

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending no better than steady when compared to the previous week. Supplies are moderate to heavy for the seasonally light to moderate demand. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Christmas holiday. Retail feature activity is moderate. 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 - 15.5 13.13

(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 no better than steady. Demand is seasonally light to moderate for the moderate to heavy offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the Christmas holiday. 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. 27

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:	12.50	
per pound:	0.35 - 0.70	0.56

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Dec. 27

Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	0.60 - 0.65	per pound
4-5 lbs:	0.50 - 0.65	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	0.55 - 0.75	per pound

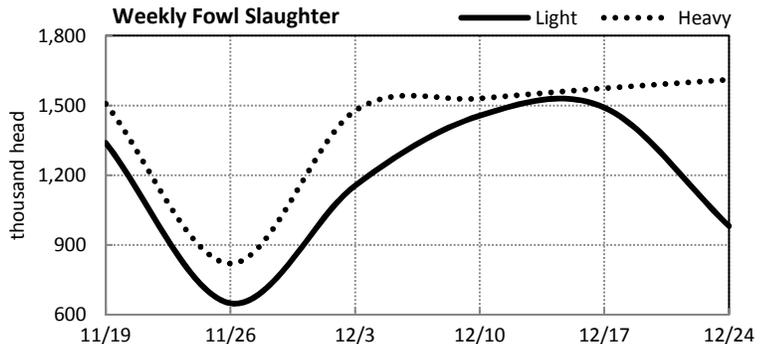
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 12-24-11

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	981	3.27	1,732	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,611	7.61	7,969	65%
Total Hens:	2,592	5.97	9,701	--

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

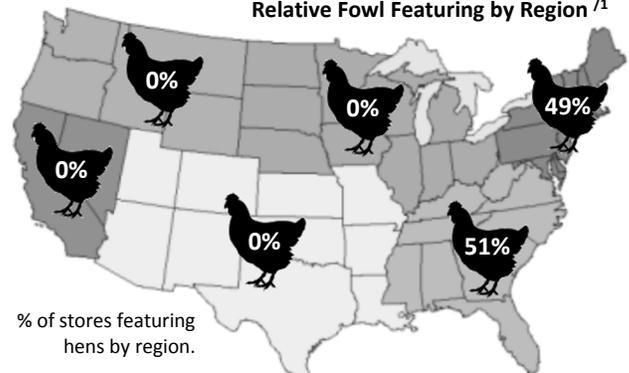


RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 12/30 to 01/05

(ad prices in \$/lb)	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
	44	1.09	66	0.98
Northeast	23	0.99	23	0.99
Southeast	21	1.19	43	0.98
Midwest				
South Central				
Southwest				
Northwest				

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region ^{1/}



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