

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

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

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 10.0 - 22.0 14.00
 (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 light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Movement of finished product sales is moderate. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs remained unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity is moderate to good with the majority interest being in the South Central Region.

(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. 17

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:		
per pound:	0.35 - 0.55	0.41

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Dec. 17

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	0.75 - 0.80	per pound
	4-5 lbs:	0.40 - 0.75	per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	0.70 - 1.00	per pound

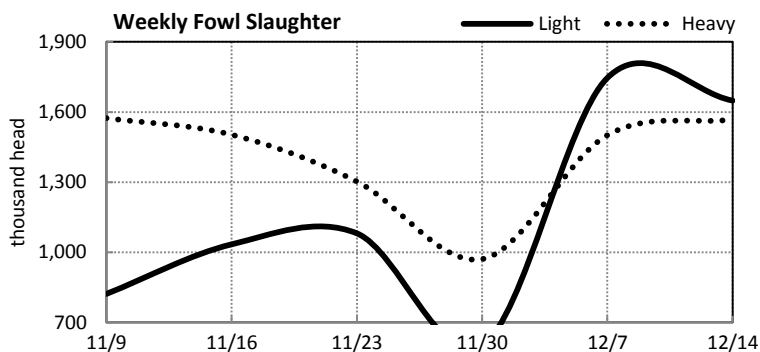
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 12-14-13

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,649	3.10	2,760	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,568	8.01	8,164	65%
Total Hens:	3,217	5.49	10,924	--

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



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 12/20 to 12/26

Region	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
	268	1.21	808	1.22
Northeast			84	1.27
Southeast	49	0.94	378	1.16
Midwest			40	1.22
South Central	219	1.27	301	1.27
Southwest			5	1.99
Northwest				

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

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region ^{1/}

