Weekly National Fowl Market (Fri)

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LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

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

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	**Price Range**	**Wtd Avg**
Prices in cents per pound.	10.5 – 22.0	13.98

(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)
Southeast Region = AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, AND VA.

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices are trending steady for the seasonally light to fair demand. Offerings of light type hens are light to moderate for current needs. Processing schedules were reduced slightly. Movement of finished product sales is fair. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity was light with the bulk of interest being in the Midwest.

(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 Nov. 19

		Price Range		**Avg.**
Heavy Fowl	each:	0.50	15.00	3.80
	per pound:	0.01	0.20	0.17

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Nov. 19

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:			per pound
	4-5 lbs:	0.35	– 0.40	per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	0.40	– 0.60	per pound

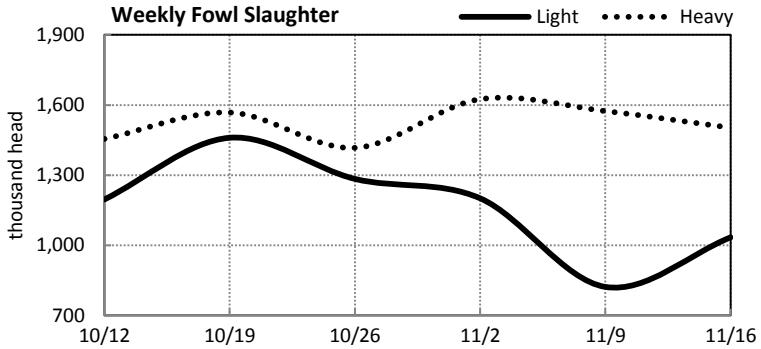
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 11-16-13

	Head	**Avg Wt**	**RTC Wt**	**Dress%**
Light Hens:	1,034	3.44	1,921	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,503	8.09	7,904	65%
Total Hens:	2,537	6.14	9,825	--

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



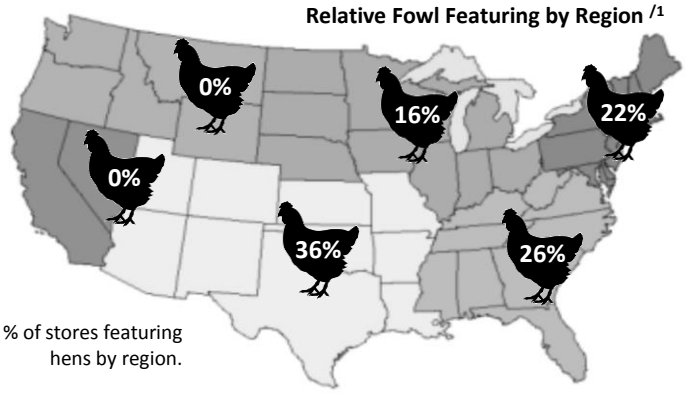
RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 11/22 to 11/28

(ad prices in $/lb)	**Light Hens**		**Heavy Hens**	
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
	70	1.92	777	1.24
Northeast			175	1.47
Southeast			288	1.13
Midwest	65	1.99	53	1.17
South Central	5	0.99	261	1.21
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.