

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady to instances firm. Supplies are adequate for the mostly moderate demand. Processing schedules are normal. Retail feature activity is moderate to good with the majority of the interest being in the Northeast and Southeast Regions. Finished product supplies are moderate. Market activity is moderate.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 8.5 - 19.5 13.44

(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 light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type hens are at least 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 Apr. 24

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:	3.75 - 6.50	5.11
per pound:		

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Apr. 24

Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	0.95 - 1.05	per pound
4-5 lbs:	0.80 - 0.90	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	1.10 - 1.60	per pound

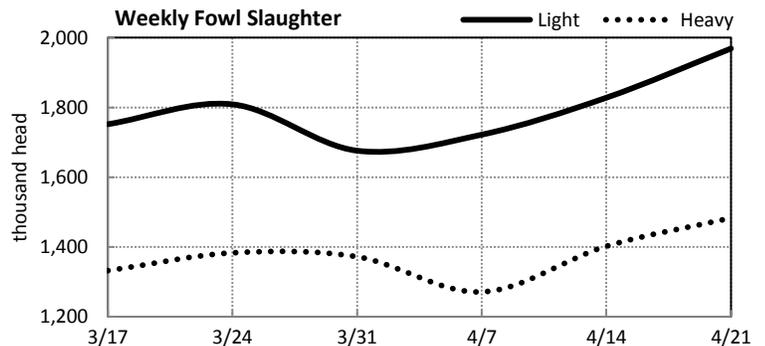
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 04-21-12

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,969	3.14	3,339	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,483	7.92	7,634	65%
Total Hens:	3,452	5.19	10,973	--

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



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 04/27 to 05/03

(ad prices in \$/lb)	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
	13	0.99	104	1.18
Northeast	5	0.98	47	1.39
Southeast	8	0.99	38	0.98
Midwest				
South Central			19	1.05
Southwest				
Northwest				

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

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region ^{1/}

