

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending mostly steady to instances firm when compared to the previous week. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is moderate with the bulk of the interest in the Midwest Regions. 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. 8.5 - 18.5 13.30

(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 generally steady for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are sufficient for current needs. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs remains 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 Mar. 20**

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:	5.75	
per pound:		

**Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Mar. 20**

Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	0.80 - 1.00	per pound
4-5 lbs:	0.70 - 0.80	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	0.90 - 1.00	per pound

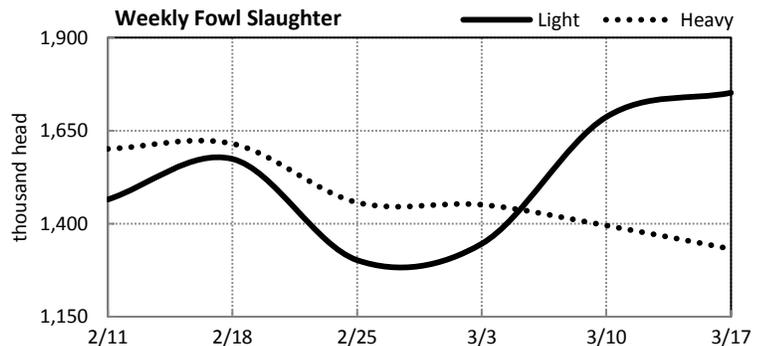
**LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER**

**Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**

Week ending 03-17-12

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,752	3.07	2,904	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,332	8.10	7,013	65%
Total Hens:	3,084	5.24	9,917	--

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



**RETAIL FOWL FEATURING**

**Supermarket featuring during the week of 03/23 to 03/29**

Region	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
	23	0.99	25	1.31
Northeast	23	0.99	5	0.98
Southeast				
Midwest			20	1.39
South Central				
Southwest				
Northwest				

<sup>1/</sup> %'s reflect feature activity relative to the sample size of each region.

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region <sup>1/</sup>

