

Poultry Prices Drop Cent and Half At Lancaster Exchange Thursday

LANCASTER, April 3 — Broilers sold at the Poultry Exchange Auction here followed a national downward trend and dropped about a full cent in price from the week before. Of 85,625 birds offered, 71,225 were sold.

Of this total, 65,400 were broilers which averaged 21.2 cents a pound with a high of 23 cents and a low of 20 3/4 cents.

Capettes shared in the general softening price and ranged from 33 3/4 to 34 cents a pound for 1,500 head. A lot of 1,100 lipons brought 28 1/4 cents and three lots of Leghorns brought 17 3/4 and 18 cents.

A year ago 151,099 broilers averaged 20.4 cents in two sales.

A summary for the month of March shows that the last month was the best in price since 1955. However the number of birds sold was the lowest in the four years the Exchange has been in operation.

Here is the April 3 sale by lot number, seller with graver in parenthesis, number and breed, age in weeks and days, buyer and price per pound.

1. LEVI M. WEAVER, 3,950 White Vantress, 10, Victor F. Weaver Inc., 20 3/4 cents. 2. John H. Mellinger, 600 HyLine yearling fowl, Roy E. Ream, 18 cents. 3. Campbell's Mill (Walter Boop), 2,200 White Rock cockerel lipons, 11-6, no sale, 22 cents bid. 4. Campbell's Mill (Walter Boop), 2,400 White Rock cockerel lipons, 11-6, no sale, 22 1/4 cents bid. 5. Campbell's Mill (Walter Boop), 1,100 White Rock cockerel lipons, 11-6, C. F. Manbeck Inc., 28 3/4 cents.

6. Harry W. Hossler, 2,000 yearlings Leghorn fowl, Walter B. Lehman, 17 1/4 cents. 7. Cool Creek Farm, 3,400 White Cross cockerels, 9-3, College Hill Poultry, 21

cents. 8. Cool Creek Farm, 2,300 White Cross cockerels, 9-3, College Hill, 21 cents. 9. Cool Creek Farm, 2,300 White Cross cockerels, 9-3, College Hill, 21 cents. 1. Vernon R. Snyder, 5,800 White Vantres, 10, Meader's Poultry, 21 1/4 cents.

11. VERNON R. SNYDER, 6,000 White Vantress, 10, Daniel K. Good, 21 cents. 12. Vernon R. Snyder, 5,500 White Vantress, 10, Meader's Poultry, 21 cents. 13. James Donaldson, 2,800 White Vantress, 9-2, Meader's Poultry, 21 cents. 14. Leroy M. Senseng, 4,800 White Vantress, 10, College Hill Poultry, 21 cents. 15. Leroy M. Senseng, 4,800 White Vantress, 10, Walter C. Mellinger, 21 1/2 cents.

16. M. H. Weaver Poultry, (James Auker), 1,100 White Vantress, 10-4, Walter C. Mellinger, 23 cents. 17. Eugene K. Metzler, 950 White Vantress, 9-3, John E. Kettinger, 23 cents. 18. Miller & Bushong (Roy N. Hess), 500 White Vantress pullet capettes, 13, Carl B. Risser, 33 1/4 cents. 19. M&B (Roy N. Hess), 300 White Vantress capettes, 13, Carl B. Risser, 34 cents. 20. M&B (Roy N. Hess), 700 White Vantress, capettes, 13, Walter C. Mellinger, 33 1/4 cents.

21. M&B (WALTER S. Kinsey), 1,200 White Vantress, 9-2, no sale, 20 1/2 cents bid. 22. Elmer Metzler, 625 yearling Leghorn fowl, Walter C. Mellinger, 17 3/4 cents. 23. Miller & Bushong (Jacob C. Herr), 3,600 White Vantress, 9-6, College Hill, 20 3/4 cents. 24. M&B (Jacob C. Herr), 4,100 White Vantress, 9-6, College Hill, 21 cents. 25. M&B (Jacob C. Herr), 1,600 White Vantress, 9-6, Daniel K. Good, 21 cents.

26. M&B (Henry Blank), 4,900 Indian River White, 9-2, Starr Poultry, 21 1/4 cents. 27. M&B

Feed Steers Active, Higher At Baltimore

BALTIMORE, April 7 —

CATTLE AND CALVES Today's receipts included cattle arriving Friday through Monday. Fed steers comprised around 60 per cent of the supply, fed heifers, 5 per cent, and the balance mostly cows. Fed steers and heifers were moderately active, steers sold 25 to mostly 50 cents higher and heifers 25 cents higher. Cows were slow, canners sold steady with other grades fully steady to 25 cents higher. Bulls were steady to 25 cents higher. Bulls were scarce and slow, steady to strong. Stockers and feeders sold fully steady. Vealers were scarce and slow, about steady. The bulk 925-1175 lb average good to average-choice fed steers brought \$27.50-\$29.50, with a 1221 lb head included at \$27.60. A few lots 939-997 lb. largely average to high choice 30.00-\$31.00. A few mixed standard to good steers sold at \$26.40-\$27.50. A 40 head string of mainly good 604 lb ad steers brought \$26.00 and a few small lots and scattered head standard and good \$24.00-\$25.00. Utility and commercial cows sold from \$18.25-\$21.00. Canners and cutters \$15.00-\$18.50 with Shelly canners \$12.00-\$15.00. Utility and commercial bulls brought \$21.00-\$23.50 with an individual at \$24.00. The bulk 170-230 lb choice vealers ranged from \$32.00-\$35.00 with an individual at \$24.00. The bulk 170-230 lb choice vealers ranged from \$32.00-\$35.00 with a few head at \$36.00-\$38.00 with a few head at \$36.00-\$38.00 and standard \$25.00-\$29.00. Three loads 675-784 lb good and choice feeder steers sold at \$27.50-\$29.00. 30 head 775 lb medium to good \$26.50. A head 775 lb medium to good \$26.50. A head 775 lb medium to good \$26.50. A head 775 lb medium to good \$26.50.

