

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady at best when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Retail feature activity is moderate to mostly good. Finished product supplies are moderate to heavy. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 8.0 - 16.0 13.14

(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. Demand is seasonally light to moderate for the more than sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs continues to be 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. 20

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:	1.00	
per pound:	0.40 - 0.60	0.49

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Dec. 20

Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	0.60 - 0.65	per pound
4-5 lbs:	0.50 - 0.60	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	0.55 - 0.80	per pound

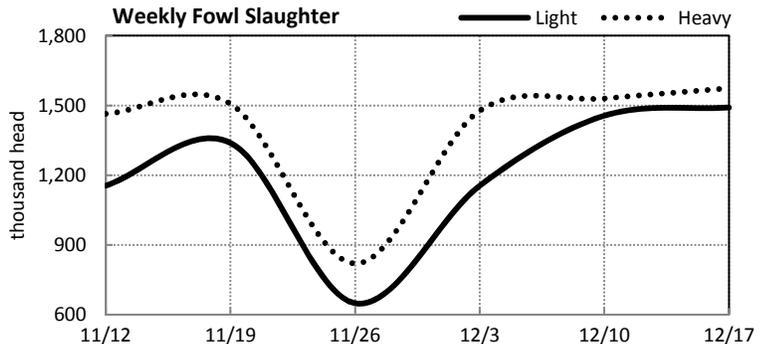
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 12-17-11

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,491	3.05	2,456	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,574	7.79	7,970	65%
Total Hens:	3,065	5.48	10,426	--

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



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 12/23 to 12/29

Region	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
	21	0.99	1182	1.22
Northeast			34	1.31
Southeast	21	0.99	665	1.21
Midwest			141	1.52
South Central			342	1.11
Southwest				
Northwest				

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

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region ^{1/}

