

Mostly Steady Trade in Steers; Hog Top at \$13.50

WEDNESDAY TO WEDNESDAY REVIEW

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CATTLE Three days 3236, week ago 3904. Compared with last Wednesday. Slaughter steers average choice and prime mostly steady, commercial to average choice steady to 50c lower. Heifers scarce, mostly steady, cows and bulls fully steady. Stockers and feeders slow, mostly steady. Bulk of the supply was stocker and feeder steers, around 30 per cent slaughter steers and heifers and around 12 per cent cows. Bulk choice fed steers 1000-1250 lbs \$20.00-22.00 including part load 1495-lb prime steers at latter price. One load 1420-lb prime steers \$22.60; part load 1091-lb prime \$23.65. Numerous loads good 950-1380-lb steer \$18-19.50 commercial \$15.00-17.50. A few small lots commercial and good heifers \$14.50-17.00. Utility and commercial cows \$11.00-12.75; canners and cutters \$8.25-11.75. Utility and commercial bulls

SMITH AT CONFERENCE

Lancaster County Extension Agent M. M. Smith and three from his office attended the Pennsylvania conference of extension workers in Harrisburg this week. The annual meeting opened Monday and closed yesterday. Also at Harrisburg were Harry S. Sloat, associate county agent; Victor Plastow, assistant county agent, and Miss Ruth S. Kimble, home economist.

\$14.50-17.50; cutters \$13.50-14.25. Numerous loads medium and good 600-900-lb stocker and feeder steers \$15.50-18.00, load choice 800-lb feeder steers \$19.25; a few lots 418-460 lb stock steers calves and light yearlings mostly choice, \$19.50-20.50. About three loads 390-420 lb good to mostly choice stock steer calves earned \$22.25.

CALVES 757, week ago 1093. Compared with last Wednesday. Veal calves mostly fully steady, some choice and prime \$1.00 higher. Bulk good and choice \$23.50-27.00, high choice and prime \$28.00-33.00, odd head \$34.00 and \$35.00; utility and commercial \$14.00-22.00.

HOGS 1612, week ago 1202. Compared with last Wednesday. Both butchers and sows mostly steady. Wednesday's sales barrows and gilts U. S. mixed 1-3, 180-240 lbs \$12.50-13.00 with a few small lots mostly 1 and 2, 180-220 lbs \$13.25-13.50. Weights 240-270 lbs \$12.00-12.50. Sows 400 lbs and lighter \$11.00-11.50, weights over 400 lbs \$10.00-10.75.

SHEEP 226, week ago 436. Compared with last Wednesday. Woolled slaughter lambs mostly steady, quality rather plain. Bulk good and choice \$18.00-20.50, one lot 87-lb choice and prime \$21.00. Utility and low good \$14.00-17.50.

Israel has formally asked the United States to sell her arms "under the most lenient conditions."

Price Average For Broilers Dec. 8th 1928

Lancaster Poultry Exchange (Rohrerstown) (Sale Report, Sale 106, Thursday, Dec. 8, 1955) — Prices on the Thursday auction of poultry here ranged from 17 1/4 to 19 1/4 on 40 lots of broilers to average 19.28.

Fifty-one lots of 124,900 birds were offered; 43 lots totaling 106,725 were sold; eight lots of 18,175 were not sold Thursday. One lot of 375 capons brought 36 1/2, one lot of 1,000 capettes 22, and one lot of DeKalb 101 fowl 15.

Year Ago Mostly 19

A year ago on the corresponding day, Thursday, Dec. 9, 1954, 25 lots of 77,700 birds were sold from 18 to 19 1/4, mostly 19.

Sales Thursday by consignors, number, breed, buyer and price included.

Eli Breneman 375 New Hampshire Cap to Roy E. Ream 36 1/2; J. Carl Brubaker 1,000 White Cross Cap to Bolton's 22; Miller & Bushong (Raymond Lockard) 800 Meat Packers to Producers Coop. Exe. 18 1/2; Miller & Bushong (Mrs. Grace Fisher) 2800 White Rocks to Grimes & Hauer 19 1/4; Miller & Bushong (Lester Shirk) 6000 Meat Packers and Cornish Cross to Victor F. Weaver Inc. 19 1/4; Miller & Bushong (Mrs. R. Blasing) 2800 Red Vantress to Grimes & Hauer 19 1/4;

