Weekly National Fowl Market (Fri)

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LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady to instances firm when compared to the previous week. Supplies are sufficient for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are noted as normal. Retail feature activity is moderate. Finished product supplies are at least sufficient. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	**Price Range**	**Wtd Avg**
Prices in cents per pound.	8.0 – 16.0	13.19

(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 mostly moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs are 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 Jan. 31

		Price Range	**Avg.**
Heavy Fowl	each:	4.00 – 9.50	6.20
	per pound:	0.50 – 0.80	0.64

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Jan. 31

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	0.95 – 1.10	per pound
	4-5 lbs:	0.90 – 1.00	per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	0.90 – 1.15	per pound

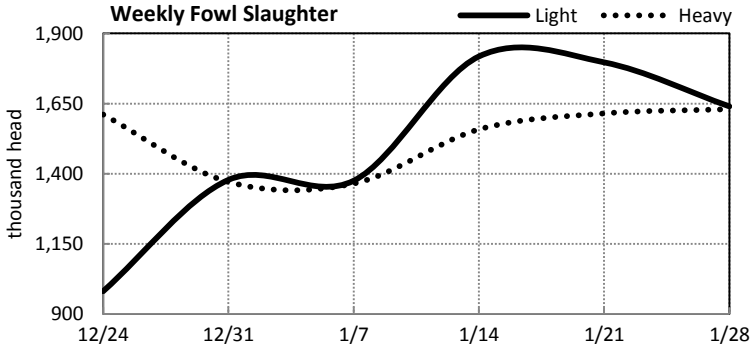
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 01-28-12

	Head	**Avg Wt**	**RTC Wt**	**Dress%**
Light Hens:	1,640	3.19	2,825	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,630	7.69	8,148	65%
Total Hens:	3,270	5.43	10,973	--

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



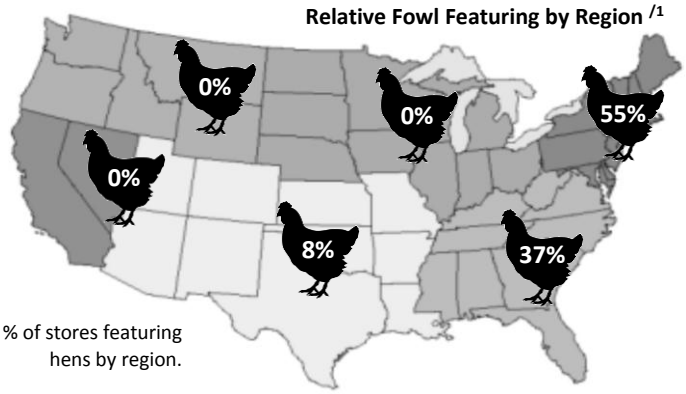
RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 02/03 to 02/09

(ad prices in $/lb)	**Light Hens**		**Heavy Hens**	
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
			287	1.44
Northeast			139	1.39
Southeast			129	1.53
Midwest				
South Central			19	1.19
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.

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