

Broiler Prices Drop Under 20 Cents At Poultry Exchange Auction Friday

LANCASTER, March 20 — The broiler market recovered a little at the Wednesday auction with a 20.16 cent average as opposed to Friday's average of 19.60 cents. The price range for the 41,650 broilers sold was from 19 to 21 cents.

A lot of eight month old Leghorn fowl sold for 17 1/4 cents and a lot of yearling Leghorns brought 13 1/4 cents.

There are 42,269 birds listed for the Friday, March 22 auction.

LANCASTER — The broiler market took a nosedive last week

with an average of only 19.6 cents being paid at Friday's auction. At the corresponding sales a year ago, the average was 22.83 cents with 114,000 broilers being sold. The 1955 average was 32.2 cents for 68,385 birds.

Eighteen lots of broilers, 74,380 birds, were sold Friday. Prices ranged from 19 to 20 1/4 cents. In addition, two lots of capettes, 2,400 birds, were sold for 28 1/4 cents and 28 3/4 cents.

Here are the sales listed by lot number (each preceded by 15-); seller with grower shown in parentheses; amount and breed;

Wednesday Chicago Grain Markets

May futures:
Wheat—\$2.23 1/4, up 1 cent.
Corn—\$1.32 1/4, up 1/4 cents.
Oats—\$.70 1/4, up 1/2 cent.
Soybeans—\$2.41 3/4, up 1/4 cents.

age by weeks and days; buyer and price.

1. Luther Lytle, 15,100 White Vantress, 8-3, Mandata Poultry, 19 cents. 2. Walter B. Groff, 2,400 White Vantress, 8-3, Mandata Poultry, 20 cents. 3. Miller & Bushong (Richard Blessing), 3,000 White Vantress, 9-3, College Hill Poultry, 20 cents. 4. Miller & Bushong (Elam B. Riehl), 1,500 White Vantress Capettes, 12-4, Marvin Sweigart, 28 3/4 cents. 5. Miller & Bushong (Frank Weidman), 900 White Vantress Capettes, 12-4, Carl B. Risser, 28 3/4 cents.

6. Miller & Bushong (Parke K. Herr), 3,700 White Vantress, 9-6, Victor F. Weaver, Inc., 19 1/2 cents. 7. Miller & Bushong (Parke K. Herr), 3,800 White Vantress, 10, Harry H. Weaver, Jr., 19 1/4 cents. 8. RoDet Poultry Farm (Richard Brabson), 3,850 White Vantress, 9-2, no sale, 19 1/4 cents bid. 9. RoDet Poultry Farm (Richard Brabson), 3,350 White Vantress, 9-2, no sale, 19 1/4 cents bid. 10. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (Lawrence Hood), 4,500 White Vantress, 9-1, S. E. Davis, 20 cents.

11. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (Lawrence Hood), 4,400 White Vantress, 9-2, S. E. Davis 20 cents. 12. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau, (Alfred Velter), 8,000 White Vantress, 9-4, Mandata Poultry, 19 1/4 cents. 13. Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (Alfred Velter), 8,000 White Vantress, 9-4, Mandata Poultry, 19 1/4 cents. 14. Aaron S. Fisher, 500 Red & White Vantress, 9, John E. Rettinger, 19 1/4 cents. 15. A. Roy Landis, 4,000 White Vantress, 10, Roy E. Ream, 20 1/4 cents.

16. Paul Maulfair, 80 fowl, 14 months, no bid. 17. George W. Lillich (Robert Berkheimer), 2,300 Indian Rivers, 10-2, H. W. Longacre, 19 1/4 cents. 18. Indian River Farm (Allan Schantz), 7,200 Indian Rivers, 10-3, Mandata Poultry, 19 1/4 cents. 19. Charles D. Warfel II, 5,000 Indian Rivers, 10, no sale, 19 1/4 cents bid. 20. Charles D. Warfel II, 5,000 Indian Rivers, 10, Walter C. Melinger, 20 cents.

\$25 Dinner To Be April 17 For Producers

A \$25 a plate dinner for poultry producers will be held April 17, the Lancaster County Poultry Assn. and the Lancaster Poultry Exchange announced Monday night at a planning meeting at the Exchange.

Tentative plans call for the dinner to be held at Hostetter's Banquet Hall, Mt. Joy, but the sponsors said that a larger hall may be needed.

This banquet, together with the \$100 a plate dinner held March 6, will help finance the new Poultry Exchange Building. The earlier dinner was designed to attract the support of feed and equipment dealers and allied industries. A total of 159 persons attended the dinner.

Martin Miller, Florin, and Jay Greider, Mt. Joy, co-chairmen, said that they are seeking a hall to accommodate 500 persons. Hostetter's holds about 300 persons.

The \$25 ticket will admit one person and a guest. They may be purchased from Miller, Greider or at the Exchange.

Another meeting of the committee is scheduled for Monday night at the Center.

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Offering of Season Sells Strong Lancaster Markets: Largest Steer

By DAVID S. LORENSON
USDA Market News Service
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LANCASTER, March 21, CATTLE: 4,261, week ago 3,826. The largest offering of slaughter steers of the current season sold strong to 50 cents higher compared with last Wednesday. Best demand centered on choice and prime steers.

Heifers and sows around 25 cents higher, bulls fully steady. Stockers and feeders fully steady to strong. Receipts for three days comprised 70 loads slaughter steers; three loads of heifers. Approximately 45 per cent of the total was stockers and feeders and 10 per cent cows. Bulk choice fed steers 1,000-1,300 lbs. \$21.25-25.

Several loads and lots high choice to low prime fed steers \$23.50-24.25. Most good and low choice steers \$19.75-21, some standard and low good \$18-19.50. A few small lots standard and low good heifers \$15.50-19. Most utility and commercial cows \$13-15, cutter grades largely \$11.50-14.

high yielding cutters to \$14.25, canners \$9.75-11. Utility and commercial bulls \$15.50-18, good yearling fed bulls \$19.50.

Bulk medium and good stocker and feeder steers and light yearlings 530-925 lbs. \$18-21.50, part load 1,040 lb. good fleshy feeders \$21.75 and several loads fleshy \$20-20.75. Load 487 lb. choice stock steer calves \$24.

CALVES: 1,051, week ago 892. High good and choice vealers mostly steady, average good and below weak to \$1 lower. Bulk good and choice vealers \$21.50-28, a few to \$31. Utility and standard \$13-20.50, some culls down to \$10.

HOGS: 1,918, week ago 1,546. Barrows and gilts around 25 cents lower than last Wednesday, sows in small supply steady to weak. Bulk barrows and gilts mixed U.S. 2 and 3, 190-230 lbs. in Wednesday's trade \$18.25-18.50, scattered lots mixed 1 and 2, 200-220 lbs. \$18.75-19 only small lots No. 1 to \$19.50. Weights 240-270 lbs. slow \$16.75-18, some 160-180 lb. weights \$17-18. Sows mixed U. S.

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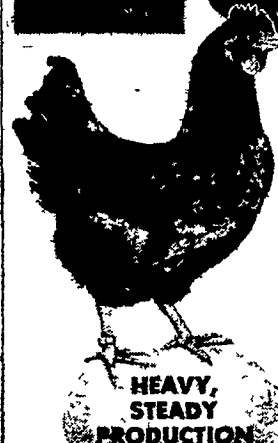
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