

**LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL**

Prices are trending steady. Supplies are sufficient for the moderate demand. Processing schedules mostly normal with some operations down due to the Easter holiday weekend. Retail feature activity is light entering the weekend with majority of interest being in the South Central region. Finished product supplies are moderate and clearing satisfactorily. Market activity is moderate.

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

Prices in cents per pound. 10.0 - 22.0 13.88

(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. Movement of finished product sales are clearing well. Market activity is moderate. The majority price for removal costs is unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity is moderate with the bulk of activity noted in the Northeast and Southeast regions.

(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. 02**

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:		
per pound:	0.60	

**Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Apr. 02**

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	0.90 - 1.20	per pound
	4-5 lbs:	0.60 - 0.70	per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	0.80 - 1.00	per pound

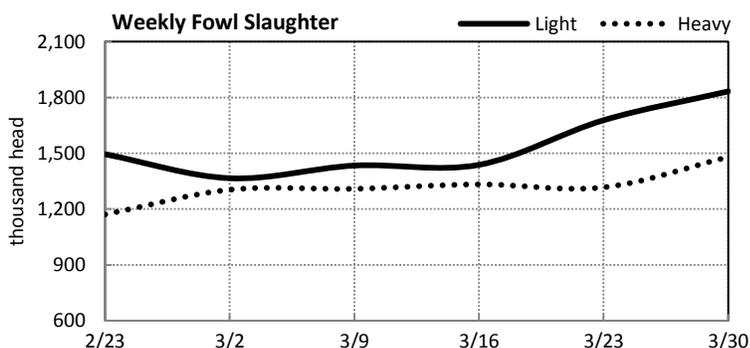
**LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER**

**Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection**

Week ending 03-30-13

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,833	3.08	3,049	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,480	7.87	7,571	65%
Total Hens:	3,313	5.22	10,620	--

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



**RETAIL FOWL FEATURING**

**Supermarket featuring during the week of 04/05 to 04/11**

Region	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
	107	1.30	25	1.07
Northeast	60	1.36		
Southeast	37	1.29		
Midwest				
South Central	10	0.99	25	1.07
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>

