Weekly National Fowl Market (Fri)

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LIVE SPENT HEAVY FOWL

Prices are trending steady to weak. Demand is light to moderate for the moderate to heavy offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week are reduced due to the holiday. Sales of finished product are moderate for current needs. Market activity is slow. Retail activity is light to moderate with the majority of interest being in the Northeast regions.

Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	**Price Range**	**Wtd Avg**
Prices in cents per pound.	0.0 – 3.0	2.24

(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 steady. Demand is light to moderate for the at least sufficient offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week are reduced due to the holiday. Market activity is slow to modeate. The majority price for removal costs are unchanged at 0-7 cents per head. Feature activity is fairly active with best interest being in the Southeast and South Central 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 Dec. 15

		Price Range		**Avg.**
Heavy Fowl	each:	1.00	8.50	3.29
	per pound:			

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA - Tue Dec. 15

Red Fowl	5-6 lbs:	0.90	1.00	per pound
	4-5 lbs:	0.70	0.85	per pound
Crossbred Fowl	5-9 lbs:	1.05	1.20	per pound

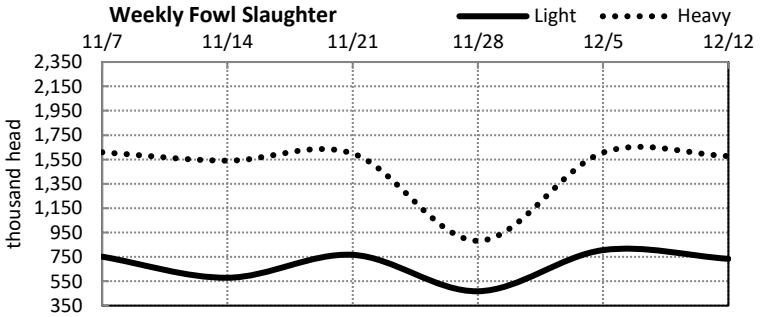
LIVE FOWL SLAUGHTER

Weekly Fowl Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 12-12-20

	Head	**Avg Wt**	**RTC Wt**	**Dress%**
Light Hens:	734	3.17	1,256	54%
Heavy Hens:	1,578	8.14	8,349	65%
Total Hens:	2,312	6.56	9,605	--

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



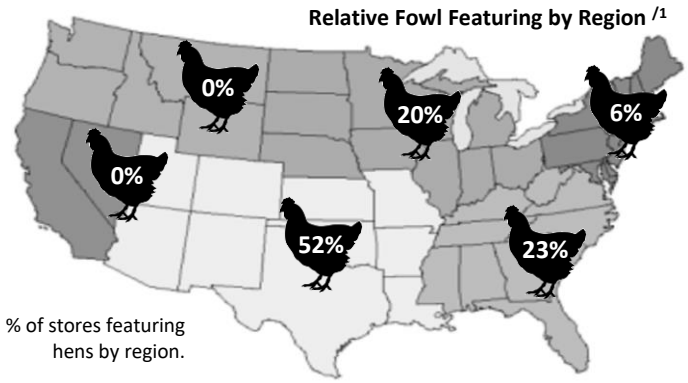
RETAIL FOWL FEATURING

Supermarket featuring during the week of 12/18 to 12/24

(ad prices in $/lb)	**Light Hens**		**Heavy Hens**	
Region	Stores	Wtd Avg	Stores	Wtd Avg
	780	1.01	95	1.32
Northeast			65	1.39
Southeast	259	1.00	3	1.13
Midwest	188	1.09	21	1.19
South Central	333	0.96	6	1.06
Southwest				
Northwest				

[1/] %'s reflect feature activity relative to the sample size of each region.

Relative Fowl Featuring by Region [1]



% of stores featuring hens by region.

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