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Live Light Type Fowl

Cents Per Bird Generally For Removal Within Next 10 Days

(Includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	Removal Cost	
	Range	Majority
Eastern Region	0 - 12	10 - 11
South Central Region	TFEWR	TFEWR
North Central Region	6 - 12.5	10 - 12.25

Live Heavy Type Hens (7 Lb & Up)

Preliminary Negotiated Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter
 The Week Of December 22, 2003

At Farm Buyer Loading

Southeast Region	Too Few Sales To Report Prices
South Central Region	Too Few Sales To Report Prices

National Canner Fowl Market (Without Necks)
 Cents Per Pound Delivered To First Receivers

	(Freight Cost Included)		(Without Freight Cost)	
	Range	Majority	Range	Majority
Light Type	23.00-27.00	26 .00	21.00-25.50	23.50-24.50
Heavy Type	31.50-38.00	35.50-37.50	29.00-36.00	34.00-35.00

Miscellaneous Poultry

Ready-To-Cook Prices Negotiated For Delivery To First Receivers,
 U.S. Grade A And Plant Grade, 5 Lbs. And Up
 For Week Of December 15, 2003

	Hens	Range	Mostly
Central	Ice Packed (12 Head Per Box)	58-65	-
	Vacuum Pack (6-9 Head Per Box)	66-76	
S. California	Under 5 Lbs.	TFEWR	-
	Over 5 Lbs.	60-63	-