

Hogs 50 Cents Lower; \$17.50 Top Sparingly; Steers Move Lower

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Lancaster June 28—(Wednesday to Wednesday Review)—**CATTLE** 3979, week ago 4909 Compared with last Wednesday slaughter steers steady to 50c lower, heifers steady to weak Cows 25-50c lower Bulls fully steady Stockers and feeder very slow since farmers in local area extremely busy with farming

operations The week's supply comprised of around 40 percent stock steers mostly 400-750 lbs and about 10 percent cows Heifers in very small supply, balance mainly good and low prime slaughter steers Bulk choice fed steers this week 1000-1300 lbs \$20.00-21.25, high choice and mixed choice and prime sold freely from \$21.50-22.00 several loads to near 1400 lb prime steers \$22.50 Good grade steers mostly \$18.75-19.75 some standard including 900-1150 lb Holstein steers \$17.50-18.50. Good and choice 680 to 870 lb fed heifers \$17.50-19.50 Utility and commercial cows \$12.00-13.50, a few standard grade to \$14.50, canners and cutters \$9.25-13.00- Utility and commercial bulls \$16.00-18.00 a few good fed bulls up to \$19.50 Several loads and lots medium and good 400-750 lb stock steer yearlings and calves \$17.50-19.50, a few Monday to \$20.00 Common stockers \$13.50-16.00 some 600 lb Holstein steers down to \$12.75 A few lots medium and good 900-1050 lb partly fattened feeding steers \$17.75-19.00

CALVES 844 week ago 853, Veal calves slow, all weak, around \$1.00 lower than last Wednesday Bulk good and choice 130-210 lbs \$19.00-22.00; high choice and prime \$22.50-25.00, utility and commercial \$14.00-18

Heads USDA Office



Kenneth F. Grizzell

Coming to Lancaster from Montgomery, Ala this week is Kenneth F. Grizzell, new district supervisor of the Lancaster District office, Packers and Stockyards branch of the agricultural marketing service of the USDA. He succeeds Frank G. Fitzroy, named in February as president of the Baltimore Union Stock Yards

00 culls down to \$10.00 or below **HOGS** 1434 week ago 1649 Compared with last Wednesday barrows and gilts weak to 50c lower, sows 25-50c off In Wednesday's trade bulk barrows and gilts U S mixed 1-3, 180-240 lbs \$17.00-17.50 about 50 head mostly No 1 and 2 at \$18.00 Weights 160-180 and 240-270 lbs largely \$16.00-17.00 Sows all weights \$11.00-12.50

SHEEP 607, week ago 707 Supply mainly native spring lambs Quality of the offering rather plain Prices about steady with last Wednesday Bulk good and choice 65-85 lb native spring lambs \$18.00-22.00, a few choice and prime to \$24.00, utility grades down to \$16.00 Aged sheep too scarce for an adequate market test

PORK PRODUCTION OFF

Pork production, in a seasonal decline, is falling at a faster rate than it did at the same time in 1955, slaughter data from leading packer centers show, according to the Corn Belt Farm Dishes In the past six weeks inspected packers at major centers butchered a total of 5,442,874 hogs, a cut of 929,714 head or 14.6 per cent from the 6,372,588 slaughtered the preceding week

Broiler Prices Gain 1.75 Cents on Thursday; Receipts Somewhat Low

Lancaster Poultry Exchange (Rohrerstown, Pa.) (Sales Report, Sale 157, Thursday, June 21, 1956) — Prices advanced rapidly Thursday on the sale of 20 lots totaling 38,375 broilers that averaged 22.16, a full cent and three-quarters above the preceding Tuesday. Prices ranged from 21 1/4 to 22 1/4. One lot of heavy fowl, 300 head, sold at 19 1/4, two lots totaling 2400 Leghorn fowls sold at 17 1/2 and 17 1/4 cents and 500 capettes in one lot sold for 24 cents. There were 24 lots, 39,975 birds listed and 25 lots, 42,975 offered, with 24 lots, 41,575 sold.

In the two sales during the week ending June 23, 1956, a total of 35 lots, 78,255 birds were offered, 34 lots totaling 76,855 sold, with a range of 20 1/2 to 22 1/4 cents on broilers,

averaging 21.33 For the corresponding week a year ago, the two sales to June 25, 1955 had 53 lots, 137,790 birds offered, 46 lots totaling 122,490 sold, with broilers bringing 26 1/2 to 29 cents, averaging 27.75

Thursday Sales

Here are Thursday sales listed by lot number (each preceded by 21-), seller with grower indicated in parentheses, amount and breed, age by weeks and days, buyer and price

1, Bolton's Hatchery, 1000 New Hamp fowl yearlings, no sale, 19 1/4 bid, 2, Bolton's Hatchery, (Edwin Møgel), 2000 Leghorn fowl yearlings, to Carl B. Risser, 17 1/4, 3, John V. Erb, 4000 Indian Rivers, 9-2, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc., 22 1/4; 4, Robert H. Barr, 1300 Red Vantress, 10 wks, to Roy E. Ream, 22 1/4, 4, Robert H. Barr, 1200 Red Vantress, 10 wks, to Roy E. Ream, 22 1/4,

