

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady to firm. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the Memorial Day holiday. Retail feature activity is moderate entering the weekend with most of the interest being in the Southeast Regions. Finished product supplies are adequate. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 9.0 - 20.0 13.50

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

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending no better than steady for the light demand. Offerings of light type hens are moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal to less than normal due to the Memorial Day holiday. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains 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 May. 29

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:	2.75 - 7.00	4.11
per pound:	1.05	

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue May. 29

Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:		per pound
4-5 lbs:	0.70 - 0.80	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	0.75 - 0.90	per pound

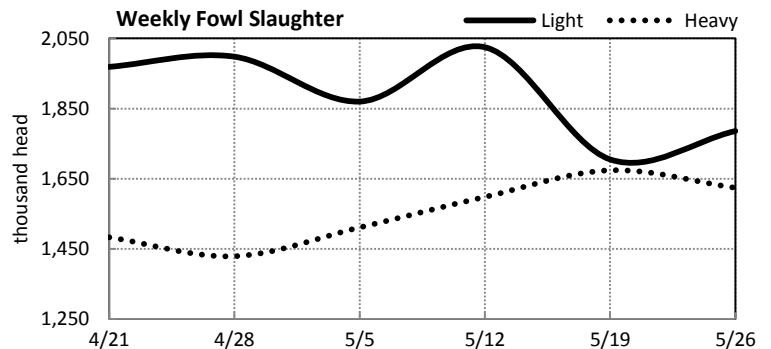
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 05-26-12

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,786	3.21	3,096	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,624	7.53	7,949	65%
Total Hens:	3,410	5.27	11,045	--

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



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 06/01 to 06/07

Region	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
			78	0.98
Northeast				
Southeast			68	0.95
Midwest				
South Central			10	1.19
Southwest				
Northwest				

^{1/} %'s reflect feature activity relative to the sample size of each region.

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region ^{1/}

