LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is good entering the weekend with majority of the interest being in the Northeast and Southeast regions. Finished product supplies are moving well. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound. 9.5 - 21.0 13.75

(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 steady for the light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product was moderate. 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 Oct. 09

		Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl	each:	3.00	
	per pound:	0.50 - 2.40	0.37

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Oct. 09

Red Fowl 5-6 lbs: 0.45 - 0.50 per pound

4-5 lbs: 0.35 - 0.45 per pound

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region /1

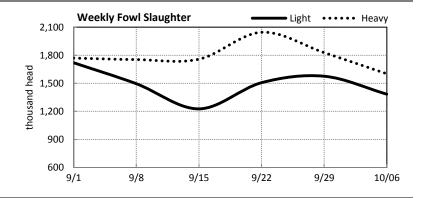
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs: 0.50 - 0.60 per pound

LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection Week ending 10-06-12

	Head Av	/g Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,384	3.34	2,496	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,602	7.37	7,674	65%
Total Hens:	2.986	5.50	10,170	

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



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 10/12 to 10/18

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(ad prices in \$/lb)	Light Hens		Heavy Hens		
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg	
	177	1.21	97	1.30	
Northeast	139	1.19	47	1.49	
Southeast	38	1.29	36	1.10	
Midwest					
South Central			14	1.20	
Southwest					
Northwest					

[%] of stores featuring hens by region.

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