

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending at least steady. Supplies are sufficient for the seasonally moderate demand. Processing schedules are less than normal due to the Christmas holiday. Retail feature activity is light to moderate entering the weekend and holiday period with the majority of the interest centered in the South Central regions. Finished product supplies are light to moderate and moving well. Market activity is moderate.

**Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg**

Prices in cents per pound. 10.0 - 22.0 13.87

(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 light to moderate for current needs. Processing schedules are reduced due to the Christmas holiday. Movement of finished product sales were moving seasonally well. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs is 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. 25**

|                  | Price Range | Avg. |
|------------------|-------------|------|
| Heavy Fowl each: |             |      |
| per pound:       | 0.05        |      |

**Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Dec. 25**

|                         |           |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:       | per pound |
| 4-5 lbs:                | per pound |
| Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs: | per pound |

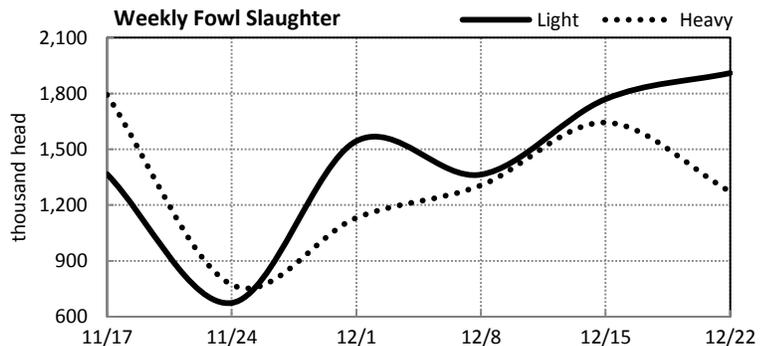
**LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER**

**Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**

Week ending 12-22-12

|             | Head  | Avg Wt | RTC Wt | Dress% |
|-------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Light Hens: | 1,910 | 3.11   | 3,208  | 54%    |
| Heavy Hens: | 1,272 | 7.86   | 6,499  | 65%    |
| Total Hens: | 3,182 | 5.01   | 9,707  | --     |

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



**RETAIL FOWL FEATURING**

**Supermarket featuring during the week of 12/28 to 01/03**

| Region        | Light Hens |         | Heavy Hens |         |
|---------------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
|               | Stores     | Wtd Avg | Stores     | Wtd Avg |
|               |            |         | 71         | 1.17    |
| Northeast     |            |         | 23         | 1.49    |
| Southeast     |            |         |            |         |
| Midwest       |            |         |            |         |
| South Central |            |         | 48         | 1.02    |
| 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>

