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Early week prices in New York were unchanged on the larger sizes and higher on mediums. As the week progressed all prices were trending higher. The market tone was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to at times fairly good and improving. Supplies were fully sufficient to ample. Breaking stock prices along with check and undergrades prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand were moderate as breakers were not interested in any additional spot loads. Supplies were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules were full-time, trade sentiment steady. Light type hen offerings were generally adequate for the fairly good demand. Schedules were full-time. Trade sentiment was steady. Removal prices were 0-7 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 medium and 1 cent higher for small with the balance of prices unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances fully steady. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate with improvement noted in areas with added feature activity. Food service demand was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate to ample with mediums in the closest position. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings and demand continued light. Supplies balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	39-48	43-45
LARGE	39-47	41-44
MEDIUM	24-30	27-29

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 higher. Trade sentiment ranged steady to fully steady. Demand into all outlets was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present trade requirements. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to fair demand. Spent hens were generally adequate for needs.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	44-58	47-51
LARGE	40-54	45-49
MEDIUM	25-38	30-32

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

COMBINED REGIONAL Oct 22, 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	49.00	47.00	31.00
SOUTHEAST	48.50	46.50	30.00
MIDWEST	44.00	42.50	28.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	49.50	47.50	31.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	47.81	45.93	30.16

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

	10-26-04	10-19-04	10-28-03
Large	22-29	22-29	71-75
Medium	7-11	7-11	67-71

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-OCTOBER 25, 2004

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area		
		Northeast	CENT	Atl	Pacific		
Jumbo	Curr Wk	12.3	21.7	6.9	14.9	12.4	68.2
	Change	0.5	-5.5	-0.3	1.7	0.2	-5%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.7	56.8	17.5	32.5	32.4	161.9
	Change	-5.3	0.4	-1.0	1.1	-4.0	-5%
Large	Curr Wk	76.3	144.5	83.1	131.2	119.5	554.6
	Change	-6.2	-19.8	19.8	9.7	0.8	1%
Medium	Curr Wk	12.3	44.8	13.5	22.4	34.6	127.6
	Change	-1.7	-8.8	0.0	-3.3	-2.8	-12%
Small	Curr Wk	4.7	19.1	3.1	6.7	5.6	39.2
	Change	0.3	4.2	0.1	1.1	0.6	19%
Misc	Curr Wk	5.1	31.5	7.2	15.4	7.8	67.0
	Change	0.4	-1.9	1.1	-1.1	3.7	3%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	26.9	40.6	33.5	34.3	32.4	167.7
	Change	3.7	-3.6	-0.7	-4.4	-3.4	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	160.3	359.0	164.8	257.4	244.7	1186.2
	Change	-3%	-9%	13%	2%	-2%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1186.2	-2%	173
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	273.1	-2%	35
Total Shell Egg	1459.3	-2%	208

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 173 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 23-OCT-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS)
(EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,355,557	32,095	13,447	7,200	2,479	4,710
PW	1,332,046	30,912	13,550	7,120	2,497	4,549
LY	1,206,006	31,193	10,139	5,575	2,198	4,041
% CHG PWK	2	4	-1	1	-1	4
% CHG LY	12	3	33	29	13	17
2004	52,028,165	1,233,182	501,366	270,774	114,529	178,372
2003	49,166,449	1,201,856	446,765	243,030	98,910	176,050
% CHG YTD	6	3	12	11	16	1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK	LAST YEAR
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	42.38	42.14	42.24
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.91	38.72	38.89

BROILER HATCHERY

STATE	Broiler Eggs Set in 19 Selected States		Broiler Chicks Placed in 19 Selected States	
	OCT 16	OCT 23	OCT 16	OCT 23
	Thousand			
AL	*27,665	27,335	*20,494	20,948
AR	28,681	28,453	*25,114	23,132
DE	*3,563	3,366	*5,062	4,631
FL	1,349	1,346	*1,538	1,512
GA	30,101	31,182	*23,146	25,433
KY	5,839	5,838	*5,721	5,639
LA	3,816	3,665	3,659	3,424
MD	*8,118	7,967	*5,605	6,000
MS	17,553	17,630	15,942	16,271
NC	16,956	17,416	14,410	13,714
OK	*6,227	5,919	4,805	3,779
PA	*3,769	3,737	*2,573	2,797
SC	4,198	4,583	4,435	4,049
TX	13,836	13,051	12,596	12,012
VA	6,091	6,573	4,794	4,699
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*16,534	15,903	*14,290	16,622
19 State Total	*194,296	193,964	*164,184	164,662
Previous Year Total	187,583	190,088	160,266	159,007
Pct. of Prev. Year	104	102	102	104

