

Wednesday New York Egg Market

By Urner-Barry.

Nearby Whites	
Extra Fancy Heavyweights	46
Mediums	44
Pullets	38
Peeweese	Unquoted
Nearby Browns	
Extra Fancy Heavyweights	46
Mediums	43
Pullets	38
Peeweese	Unquoted
Midwestern Mixed	
Fancy Heavyweights	43
Mediums	41 -41½
Standards	40 -40½
Checks	35
Midwestern Whites	
Fancy Heavyweights	43
Mediums	41½-42
Pullets	38
Midwestern Browns	
Fancy Heavyweights	43½

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 — Decidedly increased firmness developed overnight in spot shell eggs with a material increase in buying activity and a general very close absorption of spot supplies. Prices

on virtually all grades advanced a full cent and position appeared firmly supported at the higher level at this writing. Recent severe weather has cut back production in all areas and with the return to normal transportation conditions general demand is reaching out more actively for supplies.

Weekly Egg Price Review

	Feb. 20	Feb. 21	Feb. 24	Feb. 25
NEARBY WHITES				
Ex Fcy Hywts	44	44	44	45
Mediums	42	42	42	43
Pullets	37	37	37	38
Peeweese	too few offered to test market			
NEBY BROWN				
Ex Fcy Hywts	44	44	44	45
Mediums	42	42	42	42
Pullets	37	37	37	37
Peeweese	unquoted			

PHILADELPHIA EGGS (BY USDA)

PHILADELPHIA Feb. 26 — Steady to firm. Prices advanced 1 cent on most grades. Lighter available supplies of top quality were no more than sufficient for the good demand.

Prices to retailers in cartons (cents per doz.)

Grade A & US grade A large whites 56-60; mostly 56-58, browns 56-60; mostly 56-58.

Grade A & US grade A med whites 52-56; mostly 52-53, browns 52-56; mostly 52-53.

Grade A & US grade A small whites 45-48; mostly 45-47.

Grade B & US grade B large whites 48-55; mostly 48-52, browns 48-55; mostly 48-52.

Receipts Feb. 25 - 6,800 cases by truck

PROCESSED POULTRY

PHILADELPHIA Feb. 26 — Processed poultry, ready-to-cook (ice packed) young chickens - steady. Supplies were somewhat in excess of the fair demand.

Prices paid delivered warehouse, Philadelphia (cents per lb)

Grade A & U S grade A 2-3 lbs 34½-37, mostly 34½-35

Hens ready-to-cook (ice packed) barely steady. Demand was relatively lighter. Offerings exceeded current trade needs.

Prices paid delivered warehouse, Philadelphia (cents per lb)

Grade A & U. S grade A, 4-5½ lbs 38-39

Livestock Inventory Down 1 Per Cent

Figures released Feb. 14 by the Crop Reporting Board show that the inventory of livestock and poultry on farms as of Jan. 1, 1958 was down one per cent from 1957, and was 10 per cent below the all-time peak on January 1, 1944.

The only species showing an increase during 1957 was sheep.

Compared with Jan. 1, 1957, cattle numbers were down one per cent; hog numbers were down only slightly; sheep were up two per cent; horses and mules were down six per cent; chickens, down five per cent; and turkeys, down six per cent.

Midwest Markets

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standard ends. Load of low good 900 pound steers \$24.25, standard and good 800 pound weights \$23.75, short load utility 1,100 pound Holstein steers \$20.50, standard 1,125 pound Holstein steers and heifers mixed \$22.25.

Several packages choice and prime 900-1,000 pound mixed yearlings \$27.50-28, good and choice straight heifers \$22.50-27; utility and commercial cows \$16.60-18.50, canner and cutter cows \$14-17, utility and commercial bulls \$20-22.50; good and choice vealers \$30-35, standard \$23-30.

HOGS: Steady to 25 cents lower on barrows and gilts, a few lots as much as 50 cents lower. Sows scarce, steady to weak. U. S. No. 2 and 3 200-240 pound barrows and gilts \$20-20.35, few hundred No. 1 and 2 200-225 pounds \$20.40-20.60, few lots No. 1 sorted for weight and grade \$20.65-20.75, 215 pound \$20.85.

SHEEP: Slaughter lambs steady to 25 cents lower, ewes steady to weak, high choice to prime 107 pound woolled lambs \$25, bulk \$23.50-24.50, good and low choice \$22-23.50, cul and utility \$15-22.

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Maternity doctors now put expectant mothers on a diet to keep down fat and make childbirth safer.

But pullets? We as an industry are raising them too fast and too fat. Result: Blow-outs, cannibalism, nervousness, short brittle feathers, naked pullets, poor lay. Egg laying organs buried in fat can't function.

Suggestions: Don't raise pullets like broilers. At 8 weeks switch to "grower" high in oats, low in corn, about 14% protein if All-Mash.

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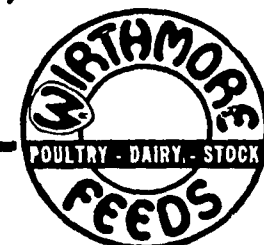


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