

Broiler Prices Weaken in Response To Buyer Resistance in Stores

LANCASTER — Broiler prices weakened slightly from the higher prices of the last few weeks at the Lancaster Poultry Exchange's Jan 30 auction.

Such a downward trend has been expected by local buyers who called the higher prices an "unreal market." Another factor in the decline is the fact that high priced broilers are now moving into store and are meeting consumer resistance.

Broilers averaged 20.86 cents with 100,275 being sold at the recent sale. The price range was from 19 to 21 1/2 cents. One lot of 500 broilers topped the sale at 24 cents capettes 3,200 in all sold from 25 1/4 to 26 1/2 cents a lot of 400 heavy fowl moved at 21 1/2 cents and 950 Leghorn fowl moved at 15 1/4 and 16 cents.

Here is the Jan 3 sale by lot number, seller with grower in parenthesis, number and breed, age in weeks and days, buyer and price per pound:

1 Wenger's (Clair Hilsher) 975 Indian Rivers 96 no sale 19 cents bid 2 N Paik Miller 350

White Vantress cockerel capettes, 13.2 Walter B Lehman, 26 1/2 cents 3 Levi M Weaver, 400 Leghorn yearling fowl, Roy E Ream, 1 1/2 cents 4 Ephraim M Heinley, 400 Silver Cross fowl, Walter B Lehman, 21 1/4 cents 5 Glenn H Hirt 1400 White Vantress pullet capettes 17, no sale. 25 cents bid 6 Daniel G. Fory (Elmer) 5900 White Vantress 10.2, Daniel K Good, 21 cents 7 Fory (Elmer) 800 White Vantress, 10.2, John E Rettinger, 24 cents 8 Fory (Elmer), 4000 White Vantress 9.6, S E Davis, 21 1/2 cents 9 Elmer H Rohrer, 6000 White Vantress, 9.3 College Hill Poultry, 21 1/2 cents 10 Enos Buckwalter 6,000 White Vantress and White Rock 11 no sale 20 cents bid

11 Enos Buckwalter 3,600 White Vantress and White Rock, 11, withdrawn 12 Edgar M Martin 2,850 White Cornish Cross, 9.6, Victor F Weaver Inc, 21 1/2 cents 13 Edgar M Martin, 1,775 Cornish Cross, 9.6, Victor F Weaver Inc, 21 1/4 cents 14 Eshel-

Steers Stronger, Hogs Active At Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb 3 — CATTLE 17,000 Slaughter steers generally slow, mostly steady, instances strong on prime 1200-1500 lb weights and on choice 900-1050 lb yearlings. Heifers fully steady. Stockers and feeders scarce, few sales about steady.

High choice and prime slaughter steers \$27.00-31.50, load-around 1450 lb weights at \$31.00, feed lot mates of \$30.25 cattle last week weighing 1540 lbs two loads mixed high choice and prime 1275 lb steers \$29.50, these feed lot mates of \$29.50 steers last Wednesday, one load of prime steers at \$31.50 and choice heifers \$24.00, standard and good heifers \$19.00-23.50. Few standard cows \$18.00-19.50, utility and commercial cows \$15.75-18.00, bulk \$16.00-17.50. Canners and cutters largely \$13.50-16.00 few head light canners down to \$12.00.

Utility and commercial bulls \$19.00-21.00 Good and choice vealers \$27.00-32.00 standard grades \$21.00-26.00. Bull, cull and utility vealers \$12.00-20.00. Few good to mostly choice 800-850 lb feeding steers \$22.75 and 24.00.

HOGS 9,000 Moderately active, steady to strong on barrows and gilts under 240 lbs heavier weights steady to 25 cents higher. Sows scarce, steady. Fair shipping demand No 1 and 2 butchers relatively scarce U.S. No 2 several lots No 1 and 2, 200-225 lbs \$19.50-19.65 100 head No 1, 210-220 lbs uniform in weight and grade \$19.75-20 head lot closely sorted No 1, 210 lbs \$20.00 No 2 and 3, 250-280 lbs \$18.50-19.00, few No 1 and 2 around 240 lbs to \$19.25 No 2 and 3, 280-310 lbs \$18.00-18.50 Deck No 3, 320 lbs \$17.75 Mixed grades 375-550 lb sows \$16.50-17.50 Few head 325 lbs to \$17.75 Most rough scars \$12.00-13.50, few stags \$13.50-15.50.

