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**Live Heavy Type Hens (7 Lbs & Up)
Final Price, Cents Per Lb., Generally For Slaughter
The Week Of December 22, 2003**

	Range	Majority	Weighted Average
Southeast Region	6.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	8.47
South Central Region	6.75-11.75	8.25-9.00	8.94

Live Light Type Hen

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
(Line Run)				
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**

		Range	Mostly
Central	Hens		
	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.

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