

LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady to weak. Demand is light and unaggressive for the fully sufficient offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week is noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product is fair. Market activity is slow to moderate. Retail feature activity is moderate with best interest in the Northeast and Southwest regions.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading: Price Range Wtd Avg

Prices in cents per pound. 4.0 - 9.3 8.87
 (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 are trending no better than steady. Supplies are moderate for decreased processors needs. Processing schedules for next week are noted as normal to less than normal. Demand is light and unaggressive with finished product sales sufficient. Market activity is slow to moderate. The majority price for removal costs are unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity is light.

(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. 11

		Price Range	Avg.
Heavy Fowl	each:	2.00 14.00	3.42
	per pound:	0.70 0.70	0.70

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Dec. 11

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	0.45 0.50	per pound
	4-5 lbs:	0.40 0.45	per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	0.50 0.70	per pound

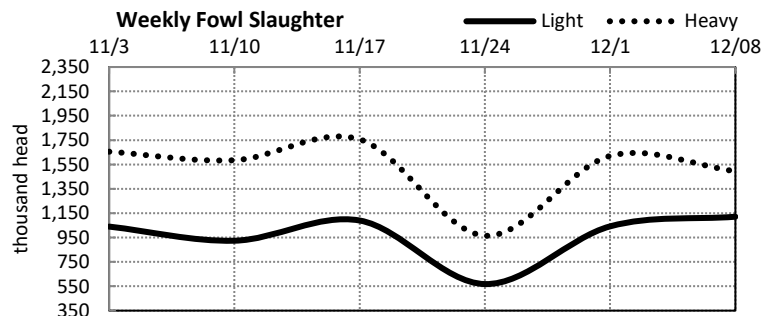
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 12-08-18

	Head	Avg Wt	RTC Wt	Dress%
Light Hens:	1,121	3.24	1,961	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,495	8.05	7,823	65%
Total Hens:	2,616	5.99	9,784	--

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



RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

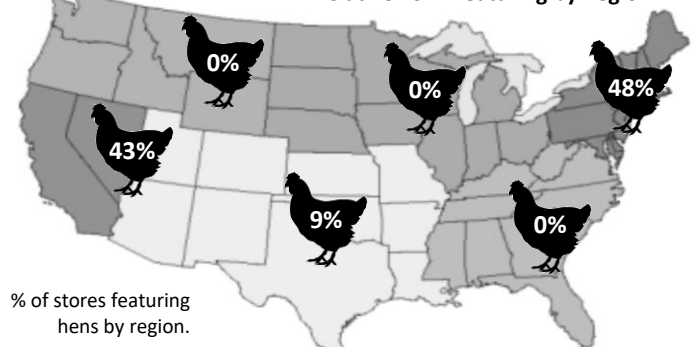
Supermarket featuring during the week of 12/14 to 12/20

(ad prices in \$/lb)		Light Hens		Heavy Hens	
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg	
	37	1.29	90	1.42	
Northeast	37	1.29	37	1.29	
Southeast			3	1.13	
Midwest					
South Central			6	1.06	
Southwest			44	1.59	
Northwest					

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

Source: USDA Livestock, Poultry, & Grain Market News;
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Relative Fowl Featuring by Region ^{1/}



% of stores featuring hens by region.

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