

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the seasonally moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is good to very good entering the weekend and holiday period with the majority of the interest centered in the South Central, Southeast and Northeast regions. Finished product supplies are light to moderate and clearing well. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 10.0 - 21.5 13.85

(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 generally moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales were moving seasonally well. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs is 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 Dec. 18

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:	3.50 - 7.00	4.50
per pound:	0.25 - 0.70	0.52

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Dec. 18

Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	0.50 - 0.60	per pound
4-5 lbs:	0.40 - 0.45	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	0.60 - 0.75	per pound

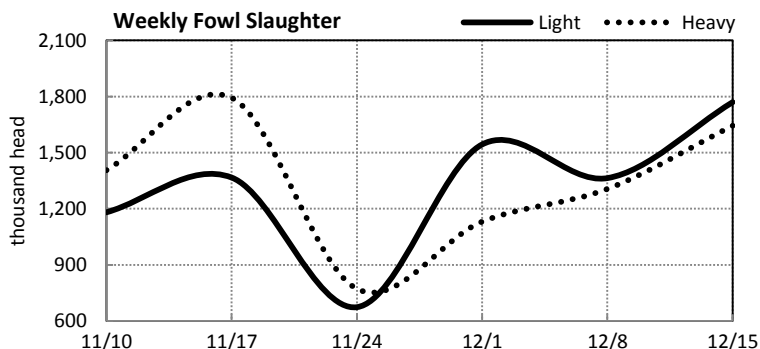
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 12-15-12

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,770	3.08	2,944	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,644	7.94	8,485	65%
Total Hens:	3,414	5.42	11,429	--

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



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 12/21 to 12/27

Region	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
			1085	1.22
Northeast			139	1.49
Southeast			392	1.09
Midwest			20	1.49
South Central			534	1.23
Southwest				
Northwest				

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

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region ^{1/}

