

Broiler Price Dips Below 20 Cents For Second Consecutive Friday

LANCASTER, March 27 — All 48,240 birds listed and offered were sold at the Lancaster Exchange today. The price range was 17 to 21 cents for 46,200 broilers sold. The broiler average was 20.73 cents.

The 17 cent birds were a lot of 900 New Hampshire cockerels. Two lots of Leghorn yearling fowl sold for 13 1/4 cents and 13 1/2 cents. Nine hundred fifty birds, were sold.

Completing the sale were 900 heavy fowl which sold for 19 1/2 cents.

Listed for the Friday sale are 84,000 birds.

LANCASTER — For the second consecutive Friday, broiler prices dropped below the 20 cent mark at the Lancaster Poultry Exchange auction.

Only 43,610 birds were sold

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Wednesday Chicago Grain Markets

	May futures:	week ago:
Corn	\$1.32 1/2	\$1.32 1/4
Wheat	\$2.23 1/4	\$2.23 1/4
Oats	\$.72	\$.70 1/4
Soybeans	\$2.43	\$2.41 1/4

with 41,450 broilers selling from 19 1/2 cents to 22 1/2 cents for an average of 19.97 cents.

A year ago, two sales were held. 103,915 birds were sold with a Tuesday average of 22.2 cents and a Thursday average of 22.5 cents. In 1955 for the same week, 59,100 broilers averaged 32.1 cents.

Here are the sales listed by lot number (each preceded by 22); seller with grower shown in parentheses; amount and breed; age by weeks and days; buyer and price.

1. Wenger's (D. Heisey), 1,400 White Vantress, 11, no sale, 20 1/2 cents bid. 2. Miller & Bushong (John Geil), 5,000 Indian Rivers, 9-3, College Hill Poultry, 19 1/2 cents. 3. Miller & Bushong (John Geil), 5,000 Indian Rivers, 9-3, College Hill Poultry, 19 1/2 cents. 4. Miller & Bushong (Frank E. Destafano), 2,300 White Vantress, 9-3, Walter C. Mellinger, 20 1/2 cents. 5. Miller & Bushong (Moses Zimmerman), 3,100 White Vantress, 9-2, Leola Poultry, 20 1/2 cents.

6. Mrs. Jacob Cramer, 550 Indian Rivers, 10, Martin M. Brendle, 20 1/2 cents. 7. Irvin B. Ginrich, 1,200 White Vantress pullets, capettes, 17-3, Roy E. Ream, 31 1/4 cents. 8. Jonathan S. Esh, 850 White Vantress, 10-3, John E. Rettinger, 22 1/2 cents. 9. John S. Beiler, 750 White Vantress, 9-3, Martin M. Brendle, 21 3/4 cents. 10. Ralph Zimmerman, 960 White Vantress pullets, 17-2, Walter G. Mellinger, 30 1/2 cents.

11. Nora B. Burkholder, 2,200 White Vantress, 10, Walter B. Lehman, 20 1/4 cents. 12. Nora B. Burkholder, 2,200 White Vantress, 10, Walter C. Mellinger, 19 1/2 cents. 13. Indian River Farm (Charles Wert), 10,000 Indian Rivers, 10, College Hill Poultry, 19 1/4 cents. 14. Indian River Farm (Enos Eshbach), 2,500 Indian Rivers, 10, Roy E. Ream, 19 1/2 cents. 15. Indian River Farms (Enos Eshbach), 3,700 Indian River pullets, 9-3, no sale, 18 1/4 cents bid. 16. Paul Gehman (Lauxmont Turkey Farm), 7,000 White Cornish Cross, 11, Mandata Poultry, 20 cents.

Poultry

PHILADELPHIA, March 27 — Processed poultry, ready-to-cook (ice packed) young chickens barely steady. More than adequate supplies were available for the fair demand.

Prices paid delivered warehouse, Philadelphia (cents per lb.)

Grade A & U.S. Grade A, 2-3 lb. 30-33, mostly 31-32 1/2.

Hens: ready-to-cook (ice packed) about steady. Demand good for heavy type and fair for light type. Adequate supplies were available.

Prices paid delivered warehouse, Philadelphia (cents per lb.)

Grade A & U.S. Grade A 4-5 1/2 lb. 31-32.

Receipts March 26 included other than Turkey's: Maryland 74,000 lbs. Delaware 104,000 lbs. South Carolina 22,000 lbs. Virginia 21,000 lbs. North Carolina 22,000 lbs.

Eggs

PHILADELPHIA, March 27 — Barely steady. Demand good with supplies of all grades more than adequate for immediate needs. Into-storage movement was fairly liberal in volume. Small-lot sales of current receipts were at 27-28 cents.

Wholesale selling prices: Minimum 10 per cent AA quality Large 45-48 lb. White 34-36, Brown 33-34, medium White 32-33, Brown 32-32 1/2. Extras, minimum 60 per cent A quality Large 45-50 lb. White 32-33, mixed 30 1/2-31, medium White 30-31, mixed 29-30. Standards 29-30. Checks 27-28.

Receipts March 26 - 4,400 cases all by truck.

Lancaster Markets: Receipts Down 25 Per Cent From Week Ago

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LANCASTER, March 27, CATTLE: 3,150, week ago 4,261. Receipts around 25 per cent smaller than a week ago. Around 45-45 per cent of the receipts stockers and feeders, 10 per cent cows. Quality of slaughter steers largely good and choice, although not quite as attractive as a week ago.

Compared with last Wednesday, slaughter steers largely steady to 25 cents lower, instances 50 cents off on average choice and below. Slaughter heifers mostly steady. Cows fully steady. Bulls steady. Stockers and feeders show, mostly steady.

Load prime 1,070 lb. slaughter steers \$25. Few loads high choice, and prime 1,133-1,315 lbs. \$24.25-24.50. Bulk choice fed. steers \$21.25-23, good and low choice \$19.75-21. Few standard and low good \$18-19.50. Standard and good heifers \$15.50-19.50.

Utility and commercial cows \$13-15, bulk canners and cutter \$10-14, high yielding cutters \$14.25. Utility and commercial bulls \$15.50-18.50, few good fed yearling bulls \$18.50-19.50, cutter bulls down to \$14.50.

Bulk medium and good stocker and feeder steers \$18-21.50, load good flesh 1,091 lb feeder steers \$20.40, choice 557 lb. to 568 lb. stock steers \$23.50-24. Choice 445 lb. stock steer calves \$24.

CALVES: 1,009 week ago 1,050.

Active fully steady. Bulk good and choice vealer \$21.50-23, few high choice and prime \$29-31, utility and standard \$13-20.50, culls down to \$10.

HOGS: 1,984 week ago 1,918. General market strong to 25 cents higher, bulk mixed U.S. 1-3, 160-230 lb. barrows and gilts \$18.50-19, few mostly No. 2, 200-220 lb. \$19.10-19.50. Mostly No. 2 and 2, 220-270 lbs. \$17-18.50. 160-180 lbs. \$17-18.25. Mixed U.S. 1-2, 270-550 lb. Sows \$12.50-16.

SHEEP: 166 week ago 193. Hardly enough on sale any one day for a price test. Prices steady to strong. Few good and choice woolled slaughter lambs \$19-23, few choice up to \$25, utility and low good \$14-18. Scattering of choice spring lambs \$28-30. Slaughter ewes scarce.



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