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**Live Heavy Type Hens (7 Lbs & Up)
Final Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter
The Week of March 17, 2003**

	Range	Majority	Weighted Average
Southeast Region	7.50-9.50	8.00-8.50	8.20
South Central Region	7.00-11.00	8.00-8.75	8.61

Live Light Type Hens

*** Cents Per Bird Generally For Removal Within Next 10 Days*
(Includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)**

	Range	Majority
Eastern Region	0-8	4-6
South Central Region	TFEWR	TFEWR
North Central Region	0-8	6-8

**Live Heavy Type Hens (7 Lb & Up)
Preliminary Negotiated Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter
The Week Of March 17, 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	22.00-26.50	24.50-25.00	20.00-25.00	22.00-23.00
Heavy Type	30.00-37.00	33.00-34.00	29.00-35.00	31.00-32.00

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 March 10, 2003**

	Hens	Range	Mostly
Central	Ice Packed (12 Head Per Box)	58-64	-
	Vacuum Pack (6-9 Head Per Box)	60-79	
S. California	Under 5 Lbs.	TFEWR	-
	Over 5 Lbs.	65-66	