* Revised

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 04-Dec-04 is estimated at 151.4 million head. This compares to 149.7 million head the previous week and to 150.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 156.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 65.37 cents per pound.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES - WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES
(CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 10/21/04-10/27/04

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	24.00	—	24.67	26.00	—	—	7.00
GNR W 2	—	—	23.50	25.00	—	—	2.00
GL W J	—	—	—	48.00	41.50	—	6.00
GL W XL	—	39.80	35.88	41.53	36.40	37.20	44.25
GL W LG	—	39.62	21.50	23.00	30.70	35.00	27.50
GL W MD	24.00	31.00	23.63	24.70	24.80	26.50	23.00
GL W SM	24.50	28.00	23.38	25.50	18.00	—	4.00
NRBS - 48	—	25.00	—	—	28.89	28.00	17.00
NRBS - 45	—	—	25.50	27.00	—	25.00	3.00
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	14.00	2.00

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 23-OCT-2004

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW THOUSANDS	PW	PCT CHG	LY
Atlanta	26.6	29.9	-11	12
Boston	3.2	3.2	0	-11
Chicago	61.7	60.6	2	25
Detroit	26.9	27.3	-1	2
Kansas City	2.1	2.9	-28	-16
Los Angeles	95.3	86.4	10	1
New Orleans	8.6	8.2	5	34
New York	30.5	31.8	-4	7
St. Louis	17.9	18.4	-3	-3
San Francisco	19.1	19.8	-4	-14
Total	291.9	288.5	1	6
4 Week Moving Avg.	287.1			

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED W/E 23-OCT-04

	YOUNG HENS	YOUNG TOMS	YOUNG BREEDERS	OLD	TOTAL TURKEYS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
Head	1,806	2,597	87	8	4,498
Avg Wt	16.53	36.70	24.01	29.66	28.34
Last week	1,515	2,624	40	8	4,187
Same wk yr ago	1,801	3,022	78	0	4,901
Avg Wt	16.04	34.33	26.61	0.00	27.49
To-date/2004	72,358	107,400	2,207	308	182,273
To-date/2003	78,862	115,311	2,688	554	197,415

NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS

KEYS	Week ending 23-OCT-04 (Preliminary) (Released 1:00 Eastern Time)				
	--YOUNG TURKEYS--		OLD	TOTAL TUR-	
	THOUSAND HEAD	PCT CHG PW	AVG LIVE WT	BANDED -THOUSAND HEAD-	AVG LIVE WT
North East	741	29	21.04	(A)	743 21.04
South Atlantic	773	9	30.58	(A)	775 30.58
North Central	2,081	-5	32.21	(A)	2,083 32.21
South Central	473	22	21.50	(A)	474 21.50
West	422	35	25.65	(A)	423 25.65
U.S. total	4,490(B)	7	28.34	8	4,498 28.34
To-date 2004	181,965(B)			308	182,273
To-date 2003	196,861(B)			554	197,415

(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 2,207,000; for last year to date 2,688,000.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION (Preliminary)

W/E 23-Oct-04	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
Head	162,135	1,462	1,501	2,963	469
Avg Wt	5.41	3.37	8.08	5.76	6.47
Last week	161,485	1,305	1,522	2,827	470
Same wk yr ago	159,099	1,137	1,383	2,520	429
Avg Wt	5.25	3.44	7.95	5.92	6.84
To-date/2004	6,592,318	57,341	57,025	114,366	19,624
To-date/2003	6,487,037	61,438	59,179	120,617	17,378

(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 164.1 million head, or 0.2 million more than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 30-Oct-04

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/30/04(1)	10/23/04
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
Broiler/fryer	167,101(2)	168,254
Light hens	1,209	1,449
Heavy hens	1,511	1,490
Total	169,821	171,193

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 30-Oct-04 is 163.4 million head compared to 159.7 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.4 million head or 4.0 million more than estimated available. For the week of 06-Nov-04 the estimated available is 162.0 million head.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/ FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
September 18	156.3	163.4	96%	5.33
25	163.7	164.3	100%	5.39
October 2	164.0	164.9	99%	5.35
9	163.6	165.1	99%	5.40
16	163.4	164.4	99%	5.46
23	164.1	163.9	100%	5.41
Year to date	6672.4	6784.8	98%	
October 30		163.4		
November 6		162.0		

