

Eggs

PHILADELPHIA (USDA) — Barely steady. Supplies of all grades were more than sufficient for the fair demand. Into-storage movement was fairly heavy in volume. Small-lot sales of current receipts ranged 25-27 cents.

Wholesale selling prices: minimum 10 per cent AA quality large 45-48 lb., white 32½-34, brown 32-33, medium white 28-30, brown 28-29.

Extras, minimum 60 per cent A quality large 45-50 lb., white 31-32, mixed color 31-31½, medium white 28-29, mixed color 28-29, standard 29-30, checks 25-27. Receipts May 7—4,200 cases, all by truck.

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Broilers

PHILADELPHIA (USDA) — Unsettled. More than adequate supplies of all classes were available for the light selection demand. Rock pullets were unsold. White crosses 28 cents without clearing. White rock caponettes in slow sale at 24-26 cents few lots higher, crosses 25 cents without clearing. Caponeted cross-fryers 23-25 cents. Mixed 23-24 cents. Straight cockerel crosses 22-23 cents. White rock 22-23 cents without clearing. Cross broilers under 3 lb 21-22 cents with bulk unsold.

Turkeys: Unsettled. Demand light for light supplies. Few lots Bronze and White Holland mixed hens and toms 32 cents.

Total receipts May 7 - 95,000 lb. included Maryland 3,000 lb., Delaware 22,000 lb.

Wholesale selling prices No. 1 & Fancy quality: Broilers or fryers, heavy type under 3 lb 21-22, 3-4 lb 21-25, pullets 4½ lb & over 28, hens, heavy type 18-23, light type 12-16. Old roosters 10-11, Ducks Pekin 32.

Poultry

PROCESSED POULTRY

PHILADELPHIA (USDA) — Processed poultry, ready-to-cook (ice packed) young chickens—barely steady. Offerings from all producing areas were in excess of the current fair demand.

Prices paid delivered warehouse, Philadelphia (cents per lb) Grade A and U.S. Grade A, 2-3 lb 30-33, mostly 30-30½.

Hens, ready-to-cook (ice packed) steady. Demand good. Ample supplies were available.

Prices paid delivered warehouse, Philadelphia (cents per lb) Grade A and U.S. Grade A 4-5½ lb., 30½-31.

Receipts May 7 included other than turkeys: Maryland 99,000 lb.; Delaware 89,000 lb.; Georgia 23,000 lb.; South Carolina 21,000 lb., North Carolina 22,000 lb., Virginia 18,000 lb.

State Price Index Steady in April, CRS Reports

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania farmers during April received higher prices for meat animals, but lower prices for wholesale milk and feed grains to hold the farm price index steady for the month, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

In the monthly price report issued by the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service, the meat animal index as of April 15 showed an increase of ten points over March 15. This was attributed in part to the demand for lamb during the Lenten season. However, farmers received an average of \$4.70 for 100 pounds of milk on April 15 in comparison with the \$4.95 average of March 15. They also received \$25.10 per ton for baled hay, 80 cents less per ton than a month earlier. Lower prices also were received for chickens, corn and wheat.

The Pennsylvania price index remains at 237 per cent of the 1910-14 base level. The parity index remained unchanged at 80 points, the same as a year previous.

On April 15, the report shows, Pennsylvania farmers received \$21 a hundred pounds liveweight for all calves. This was 70 cents a hundred pounds above the March 15 price. On April 15, 1956 farmers averaged \$18.70 per hundred pounds for calves.

Liveweight hog prices, at \$17.70 a hundred pounds, were 40 cents above the March 15 price and \$3 above the March 15 price and \$3 increases were reported for eggs, sheep, beef cattle and apples.

Good Planning Can Stop Odors From Pasture

Dairymen cannot afford to risk milk rejections due to off-flavors and odors during the early pasture season. This problem can be largely eliminated by proper management of the dairy herd and pastures, according to County Agent Max M. Smith.

Introduce cows gradually to pasture, County Agent Smith says, by turning them out for only an hour or so for the first several days of the season. It is also important to remove cows from the pasture at least three hours prior to milking. Follow this practice for two weeks after grazing is started, especially if rye is pastured.

Continue to feed fair amounts of hay or silage until cows have been on pasture for two to three weeks, and do not abruptly reduce the amounts of grain fed, or the protein content of the grain mixture, for a similar period.

When pastures are infested with garlic, onion, bitter-sweet, honeysuckle, dogs fennel or other flavor-tainting weeds, remove cows from such pasture at least six hours before milking, Smith advises. Since this is often impractical, it is best to use infested fields for pasturing young stock or dry cows. Chemical treatment and other weed control measures may be used to control garlic and other obnoxious weeds.

Band Placing Of Fertilizer Best for Corn

Proper placement of fertilizer is the key to good corn stands, says Associate County Agent Harry S. Sloat. Research shows that all fertilizers will cause serious delay in seed germination if placed one inch or closer to the seed.

Agronomists recommend that for safety, it should never be placed and closer than two inches from the seed in any direction. Generally, Sloat advises, a good fertilizer placement would be in a band two inches below and two inches to the side of the seed.

This placement of fertilizer can not be accomplished by most of the "old split boot" fertilizer attachments, he adds.

Bee Keeper's Meeting

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He said that the location that was best for the bee keeper was the best place to set the hive. It should be out of the way, but accessible by car or truck. The hive should be close to the ground and in a spot providing good air drainage. If possible it should face the south or east, and be set in a sunny location.

Another question was about whether bees will work on grapes. Clark said that a whole uninjured grape will not be bothered by a bee, but that over-ripe fruit is attractive to them.

Clark also said that it is useless, economically, to try to plant crops that will provide good honey flow.

Burke and Clark said that pollination this year might not be good because of the suddenness of the bloom and because of the unseasonal hot weather.

In the business session of the meeting, the beekeepers voted to contribute \$10 to the American Honey Institute to be used in promotional work.

It was announced that a joint meeting of Dauphin, Berks, Lebanon, and Lancaster County beekeepers will be held at the Paul Ziegler farm at 6 p. m., June 10. The Ziegler farm is about one-half mile north of Bethel on Route 22.

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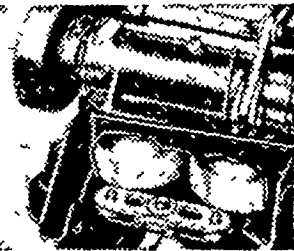
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