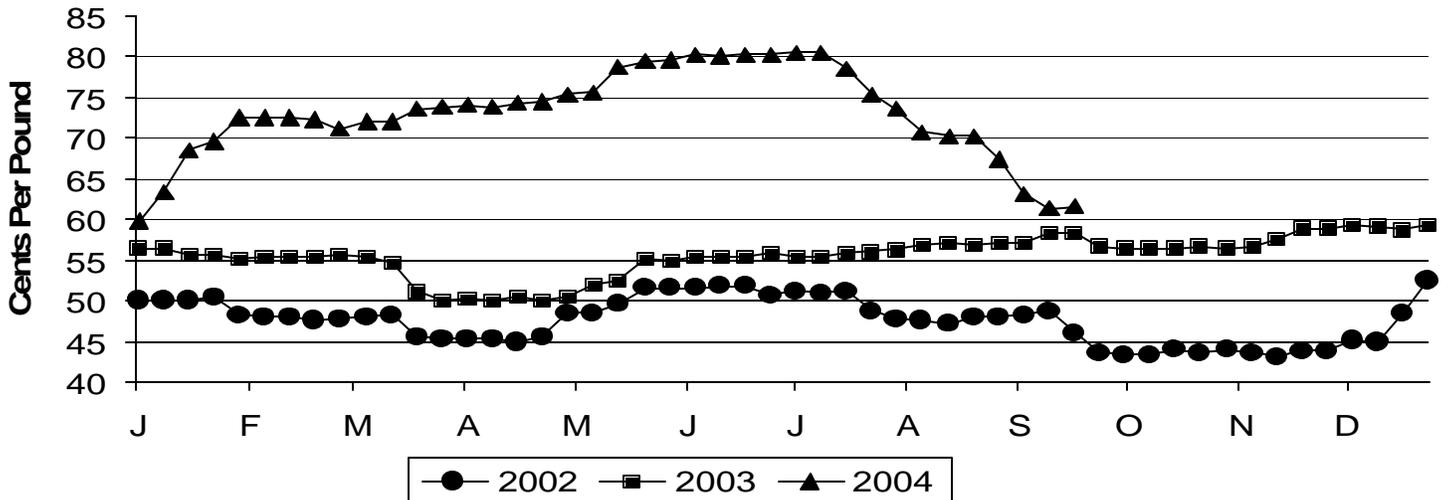
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Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MC,DE)  
East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)  
South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)  
West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

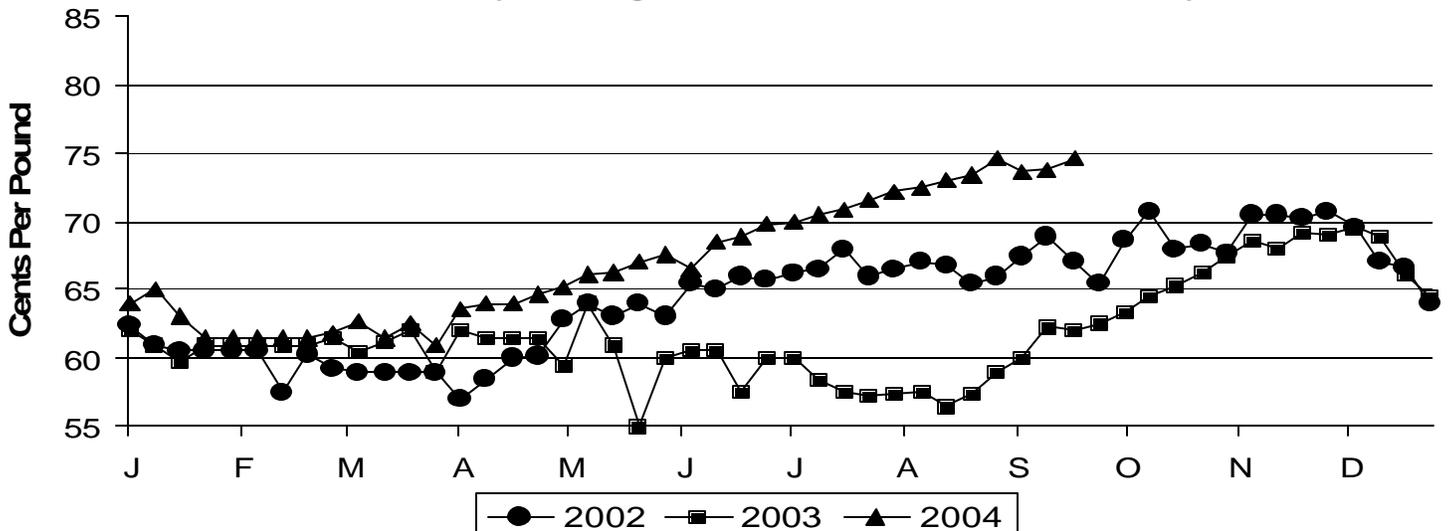
### New York Large Weekly Average Price



### 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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