SHEEP 2,000 Three decks No 1 to fall shorn lambs and few slaughter sheep on sale, balance decks and load-lots wool slaughter lambs. Slaughter lambs steady to mostly 25 cents lower. Slaughter ewes steady. Bulk choice wooled slaughter lambs 110 lb and down \$24.00-24.50, several loads 95-110 lb averages at latter price. Two loads choice 118 lb lambs \$23.25 Good grades \$22.50-24.00, cull and utility \$17.00-22.00 Two decks mixed good and choice fall shorn 90 and 98 lb lambs and a deck 90 lb comparable grade. No 1 pelt lambs \$22.75 Good and choice wooled slaughter ewes \$8.50-10.00 few to \$10.50, cull and utility \$7.00-\$8.50.

Fed Steers Off At Close; Hogs Up at Baltimore

BALTIMORE, Feb 3 — CATTLE AND CALVES Fed steers comprised around 65 per cent of the supply, good and choice grades predominating with only limited number of heifers included. Around 25 per cent cows. Fed steers and heifers opened moderately active to slow, early sales steady, but steers closed weak to 25 cents lower, instances 50 cents off. Cows slow and

Larger Stocker Supply Weakens Price at Lancaster Stock Yards

Federal-State Market News Service LANCASTER Feb 5 — CATTLE Three days 2,502, week ago 3,600 Slaughter steers fully steady with last Wednesday cows mostly steady. Bulls steady. Stockers and feeders slow this week, prices steady to weak. Salable supplies comprised around 50 per cent stockers and feeders and 15 per cent cows. Bulls and heifers in very light supply. The slaughter steer offering around 40 per cent less than a week ago. Most slaughter steers graded good and choice.

Bulk choice fed steers, 1,000-1,250 lbs \$25.25-27.50, a few mixed high choice and prime \$27.50-28, one load 1,193 lb mostly prime steers \$29. Good and low choice steers \$23.75-25.25, some mixed standard and good \$22-23.50. Small lots standard and good heifers \$20-23. Bulk cutter and utility cows \$14.50-17.75, high utility and commercial \$18.19-25, a few standard cows to \$20. Canners and low cutters \$12.50-14.25. Bulk utility and commercial bulls \$20-22.50, good fed yearling bulls to \$24.

Most medium and good stocker and feeder steers 730-1,025 lbs \$22.50-25. A few mixed good and choice 466-532 lb stock steer calves \$26.

CALVES: Vealers moderately active early, later trade slow. Prices mostly steady with last Wednesday bulk good and choice 140-210 lb vealers \$28.50-34, high choice and prime \$34.50-38, odd head to \$39. Standard grades \$22.50-28.

HOGS: Barrows and gilts mostly steady with last Wednesday

steady. Bulls sold fully steady to strong. Vealers were scarce and active and sold \$1.00 higher in a forced trade. Stocker and feeder steers and stock steer calves steady.

Good and choice 900-1200 lb mostly 1000-1100 lb feed steers \$24.25-26.00 with a few small lots mostly average choice 942-1001 lb \$26.50-27.50 and one 840 lb high choice individual \$28.00. Standard and good brought \$24.25. Small lots good to low-choice 695-855 lb fed heifers brought \$23.00-24.50 with ul standards at \$20.00-23.00. Cutter to commercial cows sold from \$15.50-19.00 with a few standard reaching \$20.00 and canners and cutters bulked at \$13.00-16.00. Utility and commercial bulls sold from \$19.00-21.50 with a few to \$22.00. Good and choice vealers moved at \$33.00-37.00, an individual 210 lb choice cashed at \$38.00. Standard and good sold largely from \$27.00-33.00. A few common and medium stocker and feeder steers brought \$10.50-23.00 and a package of 450 lb choice stock steer calves \$26.50.

Sows in small supply steady. Bulk barrows and gilts mixed U.S. 1, 2 and 3 190-230 lbs in Wednesday's trade \$20.50-20.75, a few sales No 3 back to \$20.25. Small lots No 1 and 2, \$21-21.50 and only a few head reached \$22. Sows mixed U.S. 1-3 300-550 lbs, \$14.50-18 mostly \$17.50 down.

SHEEP: Supply mainly native woolled lambs grading utility and good. Slaughter lambs steady with last Wednesday. Bulk good and low choice woolled slaughter lambs 75-95 lbs \$22.50-26, utility and low good \$19.50-22.50.

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