6, Benjamin F. Lapp, Jr., 500 White Rock capettes, 12-2, to Walter C. Mellinger, 24, 7, C. Richard Landis, 300 New Hampshire fowl yearlings, to Leola Poultry, 19 1/4, 8, S. M. Fisher, 4000 Indian Rivers, 10-3, to Meader's Poultry, 22 1/4, 8A, S. M. Fisher, 2500 Indian Rivers, 10 wks, to Pennsylvania Hatcher Farms, 22; 9, Caleb K. Hershey, 400 White Vantress, 10-2, to John N. Thomas, 22 1/4; 10, Harvey M. Zimmerman, 4500 Red Vantress, 10-6, to College Hill Poultry, 22 1/4;

11, Titus H. Hoover, 400 White Vantress, 9-2, to Walter C. Mellinger, 21 1/4, 12, Ira B. Landis, 1700 New Hampshire cockrels, 9-4, to Roy E. Ream, 21 1/4; 13, Miller & Bushong (Roy Harnish), 6200 Indian Rivers, 10 wks, to Harry H. Weaver, Jr., 22 1/4, 14, Miller & Bushong (Roy Harnish), 3500 White Vantress, 10 wks, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc., 22; 15, O. Kenneth McCracken, (Raymond H. Miller), 2300 White Vantress cockerels, 8-6, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc., 22;

16, O. Kenneth McCracken (Charles Keagy), 1400 White Mountains, 8-6, to Meaders Poultry, 22 1/4, 17, Willis Good, 400 Leghorn fowl yearlings, to Carl B. Risser, 17 1/4, 18, Millport Roller Mills (Jacob A. Stahl), 1100 White Cornish Cross, 10 wks, to Meader's Poultry, 21 1/4, 19, Lester S. Wenger, 375 White Vantress, 10-2, to Amiel K. Good, 22 1/4; 20, J. W. Eshelman & Sons, (Research Center), 850 White Mountains, 9-2, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc., 21 1/4,

20, Leroy Horst, 400 White Rock Cornish cockerel capettes, 12-2, no sale, 23 1/2 bid; 22, Levi Rohrer, 450 Meatpackers, 11-5, to Walter B. Lehman, 22 1/4; 23, Edgar M. Martin, 400 White Arbors, 12 wks, to Roy E. Ream, 22; 24, Isaac B. Hoover, 1300 Indian Rivers, 10-6, to Walter B. Lehman, 22 1/4; 25, Harvey M. Zimmerman, 3000 Red and White cockerels, 10-6, to H. W. Longacre, 22 1/4.

Egg Production In May Drops; Heat Is Cause

HARRISBURG — Production of eggs on Pennsylvania farms was down for the month of May compared with the same month last year and poultry farmers began to feel a tightening of the cost-price squeeze, according to Federal-State reports announced today by the State Department of Agriculture

Rising costs of poultry feeds were accompanied by lower prices received by farmers for eggs on all poultry except turkeys, the survey showed. The net result, observers said, was a tightening of the margin between profit and loss in the entire poultry industry

Down 4% In Year

May's output of eggs from Pennsylvania farms totaled 307 million or 4 per cent below the same month last year, the Department said. The May total was one million below production for April

Both the number of layers and the rate of lay per bird fell short of the May 1955 level. Layers, at 16,578,000 declined seasonally from the April estimate of 17,116,000 and dropped 2 per cent below a year ago.

With May temperatures averaging four degrees below normal, the average number of eggs per layer dropped to 18.54 eggs or 2 per cent under May 1955

As of May 15 Pennsylvania farmers were averaging a return of 42 cents a dozen, down three cents from April, but averaged four cents higher than a year earlier.

Average 23 Cents a Pound

Farm chickens averaged 23 cents per pound liveweight or one-half cent below the month previous and 15 cents below a year earlier. Liveweight broiler prices at 21.5 cents averaged one-half cent less for the month and 3 cents for the year.

The liveweight turkey price climbed from 38.0 cents for April 15 this year and May 15, 1955 to 39.0 cents. This is the highest mid-month average price since February 1954. Sharply higher feed costs lowered the turkey-feed ratio despite the increase in turkey prices

Farmers Stocking Meat-Type Chicks

HARRISBURG — In preparation for the coming picnic and outdoor chicken barbecue season, Pennsylvania farmers are stocking up on meat type chicks which they will grow into broilers and fryers in 10 to 12 weeks.

Hatchery placements of broiler chicks reached an all-time weekly record during the week ended June 2, the State Department of Agriculture announced following a special survey. Placements totaled 984,000, up 154,000 from a week before and compares with 687,000 placed on farms during the same week last year.

Total hatch for the week came to 1,159,000. Non-broiler chicks totaled 313,000.

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