

## Broiler Price Jumps to 23.56 Cents At Lancaster Exchange Thursday

LANCASTER — With only 51,150 broilers being sold, the average price jumped to 23.56 cents a pound at the Feb 27 auction at the Lancaster Poultry Exchange. The low was 22½ cents and the high was 26½ cents.

Harvey M. Zimmerman, R3 Ephrata, again topped the sale with 700 White Vantress. John N. Thomas paid the top.

A lot of 500 capettes sold for 23¼ cents. Seven lots of Leghorn fowl sold from 16¼ to 17¼ cents with the average being 16.71 cents. Two lots of heavy fowl sold for 25 and 26¼ cents and 100 males moved at 12½ cents.

A year ago 95,200 broilers averaged 22.29 cents, and 1,825 Leghorn fowl sold for 12½ cents.

A review of the February operations of the Exchange shows that 363,605 birds were sold in four sales. The range in prices during the month was from 19 to 26½ cents. Last year in four sales 468,520 birds were sold with the

range from 19½ cents to 23¼ cents.

The best year in number of birds sold during the month of February was 1956 when 489,570 birds were sold in eight sales. However the best range in prices was in 1955 when the spread was from 25 to 31¼ cents.

Here is the Feb 27 sale by lot number, seller with grower in parenthesis, number and breed, age in weeks and days, buyer and price per pound.

1 R B Ludwig, 1,500 yearling Leghorn fowl, Roy E. Ream, 16¼ cents  
2 Enos G. Heishey, 300 yearling Leghorn fowl, Walter C. Mellinger, 16½ cents  
3 Arthur Graybill, 450 yearling Leghorn fowl, Marvin Sweigart, 16¼ cents  
4 David Garber, 400 Leghorn fowl, 16 months, Walter B. Lehman, 16¼ cents  
5 Amos M. Herr, 175 White Cross fowl, 20 months, Marvin Sweigart, 17¼ cents  
6 Harry W. Hossler, 2,200 Leghorn fowl, 22 months, J. Robert Charles, 16¼ cents  
7 Francis

## Steers Uneven, Stockers Gain At Baltimore

BALTIMORE, March 3 — (AMS) — Estimated receipts: Cattle, 1,500, calves, 200, hogs, 900, sheep, 15.

Fed steers comprised about 50 per cent of the supply and fed heifers around five per cent, these predominately choice with only moderate showing of standard and good.

The remainder of the supply was made up of about 15 per cent stocker and feeder steers and stock steer calves and around 30 per cent cows, including a limited supply of bulls. Fed steers were uneven, choice steers moderately active, steady to 50 cents higher, standard and good slow, mostly steady. Cows very slow, commercial cows steady, canner to utility mostly 25 to 50 cents lower, instances a dollar off in borderline grades. Bulls sold 50 cents lower.

Supply of stocker and feeder steers and stock steer calves largest since last fall, and these sold generally 50 cents higher. Good clearance of all classes.

Load 1,083 pound average and high choice fed steers \$29, package 850 pounds \$28.25, bulk of low at average choice 900-1,150 pounds \$27.28-50, load high choice and prime 1,424 pounds to

Schultz, 6,500 White Vantress, 10-2, Meader's Poultry, 23¼ cents  
8 Francis Schultz, 6,500 White Vantress, 10-2, S. E. Davis, 23¼ cents  
9 W. A. Wagner, 4,250 White Vantress, 10, College Hill Poultry, 23¼ cents

11 Kenneth Noll, 2,800 White Vantress, 9-3, Victor F. Weaver Inc., 23¼ cents  
12. Neff Bros., 1,450 Indian River White, 10, Carl E. Risser, 23½ cents  
13 Samuel K. Stoltzfus, 1,000 White Rock, 9-6, Carl B. Risser, 25¼ cents  
14 Glenn H. Herr, 500 Indian River White Cockerel capettes, 14, Ray W. Gible, 22½ cents  
15 Miller & Bushong (Harry Boyer), 5,400 Indian River White and Indian River, 9-2, Victor F. Weaver Inc., 23½ cents

16. M&B (William Campbell), 700 Silver Cross cockerels, 9-2, Ray W. Gible, 24½ cents  
17 M&B (William Campbell), 700 Silver Cross cockerels, 9-2, Walter C. Mellinger, 22½ cents  
18 M&B (William Campbell), 1,400 White Mountain, 9-2, Walter C. Mellinger, 25½ cents  
19 M&B (Richard Tress), 9-5, Victor F. Weaver Inc., 22¼ cents  
20 Elvin High, 200 Arbor Acres yearling fowl, John N. Thomas, 26¼ cents.

