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## Rising Feed Cost Combines with Easing Price to Drop Broiler Ratio

### Federal-State Market News

PHILADELPHIA, March 25 — The broiler-feed ratio took another drop this week as the price of 20 per cent mash took a three dollar jump and the average price for broilers dropped half a cent a pound from the week before.

The ratio now stands at 4.4, compared with 4.6 a week ago and 4.1 a year ago.

The broiler-feed ratio is the pounds of feed a pound of live broilers will buy.

Here are the broiler prices being paid in the main commercial areas throughout the nation Tuesday.

Delmarva Market quiet with trading light. Most of the trading at undetermined prices. Prices paid at the farm up to 10 a.m. today 2 1/2 pounds and over, bulk at 21 1/2 cents, 20 per cent at 21 cents, 102,100 head sold. Heavy hens one lot of 1,500 head at 23 cents. No sale at the Eastern Shore Poultry Growers Exchange.

North Georgia Offerings fairly well balanced with present needs. Demand fair to good. Buyers' offering prices and estimated volume to 11 a.m. today 2 1/2, 3 1/2 pound at farms, 20 cents, 578, 100 head, FOB plants, 21 cents, 368, 600 head. Prices paid at the farm Monday included 32 per cent of 725,300 head at 20 cents, 1 per cent at 20 1/2 cents, and intra company sales booked at 20 cents.

North Carolina Supplies about adequate to adequate. Demand fair to 2 1/2-3 1/2 pounds at the farm, 20 cents 41,800 head all at 20 cents.

Shenandoah Valley: Offerings about equal to fair to good demand. Heavy hens scarce. Prices 2 1/2-3 1/2 pounds, 21-21 1/2 cents, 158,400 head sold, 60 per cent at 21 cents, seven per cent at 21 1/2 cents, 33 per cent undetermined.

Arkansas: Trading active. Prices paid and volume distribution as follows 1 1/4-3 3/4 pounds, 564,585 head including 22,000 on prior commitment — 33 per cent undetermined, 55 per cent at 19 cents, 1 per cent at 20 cents (prior commitment), intra company sales showed one per cent booked at 13 cents, 10 per cent at 19 cents.

Alabama: Offerings and supplies spotty but generally adequate for present needs. Demand generally fair to good. Prices paid for 2 1/2-3 1/2 pound birds at the farm 305,522 head — 88 per cent at 20 cents, 12 per cent undetermined, FOB plants, 57,300 head all at 21 cents.

## Cattle Prices Half Dollar Higher At Baltimore

BALTIMORE, March 24 — CATTLE AND CALVES Receipts will exceed the early estimate around 200 head. Fed steers made up approximately 70 per cent of the supply and fed heifers 10 per cent. Steer and heifer run mostly low-good to average choice grades. Balance of supply mostly cows. Trading opened slow on slaughter steers, heifers and cows, but later trade moderately active. Choice fed steers sold strong to mostly 25 50 cents higher, compared to last Monday. A few lots of choice steers closed 25 cents lower than the early trade.

Good grade steers lost most of last week's late advance, selling approximately \$1.00 lower than last week's close or strong to \$25 higher than last Monday. The trend on standard steers and choice was good. Fed heifers were fully steady compared to last Monday. Cows were fully 50 cents higher than Monday or steady to strong with last week's close. Bulls were scarce, slow, and sold strong to \$1.00 higher than last Monday. Vealers were scarce, active, strong to \$1.00 higher.

Stocker and feeder steers and steer calves steady. Good clearance all classes. The bulk good to average choice 900-1160 lb fed steers \$27.00-29.75, choice mostly \$28.00 and up, two loads 1256 lb choice included at \$28.90. A few small lots mostly average to high choice 900-1076 lb steers \$30.00-31.50, package 1243 lbs included at \$31.00. Several lots standard and low good \$26.50-27.00. The bulk 700-900 lb low good to average choice fed heifers \$24.00-27.00, few standard down to \$23.00. Utility and commercial cows \$18.00-21.00, canners and cutters \$15.00-18.00. Utility and commercial bulls mostly \$20.00-23.00, few head \$23.25-23.50.

Choice 170-230 lb vealers \$30.00-33.00, few head high choice to low prime \$31.50-34.00, good \$27.00-30.00 and standard \$23.00-27.00. Few small lots good and choice 510-581 lb stock steers \$27.50-29.00, few medium to good 544-845 lb stocker and feeder steers \$24.00-27.50. Small lot 482 lb good stock steer calves \$27.50, small lot medium and good 427 lb stock heifer calves \$24.00.

HOGS Trading opened slow, later trade moderately active. Butchers fully 50 cents lower than last Thursday. Sows fully steady compared to last Monday. The supply mostly mixed lots U S No. 1, 2, and 3, 180-240 lb butchers, these \$22.75, few lots around 200-230 lb largely No. 1 and 2, grades \$23.00. Mixed No. 1-3, 300-400 lb sows mostly \$18.50-19.50.

