Weekly National Fowl Market (Fri)

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LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is good to very good entering the weekend with the bulk of the interest noted in the Northeast 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.	9.5 – 21.0	13.67

(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 steady for the mostly light and generally unaggressive demand. Offerings of light type hens are adequate to fully adequate for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is light 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 Jul. 31

		Price Range	**Avg.**
Heavy Fowl	each:	0.25 – 3.50	1.10
	per pound:	0.20 – 1.30	0.56

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Jul. 31

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:		per pound
	4-5 lbs:	0.35 – 0.45	per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	0.45 – 0.50	per pound

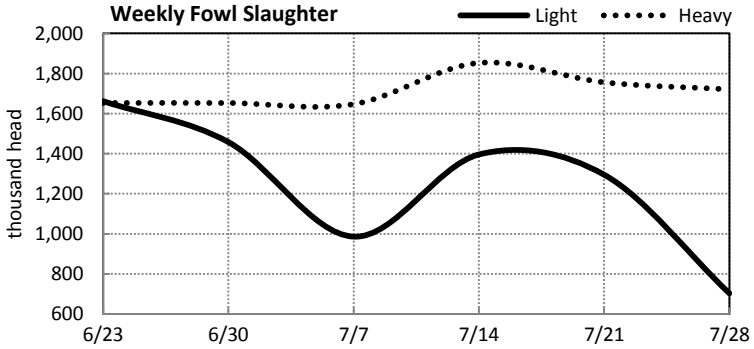
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 07-28-12

	Head	**Avg Wt**	**RTC Wt**	**Dress%**
Light Hens:	703	2.99	1,135	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,721	7.86	8,793	65%
Total Hens:	2,424	6.45	9,928	--

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



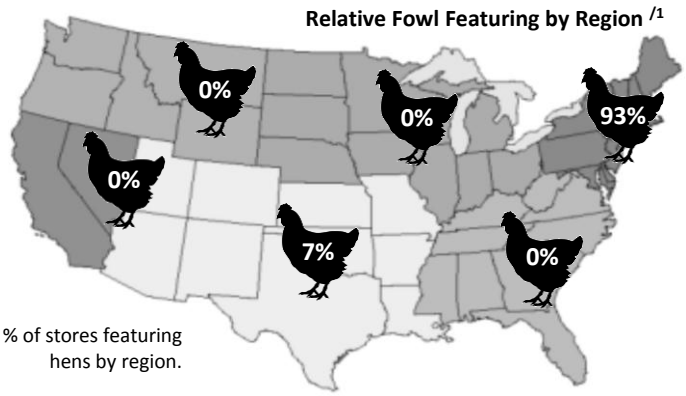
RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 08/03 to 08/09

(ad prices in $/lb)	**Light Hens**		**Heavy Hens**	
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
			148	1.47
Northeast			139	1.49
Southeast				
Midwest				
South Central			9	1.19
Southwest				
Northwest				

[1/] %'s reflect feature activity relative to the sample size of each region.

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region [1/]



% of stores featuring hens by region.

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