21 John B. Kurtz (Clyde H. Martin), 3,700 White Vantress, 9-5, Roy E. Ream, 24¼ cents  
22. John B. Kurtz (Edward G. Martin), 2,000 White Vantress, 9, Roy E. Ream, 23¼ cents  
23 Hiestand Inc., (Norman Gvins), 1,400 yearling Leghorn fowl, Walter B. Lehman, 16¼ cents  
24 Harvey M. Zimmerman, 700 White Vantress, 10-6, John N. Thomas, 26½ cents  
25 Harvey M. Zimmerman, 2,500 White Vantress, 11, no sale, 24¼ cents  
2. Elvin High, 1,600 Arbor Acres yearling fowl, Walter C. Mellinger, 25 cents  
Elvin High, 100 males, Roy E. Ream, 12½ cents

## Butcher Cattle Active, Hogs Slow at Chicago

CHICAGO, March 4 — Estimated Salable Receipts: CATTLE 6,000 CALVES 200, HOGS 9,500, SHEEP 1,500.

CATTLE Slaughter steers and heifers active, steady to 50 higher, cows and bulls steady to strong, vealers steady to 1.00 lower; stockers and feeders scarce, load prime around 1125 lb slaughter steers 36.00, 1150-1432 lb 21.50-32.50, utility to low-good 20.50-24.50, good to average choice heifers 23.50-27.50, standard to low-good 20.50-23.00, standard cows 18.50-20.00, utility and commercial 16.25-18.50, canners and cutters 14.00-16.25, utility and commercial bulls 20.00-22.50, good and choice vealers 29.00-34.00, standard 21.00-28.00, cull and utility 10.00-20.00.

HOGS Slow, 25 to mostly 50 lower on barrows and gilts, sows 25.50 lower, 190-260 lbs 20.25-20.60, 200-225 lbs. 20.60-20.75, 350 head these weights 21.00, 325-400 lb sows 18.50-19.25, 425-550 lbs 17.50-18.50, little below 17.75.

SHEEP Slaughter lambs steady to strong, slaughter ewes fully steady, small lot prime 100 lb woolled slaughter lambs 24.50, bulk choice 23.25-24.00, good to low-choice 22.00-23.00, cull and utility 15.00-21.50, good and choice woolled slaughter ewes 8.00-10.00, cull and utility 6.50-8.50.

## Slaughter Cattle Rise Sharply But Hogs Tend Weaker at Lancaster

LANCASTER, March 5 — Cattle Three days, 3,284, week ago 2,979. Choice slaughter steers Wednesday, high Good and below mostly \$1.00 higher than last 50-75 cents higher, heifers mostly 50 cents higher but very small supply. Cows now unevenly \$50-1.25 lower than a week ago with utility and commercial grades off most Bulls fully steady Stockers and feeders \$50-1.00 higher.

The week's supply comprised around 45 loads slaughter steers three loads heifers. Around 40 per cent receipts stockers and feeders and 20 per cent cows and bulls. Most slaughter steers graded good and choice.

Most choice fed steers 1,000-1,250 lbs \$27.75-31.50, a few lots mostly high choice \$13.75-32.

order buyers at \$28.50 Bulk good to low choice 900-1,150 pound steers \$25.27, few standard \$24.25 Very limited supply good to average choice 840-1,102 pound fed heifers \$24.26.

Utility and commercial cows \$17.21, mostly \$13-17.