Fruitville Farms (Abram Shenk) 5700 White Vantress to Harry H. Weaver, Jr. 19 1/4 and 5000 Red Vantress to Grimes and Hauer at 19 1/4; I. Jacob Breneman 475 White Vantress to Daniel K. Good 18 1/4; Roy H. Fahnestock 2200 White Vantress and 2200 White Mountains to Grimes & Hauer at 19 1/4; John J. Hess II (Phares Fisher) 800 White Cross to Producers 18 1/4; Jack H. Michael three lots Indian River Cross totaling 10,000 birds, withdrawn on lots of 19, 19 and 19 1/4; Wm. C. Schultz 7400 Red and White Vantress to Grimes & Hauer 19 1/4;

Frank M. Herr DeKalb 101 fowl to Victor J. Koser 15; Heben Thomas 750 Indian River Cross to Producers 19; Truus Hoover 475 White Vantress to Producers Coop. 18 1/2; John J. Hess II (Warren High) 2200 Silver Cross cockerels to Daniel K. Good at 17 1/4; John J. Hess II (Frank Bradley) 1500 White Vantress to Producers 19 1/2; Wenger's (Jo Dentz) 1500 White Cross, no sale, 18 1/2 bid; Miller & Bushong (Richard Wile) 750 Indian River Cross, no sale, 18 1/2 bid; Dr. C. L. Wetsch (Ezra Cochran) 4000 Barred Cross cockerels to Producers 17 1/4;

Mr. Clair Gochenauer 3500 Red Vantress to Meaders Poultry 19 1/2; 3500 White Vantress and 2700 White Vantress to Mandata Poultry 19 1/2; Elmer D. Leaman 4000 Red Vantress to H. Wea-

ver, Jr. at 18 1/2 and 4000 Red Vantress, same buyer, 19 1/4; Wm. J. Patterson 3200 Red Vantress to Grimes & Hauer 19 1/4; Miller & Bushong (A. Huber Harnish) 3200 Indian River Cross to Grimes & Hauer 19 1/4, also 4400 White Mountains to Harry H. Weaver, Jr. 19 1/4, 2200 Barred Cross to Carl B. Risser 19 1/4, 5000 White Vantress to Victor F. Weaver Jr. 19 1/4 and 2300 Red Vantress to Grimes & Hauer 19 1/4;

Russell R. Daugherty 675 White Rock Cornish Cross no sale, 17 1/4 bid; Miller & Bushong (Richard Grossman) 1350 White Cross to Roy E. Ream 19 1/4; Miller & Bushong (Clair Bomberger) 2000 Meat Packers to Victor F. Weaver, Inc. 18 1/4; Miller & Bushong (Wilmer Kreider) 1500 Red and White Vantress to Victor F. Weaver, Inc. 19 1/4; Robert Neff 600 Off Color Whites to Producers 17 1/4; Andrew H. Miller, three lots each of 2,000 White Vantress to Grimes and Hauer at 19 1/4; Isaac B. Hoover, 2800 Red Vantress to Harry H. Weaver, Jr. 19 1/4; Lloyd H. Kreider 1100 White Vantress to Victor F. Weaver, Inc. 19 1/4; Lloyd H. Kreider 1100 Red Vantress to Victor F. Weaver, Inc. 19 1/4; Miller & Bushong 5000 Barred Cross no sale on 15 1/4 bid; Frank Kindler 1500 White Cross to Roy E. Ream 18 1/4; Ira G. Stolz 250 Sex Link Cockerels no sale, 18 1/2 bid; C. Roy Bixler 2000 Red Vantress to Walter C. Mellinger 19 1/4; James Mohan 2000 White Cross to Allen Clark Inc. 19 1/4.

Tuesday Poultry Averages Above 1954, Hit 19.45

Lancaster Poultry Exchange (Rohrerstown) (Sale Report, Sale 107, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1955) — Prices advanced Tuesday in the auction of poultry here, moving up from Thursday's average of 19.28 to 19.45 on much smaller receipts.

There were nine lots of 17,230 birds offered. Seven lots totaling 15,700 were sold with six lots of broilers, 15,550 birds, sold in a range of 19 to 19 1/4, averaging 19.45. One lot of 150 turkey hens sold at 42 1/2. For the corresponding sale a year ago, on Dec. 14, 1954, 11 lots of 24,450 birds including 1100 turkeys were offered, four lots totaling 15,000 were sold at 18 1/4 to 19, mostly 18 1/4.

