

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady to firm. Demand is moderate for the at least sufficient offerings of heavy hens. Processing schedules for next week are less than normal due to the New Year's Day holiday. Sales of finished product are moderate for current needs. Market activity is moderate. Retail activity is very light.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 6.0 – 10.0 8.05
 (Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)
 Southeast Region = AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, AND VA.

LIVE SPENT LIGHT FOWL

Prices continue to trend steady. Supplies are sufficient for processors needs. Processing schedules were reduced due to Christmas holiday. Demand is seasonally light to moderate. Finished product sales are clearing. Market activity is light to moderate. The majority price for removal cost are unchanged at 0-5 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. 26

	Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl each:		
per pound:		

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Dec. 26

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	0.75	0.90	per pound
	4-5 lbs:	0.70	0.85	per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	1.50	2.00	per pound

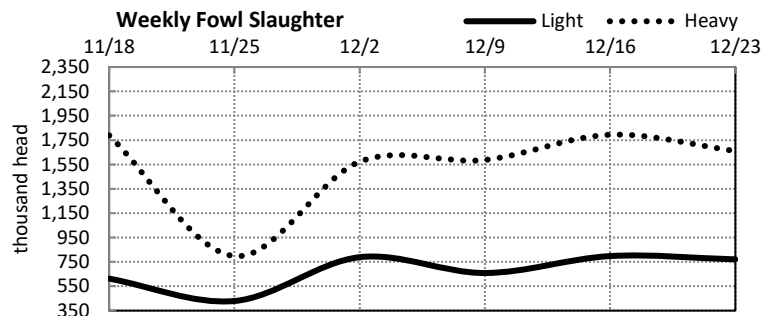
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 12-23-23

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	771	3.38	1,407	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,661	8.50	9,177	65%
Total Hens:	2,432	6.88	10,584	--

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



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

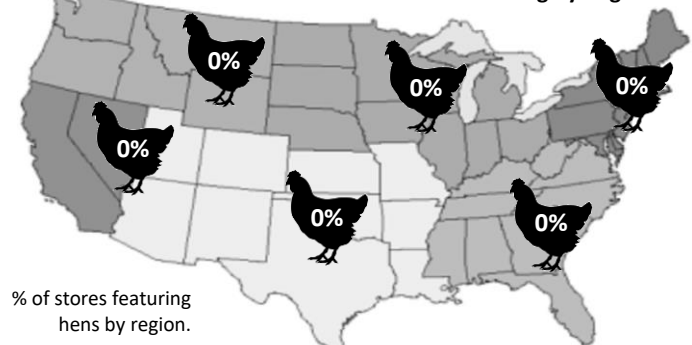
Supermarket featuring during the week of 12/29 to 01/04

Region	Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
			9	1.08
Northeast				
Southeast			3	1.13
Midwest				
South Central			6	1.06
Southwest				
Northwest				

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

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Relative Fowl Featuring by Region ^{1/}



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