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 25-OCT-2004 (cents per lb)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG	LDS
Chicago	58.00-61.00	60.98	43	63.27	78
Los Angeles	82.00	79.72	60	74.02	165
New York	60.00-63.00	61.64	28	64.60	70

COMPOSITE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS

	Change from			
25-OCT-2004	18-OCT-2004	18-OCT-2004	27-OCT-2003	
68.01	0.11	67.90	64.04	
Number of loads	664			

MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS

Month	Weighted Average	Loads
October	68.79	2579.40

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/	77-81	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	77-78	77	77.00	40
WESTERN REGION 5/	77-78	-	-	-

16-24 LB TOMS

EASTERN REGION	75-77	76	76.00	80
CENTRAL REGION	75-77	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	76-77	-	-	-

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	10/25/04	3,835	146,815	63,174
AM	10/01/04	3,275	182,984	58,076
CHG		560	-36169	5098
PCT CHG		17%	-20%	9%

HEN MARKETS

HEAVY TYPE Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 25-OCT-04

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	8.25-15 CENTS/LB.	10.5-12	11.44
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	7.75-14.5 CENTS/LB.	10-11	11.04

(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)

REGIONS	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern	4-10	7-10
South Central	Too Few To Report	
North Central	0-7	

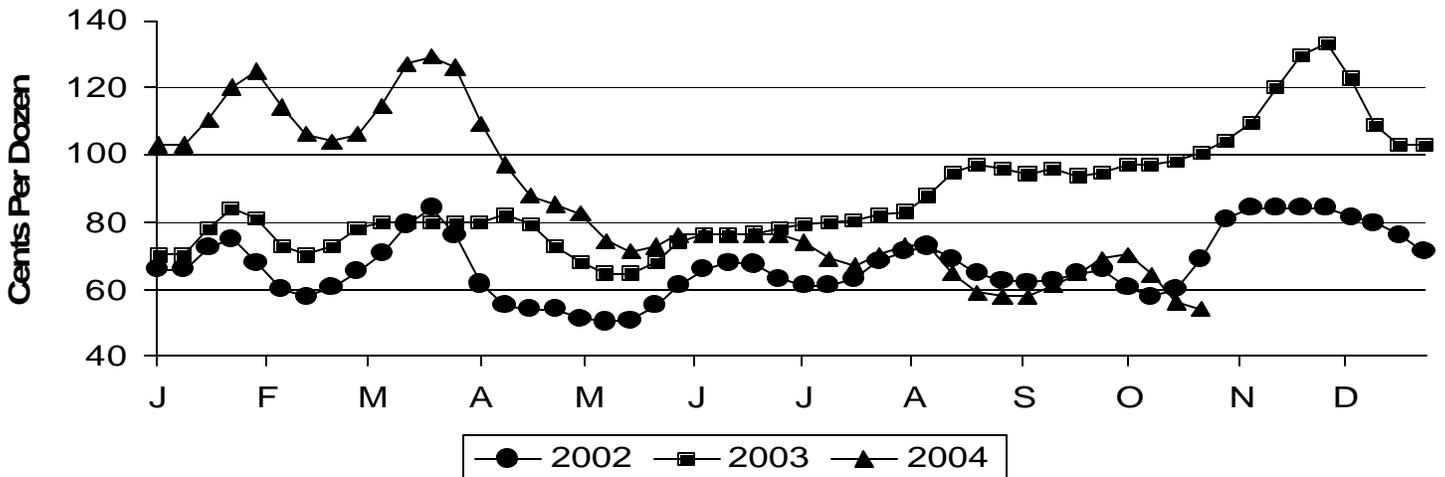
COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT (Receipts From Producers)

W/E 23-Oct-04	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS		PW	LY
North Atlant	243.3	4	10
East North C	544.0	1	-5
West North C	288.3	4	-1
South Atlant	221.6	2	1
South Centra	65.9	-4	-6
West	178.1	1	-7
Total	1541.2	2	-2
Matched Plants reporting		Previous week	86
		Last year	85