Mostly \$20 and down, few standard \$22. Canners and cutters \$13.17, largely \$14-16.75. Hundred seventy to 250 pound vealers \$26.32, standard and good, \$22.26. Short two loads mostly good to choice 387 pound stock steer calves \$29.50, load 446 pound good grade \$26, half load 467 pound medium to good \$25.75, one load 587 pound, mostly good to choice stock steers, \$27.50, load 624 pound common and medium \$22.90.

Two loads good to choice 1,000 pound feeder steers \$26.

HOGS Butchers and sows moderately active, 25 to 50 cents higher. Supply largely mixed lots U S No 1, 2, and 3, 180-240 pound butchers, these mostly \$21.50-21.75, few small lots No 1 and 2, 200-230 pounds, \$22, small lot No 2 and 3, 250 pounds, \$21.25, 34 head No 3 268 pounds, \$20.25.

Scattered head mixed No 1 to 3, 300-400 pound sows \$17.50-18.50, under 300 pounds to \$18.75.

SHEEP A 15 head lot 79 pound good to choice slaughter lambs steady to \$26.

Modern bank vaults are made of reinforced concrete, have thick steel walls, time clocks and automatic burglar alarm to protect depositors' funds.

good and low choice steers \$25.75-27.50. a few mixed standard and standard and good heifers \$21-23. Cow offerings in excess of demand, trading slow with a hold over each day. By Wednesday most utility cows \$16.25-18, commercial scarce, cutters largely \$14.75-17.25, high yielding cutters to \$17.25, canners \$13.25-14.25. Utility and commercial bulls \$21.50-23.50, odd head to \$24.50, good fed yearling bulls to \$25.50.

Bulk medium and good stocker and feeder steers 614-1,001 lbs \$23.50-26, two loads 800 and 955 lb choice feeding steers \$27. A few loads 1,025-1,160 lb. partly fattened steers grading mostly good from a slaughter standpoint went for further feeding from \$26.50-27.75. A few 542-618 lb. stock steers \$26.50-28.50, load good and choice short yearling choice 628 lb short yearlings in thin flesh \$30.65.

CALVES 1,015, week ago 1,135. Vealers unevenly \$3.00-5.00 lower than last Wednesday. Bulk good and choice 140-210 lb. vealers \$26.50-31, high choice to \$33, prime grades absent. Utility and standard vealers \$17-26, culls down to \$13.

HOGS 1,820, week ago 2,343. Barrows and gilts steady to 25 cents lower than last Wednesday, sows scarce, steady. In Wednesday's trade bulk barrows and gilts mixed US 1, 2 and 3 190-230 lbs \$21.50-21.75, small lots No 1 and 2, these weight \$22-22.50 to local small killers. A few head 230-250 lbs \$21.00-21.50 these mostly No 2 and 3. Sows mixed US 1, 2 and 3, 300-550 lbs \$15.50-19.

SHEEP Three days 106, week ago 331. Small supply mostly woolled slaughter lambs utility and good. Prices steady. Bulk utility and good slaughter lambs \$19.50-26, choice and prime absent.

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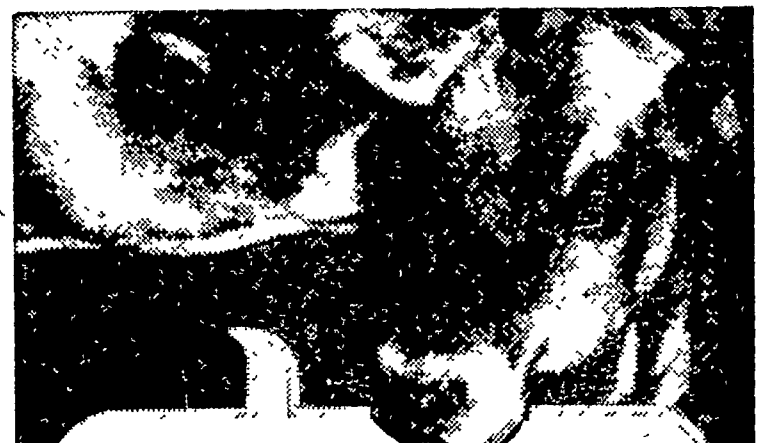
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