Tuesday's sales by seller and grower, amount and breed, buyer and price included: Clayton N. Thomas 800 Meat Packers to Producers Coop. at 19; Glenn H. Herr (James R. Barley) 4000 Indian River Pullets to Producers 19 1/2; Horace Setz, 800 Leghorn fowl, no sale, 15 1/4 bid; Jack H. Michael to Grimes and Hauer, three lots of Indian River Cross, 2,000, 4,000 and 4,000 in each at 19 1/4; Miller and Bushong (Richard B. Wile), 750 Indian River Cross to Producers at 19; Glenn H. Herr, 500 Indian River pullets, no sale, 29 bids, David L. Neff, 150 Broad Breasted Bronze turkey hens, to Bay W. Gible, 42 1/2, and 230 Broad Breasted Bronze toms, bid 28, no sale.

TURKEYS

Philadelphia Dec. 14—Turkeys. (Frozen Ready-to-Cook) Steady. Demand fair for hens and good for toms. Trading was active with liberal supplies arriving from distant points.

Wholesale selling prices: Fryer Roasters 4-10# 48-50 young hens 8-10# 51 1/2-52, 10-14# 51 1/2-52, 14-16# 51 1/2-52; young toms 14-20# 45 1/2-48 20-22# 45-45 1/2, 22-24# 45-45 1/2, 24-28# 46-48 1/2, 28# & up 50-51. Dressed-ice packed steady to firm. Prices up one cent on hens and most sizes of toms. Supplies were light and demand was very good. Fryer-roasters 6-10# 37 1/2-38, young hens 10-16# 45-46 cents, young toms 06-20# 36-37 cents, 20-24# 37-38 cents, 24-26# 37-38 cents, 26# & up 37-38 cents.

Ready-to-cook: young chickens unsettled.

Prices paid for ice packed poultry delivered Philadelphia (cents per lb) Grade A & U.S. grade A 2-3# 32-34, mostly 32-33.

PROCESSED POULTRY

Philadelphia Dec. 14—Processed poultry (ice packed) young chickens barely adequate on roasters and more than ample on fryers or broilers.

Hens: Barely steady. Demand fair. Supplies were fully adequate on heavy type and more than ample on light type. Receipts Dec. 13 included other than turkeys Md 52,270# Del 96,000# VA 7,000#

Wholesale selling prices: (grade A Qual, including sizable lots to butchers)

Cents per pound: (Broilers or fryers 1 1/4# 27-30, 2 1/4# 25-27, 2 1/2# 24-26 3# 23 1/2-26.

Roasters, 3 1/2# 24-26, 4# 24-26, 4 1/2# 26-28 1/2, & up 30-34.

Hens, 6 1/2-7#, heavy type 24-26, 4 1/2-6#, heavy type 25-27 4# & over, light type 22-23, under 4#, light type 18-20.

Ducklings 3033

EGGS

Philadelphia Dec. 14—Market steady. Demand good. Lighter supplies of all grades were no more than adequate for current requirements.

Wholesale selling prices: Min. 10 PCT AA qual large 45-50# white 54 1/2-55 1/2, brown 53 1/2-54, medium white 50-51, brown 50-51 Extra, min. 60 PCT A qual. Large 45-58# white 52-53 1/2 brown none, mixed 52-53, medium white 49-50, brown none, mixed 48-48 1/2, standards 49-50, current receipts none, checks 30-35.

Receipts Dec. 13 - 4,745 cases all by truck

TURKEYS

PHILADELPHIA DEC. 14.—Turkey market report (cents per lb for grade A & U.S. grade A) Dressed-ice packed Steady to firm. Prices advanced 1c on hens (and on most sizes of toms) Supplies were light and demands was very good. Fryers-Roasters 6-10# 37 1/2-38, young hens 10-14# 45-46, 45-46

Young toms 16-20# 35-37, 20-22# 37-38, 22-24# 37-38, 24-26# 37-38, 26 & up 37-38.

Frozen (and fresh) ready-to-cook steady. Demand fair for hens and good for toms. Trading was active with liberal supplies arriving from distant points.

Fryer-Roaster 4-8# 50-51, 8-10# 48-49, 10-14# 47 1/2-49 1/4, Y. hens 8-10# 51 1/2-52, 10-14# 51 1/2-52, 14-16# 51 1/2-52 Y. toms 14-16# 46 1/2-48, 16-28# 46-46 1/2, 18-20# 45 1/2-46, 20-22# 45-45 1/2, 24-46 1/2, 26-28# 48-48 1/2, 28# & up 50-51.

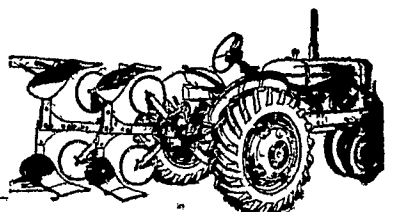
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