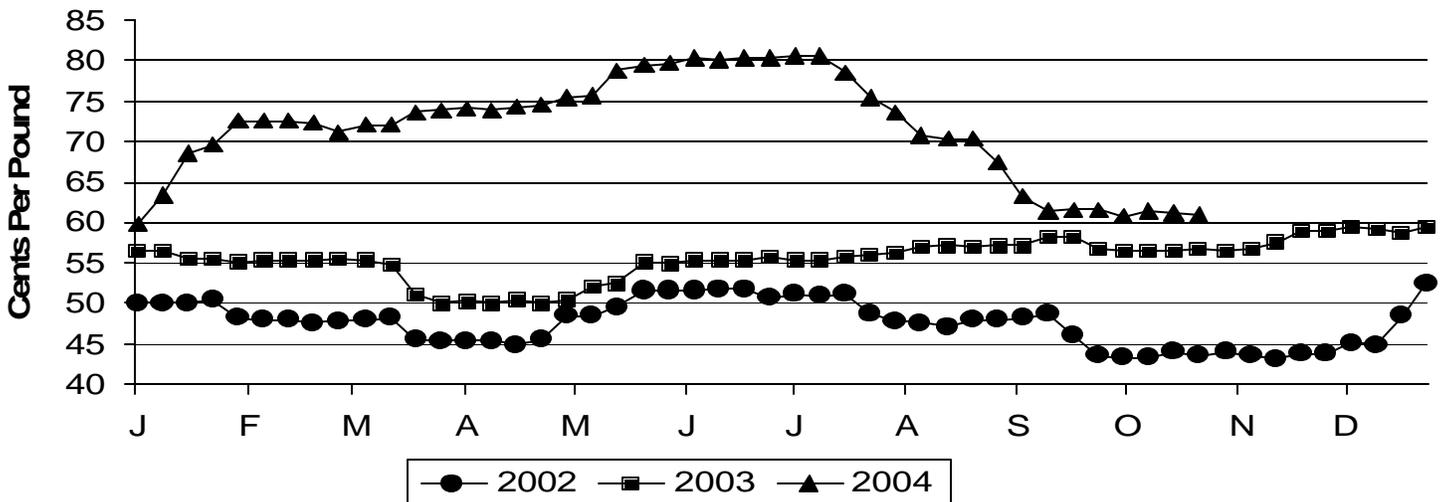
Areas Covered:

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)

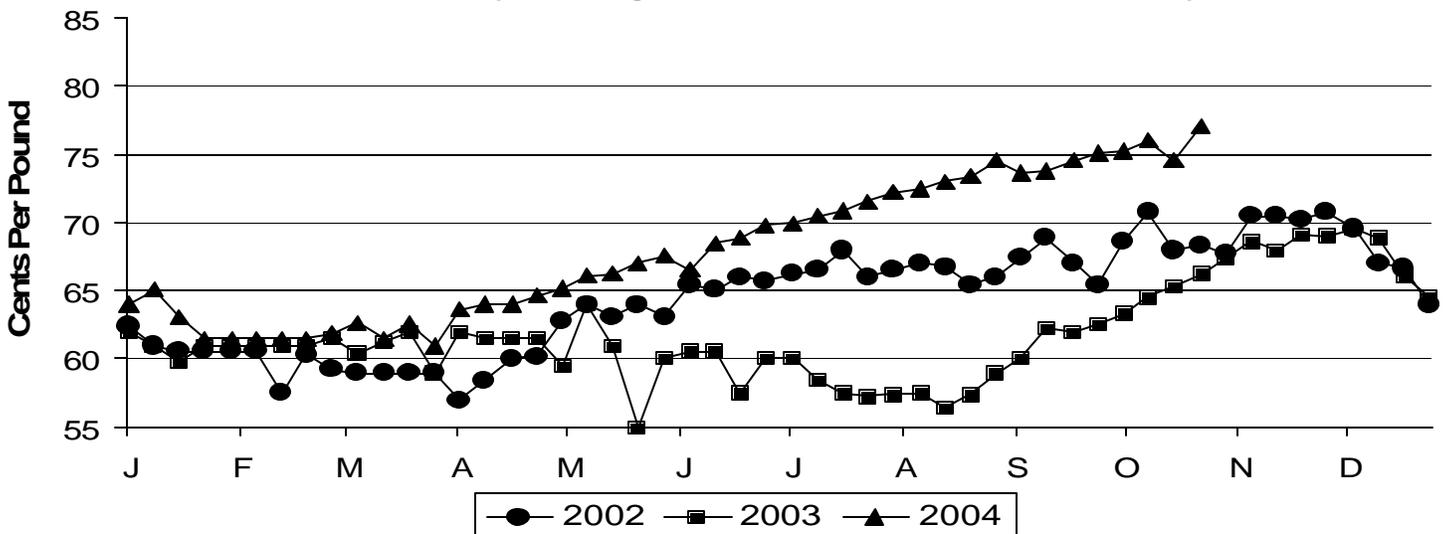
New York Large Weekly Average Price



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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