SHEEP, A 31 head lot 76 lb good and choice spring slaughter lambs \$28.00.

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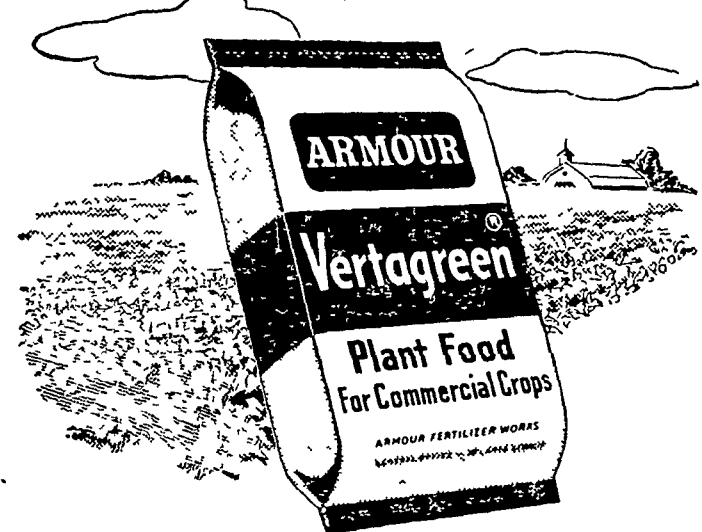
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## Wednesday New York Egg Market

By Urner-Barry

Nearby Whites		
Extra Fancy Heavyweights		50
Mediums		48 49
Pullets		41
Peewees		unquoted
Nearby Browns		
Extra Fancy Heavyweights		52
Mediums		48 1/2
Pullets		41
Peewees		unquoted
Midwestern Mixed		
Fancy Heavyweights		43
Mediums		42
Standards		40
Checks		35 1/2
Midwestern Whites		
Fancy Heavyweights		44 1/2
Mediums		43
Pullets		41
Midwestern Browns		
Fancy Heavyweights		48

NEW YORK, March 26 — Shell egg market continues highly irregular. Nearby receipts moderate and clearing very well at sustained prices on the large, although some softness in mediums and pullets. Midwestern whites attracting a little more interest and prices recovered a half cent, but other Midwesterns unimproved on the fancy large with standards easing further. Spot supply of Midwesterns beyond total demand.

### Weekly Egg Price Review

	March 20	March 21	March 24	March 25
NBY WHITE				
Ex Fcy Hywts	50	50	50	50
Mediums	49	49	49	48 -49
Pullets	41	41	41	41
NBY BROWN				
Ex Fcy Hywts	52	52	52	52
Mediums	49	49	49	49
Pullets	42	42	42	42

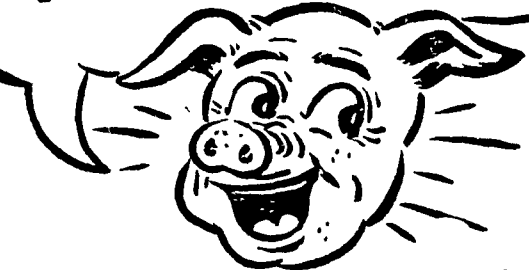
### LIVE POULTRY

PHILADELPHIA, March 26 — Firm on hens, pullets and large size caponettes but unsettled on most other classes. Supplies no more than sufficient for the good demand for desired poultry. Fry-

ers sold slowly with carried over stocks offered at liberal price discounts. Turkeys and ducks sold readily.

Wholesale selling prices No. 1 and fancy quality. Broilers and fryers heavy type 3-4 lb 25-28. Pullets 4 1/2 lb and over 40-45. Under 4 1/2 lb 39-40.

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### PHILADELPHIA EGGS (BY USDA)

PHILADELPHIA, March 26 — About steady. Increased supplies were fully sufficient to meet the good demand.

Prices to retailers in cartons (cents per doz.)

Consumers grades Grade A & US Grade A large whites 60 1/2-64, mostly 62-63, browns 61 1/2-64, mostly 62-63.

Grade A & US Grade A medium whites 57-62, mostly 57-59, brown 56-62, mostly 57-59.

Grade A & US Grade A small whites, 50-54; mostly 50-51, browns, 50-54, mostly 50-51.

Grade B & US Grade B large 48 1/2-60, mostly 51-57, browns, 49-5, mostly 51-57.

Receipts March 25—7,200 cases by truck.

### PROCESSED POULTRY

PHILADELPHIA, March 26 — Processed poultry, ready-to-cook (ice packed) young chickens — barely steady. Demand continued fair. Supplies were in excess of current trade needs.

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

Grade A & US Grade A, 23 lbs 54-37, mostly 34 1/2-35.

Hens ready-to-cook (ice packed) steady. Demand was very good. Lighter available supplies sold readily.

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

Grade A & US Grade A 4-5 1/2 lbs 39-41.