

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady to instances firm. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is moderate with the bulk of interest being in the Southeast Regions. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is moderate.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:** Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 8.5 - 19.5 13.43

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)

**LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL**

Prices continue to trend no better than steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues unchanged at 0-7 cents per head.

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

**READY-TO-COOK FOWL**

**Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers**

(cents/lb.delivered to first receivers; US Grade A and Plant Grade)

	Price Range
Ice Packed (12/box):	80.0 - 86.0
Vacuum Packed (6-9/box):	85.0 - 90.0

Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI

**LIVE FOWL AUCTIONS**

**Hackettstown, NJ - Tue Apr. 17**

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:	3.50 - 5.00	4.23
per pound:		

**Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Apr. 17**

Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	0.80 - 0.90	per pound
4-5 lbs:	0.65 - 0.70	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	0.90 - 1.05	per pound

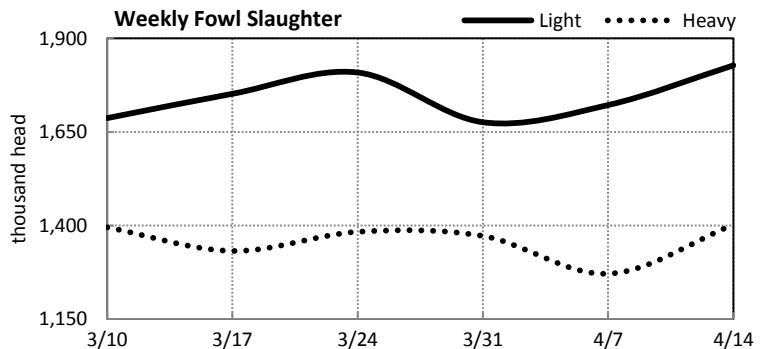
**LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER**

**Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**

Week ending 04-14-12

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,828	3.19	3,149	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,402	7.91	7,208	65%
Total Hens:	3,230	5.24	10,357	--

(head and ready-to-cook weight in thousands; avg. wght in lbs.)

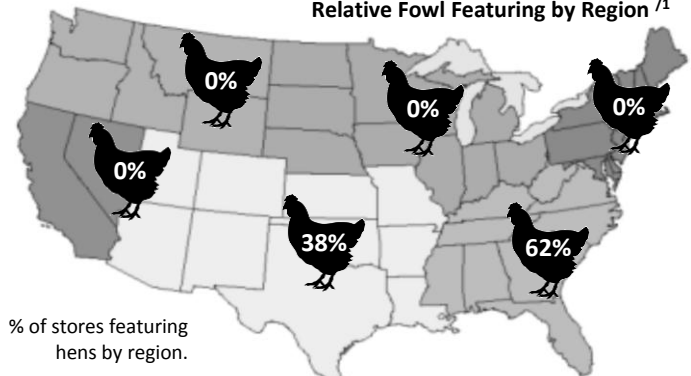


**RETAIL FOWL FEATURING**

**Supermarket featuring during the week of 04/20 to 04/26**

(ad prices in \$/lb)	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
	9	0.89	22	0.88
Northeast				
Southeast			22	0.88
Midwest				
South Central	9	0.89		
Southwest				
Northwest				

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region <sup>1/</sup>



<sup>1/</sup> %'s reflect feature activity relative to the sample size of each region.