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Live Heavy Type Hens (7 Lbs & Up)
 Final Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter
 The Week Of May 26, 2003

	Range	Majority	Weighted Average
Southeast Region	5.00- 9.50	7.00-8.50	7.91
South Central Region	5.25-11.25	7.75-8.25	8.08

Live Light Type Hens - Friday May 23, 2003

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

	Removal Cost	
	Range	Majority
Eastern Region	0-10	7-8
South Central Region	TFEWR	TFEWR
North Central Region	0-8.75	8-9

Live Heavy Type Hens (7 Lb & Up)
 Preliminary Negotiated Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter
 The Week Of May 26, 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

	(Freight Cost Included)		(Without Freight Cost)	
	Range	Majority	Range	Majority
Light Type	22.00-26.50	25.00-25.50	21.00-25.00	23.00-23.50
Heavy Type	30.00-37.00	33.50-34.50	28.00-35.00	32.00-33.00

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 May 19, 2002

	Hens	Range	Mostly
Central	Ice Packed (12 Head Per Box)	58-64	-
	Vacuum Pack (6-9 Head Per Box)	62-79	-
S. California	Under 5 Lbs.	TFEWR	-
	Over 5 Lbs.	63	-