HOGS Butchers were moderately active and sold 25 cents higher with instances 50 cents up on No. 1 and 2 grades. Sows were steady to strong. The supply largely mixed lots U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3, 180-240 lb butchers, these \$22.50-\$23.75, mostly \$22.75 and near 100 head No. 1 and 2 around 200-230 lbs brought \$23.00. A few small lots mixed 1 to 3, 160-180 lbs mostly \$21.50-\$22.25. Mixed 1 to 3 300-400 lb sows \$18.25-\$19.25, mostly \$18.50 and up with a few around 300 lbs at \$19.50. SHEEP A small lot of choice 87 lb spring slaughter lambs brought \$30.00.

(Henry Blank), 4,900 Indian River White, 9-2, College Hill, 21 cents. 28. M&B (Elmer M. Showalter), 8,600 White Vantress, 9, no sale, 20 1/2 cents bid. 29. M. H. Weaver (Auker), 1,400 White Vantress, 19-4, Roy E. Ream, 22 cents. 30. Weaver (Auker), 1,000 White Vantress, 10-4, Marvin Sweigart, 21 1/4 cents.

About Steady at Lancaster Yards Slaughter Steers Advance; Hogs

By Dave Lorenson

Federal-State News Service

LANCASTER — April 10 —

CATTLE Three days, 3,260, week ago 3,295. Compared with last Wednesday slaughter steers higher, however, prices locally were poorly tested after Monday. Cows fully 25 cents higher; bulls fully steady. Stockers and feeders fully steady. Receipts comprised around 40 per cent stocker and feeder steers and light yearlings. About 40 loads slaughter steers offered, or some less than the previous week. Twenty per cent of receipts were cows and bulls.

Bulk choice fed steers 1,000-1,312 lbs. \$28.75-\$32.50, several loads high choice and mixed choice and prime \$32.50-\$33.50, part load 1,205 lbs. mostly prime, \$35.00. Good and low choice steers \$27.25-\$28.75. Few standard down to \$26. Small lots and odd head standard to choice heifers \$22.50-\$27. Bulk cutter and utility cows \$16-19.75, odd head commercial to \$21, canners and low cutters mostly \$14.75-\$15.75. Utility and commercial bulls \$22-24, odd head weighty utility bulls \$24.50-\$25, good fed yearling bulls to \$26.50.

Bulk medium and good stocker and feeder steers and light yearlings 586-1,018 lbs \$26-28

few lots choice and mixed good and choice 592-900 lb. feeding steers and light yearlings \$28.50-30.50, load two-way steers 940 lbs grading mostly choice from a slaughter standpoint went for further feeding at \$31.

CALVES Three days 706 week ago 980. Vealers weak to \$1.00 lower than last Wednesday. Bulk good and choice 140-200 lb. vealers \$28-34, standard grades \$24-28, few utility down to \$18, culls as low as \$14.

HOGS 619, week ago 1,897. Barrows and gilts mostly steady with last Wednesday after moving around 50 cents higher in Monday's trade. Sows scarce about steady. Bulk barrows and gilts mixed US 1, 2 and 3, 190-230 lbs in Wednesday's trade \$22-22.50, a few No. 1 and 2, these weights \$23 and \$23.25. Small lots No 2 and 3, 230-240 lbs \$21.75-\$22. Sows mixed US 1, 2 and 3, 300-550 lbs. \$16-19.

SHEEP 210, week ago 1,100. Supplies sharply curtailed following the liberal supply of a week ago offered for the special Easter trade. Slaughter lambs mostly native springers, those about steady. Bulk good and choice 40-70 lb. spring lambs \$29-34, few 40 pounds to \$36. Small lots utility and good woolled lambs about steady from \$21-26.

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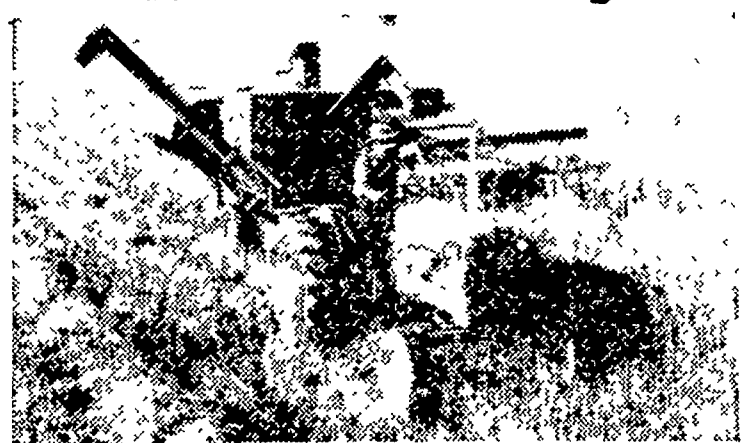
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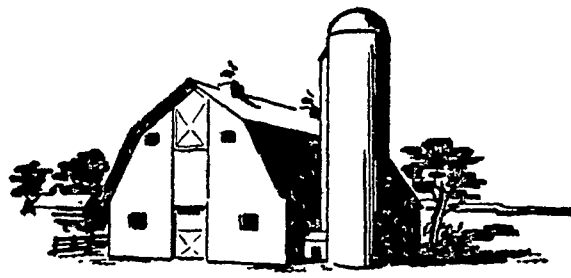
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