

## Broiler Ratio Down; Excessive Supplies Pushing Down Prices

PHILADELPHIA, July 22 — The broiler ratio in the Delmarva area showed a decline of one point last week as the price of broilers dropped about half a cent.

The ratio now stands at 40 with the broiler average at 19 7/8 cents a pound.

In the major broiler and fryer producing areas at the beginning of the week, supplies were generally adequate to more than adequate for a fair demand. Prices were showing a steady downward trend in response to the excess of birds being offered.

Some sales in the Delmarva area on Tuesday were reported at prices as low as 17 cents, although most sales were at 19 1/4 and 19 1/2 cents a pound. The market there was quiet awaiting the auction at the Eastern Shore Growers Exchange.

Here is how the market looked in the major meat bird producing areas of the nation on Tuesday:

**DELMARVA** Market quiet. Trading light and mostly at undetermined prices. With 132,900 head reported sold, prices ranged from 17 to 19 1/2 cents. Most sales were at 19 1/4 and 19 1/2 cents with 56 per cent undetermined.

**GEORGIA** Offerings generally one cent lower. Offerings ample to more than ample for fair to good demand at the present price level. Buyers offering prices were 17 to 18 cents, mostly 17 cents. At the farm on Monday the prices were from 17 to 18 1/2 cents. With 907,800 head being sold, nine per cent were at 17 cents, 76 per cent at 18 cents, six per cent at 18 1/2 cents, five per cent intra-company sales booked at 17 cents, and four per cent intra-company sales at 18 cents.

**NORTH CAROLINA** Offerings fully adequate. Demand fair. Prices were 17 and 18 cents, mostly 18 cents.

**SHENANDOAH VALLEY** Demand fair. Supply about adequate for needs. Prices at the farm were 18 and 18 1/2 cents with fully 63 per cent of the sales at 18 cents, only scattered lots at the 18 1/4 and 18 1/2 cent levels.

**ARKANSAS** Offerings ample to excessive at some points with over three pound weights well cleared to short at

others. A few lots of undergrades and extremely large sizes discounted a half to two cents. Some 11,800 head reported sold at 17 cents in early trade Tuesday. Seventeen cents was the only price reported Monday.

**ALABAMA** Offerings and supplies fully ample to excessive. Prices heavy in several instances. Demand generally good with plants operating at capacity and over to move birds. Prices were 17 to 17 1/2 cents, with 99 per cent of the sales at the lower figure.

## Slaughter Steers Mostly Steady At Baltimore

BALTIMORE, July 21 — CATTLE AND CALVES The supply was made up of approximately 35-40 per cent red steers, three loads of fed heifers, three loads of stockers and feeders, four loads of bulls and the balance mostly cows. All classes were slow, except vealers which were moderately active. Slaughter steers sold mostly steady to 25 cents lower, slaughter heifers mainly steady. Cows were very uneven, generally weak to 25 cents lower on utility and commercial and strong to 25 cents higher on canners and cutters. Bulls sold about steady with last weeks' low close or fully \$1 lower than last Monday. Veal strong to \$1 higher.

Stockers and feeders scarce, weak. Fairly good clearance all classes except bulls and stockers and feeders. A package of 835 lb prime slaughter steers \$30.50, two small lots 933,941 lb average-choice \$28.75, small lot average and high-choice \$29, bulk good to average-choice 900-1100 lbs \$26.28.50, several small lots standard and low-load \$25-25.75. Load 958 lb standard brahma steers \$24.50. Two small lots 750-840 lb good to low choice fed heifers \$27.27.50, two loads 800 lb good grades, \$26.50, small lots standard \$22.2, 60.

Commercial cows scarce. Utility and commercial cows \$18.25-21, mostly \$20 and down. Canners and cutters \$15.50-18.50 with light canners \$13-15.50. Utility and commercial bulls \$22-24, individual 2000 lbs \$25. Good and choice 160-250 lb vealers \$25.31. One lot 955 lb medium and good feeder steers \$26, short load 855 lb common and medium \$21.75.

**HOGS** Butchers and sows slow and uneven, 50-75 cents higher, but mostly 50 cents up. Supply will fall slightly under early estimate. Bulk supply mixed lots U.S. 1, 2 and 3, 190-230 lb butchers, these largely \$24.25, load 198 lb \$24.30, several small lots more unit form No. 13, \$24.50. Two small lots No. 13 239-246 lb \$23.50-24, package

## Hogs Active 25-50 Higher At Chicago

CHICAGO, July 21 — HOGS 5000 Fairly active, 25-50 cents higher on barrows and gilts. Sows active, uneven, 25-75 cents, mostly 50 cents higher. Only fair shipping demand but all local packers in trade early. No. 1 to 3, 190-240 lb barrows and gilts comprised bulk of butcher hog receipts. Fewer under 190 lb and little over 260 lb. U.S. No. 1 to 3, mostly No. 2 and 3, 200-280 lb barrows and gilts \$22.75-23.25. Several lots No. 1 and 2, 200-230 lb \$23.25-23.40 and few lots No. 1 these weights \$23.40-23.50, around 125 head at \$23.50. Deck No. 2, 320 lb \$21.75. Limited volume mixed grades 180-195 lb \$22.25-23. Mixed grades 400-475 lb sows \$18.75-19.75. 360-400 lb \$19.75-20.50. Most 330-350 lb \$20.50-21.25 and limited volume down to 275 lb as high as \$22.25. Few 500-550 lb \$18.25-18.75.

**CATTLE** 18,000 Receipts promising to fall short of the estimate by several hundred head. Early trade on slaughter steers and heifers fairly active but market pretty much of a forced affair due to sharply curtailed receipts, trading now rather slow, prices on slaughter steers mainly strong to 50 cents higher compared last weeks low close with some sales only steady while extremes showing least upturn.

Traders early up 75 cents, steers average choice and better 1250 lb and heavy. Heifers steady to 50 cents higher. Cows fairly active, strong to 25 cents higher compared last weeks low close, but bulls slow and only about steady at last weeks sharp decline.

Vealers steady. Few sales stockers and feeders steady. Moderate mostly prime slaughter steers \$28-29, load or two average prime to high prime grades still in first hands, load-lots mixed choice and prime steers over 1100 lb \$27.50 and \$27.75, two loads comparable grade 1050 lb weights \$28. load 1300 lb steers at \$27.75 feedlot mates of 1223 lb cattle that sold at \$26.50 last Monday, bulk choice steers \$26.25-27.25, load 1275 lb weights at \$27.25 feedlot mates of 27.75 steers last Monday, 60 head around 1300 lb South Dakota steers \$26.50, bulk good and low choice steers \$26.26, load mostly standard 950 lb weights \$24.25. Several loads mostly prime 945-1100 lb heifers \$28 and \$28.25, load or so mixed choice and prime \$27.25, bulk good to high-choice heifers \$24.50-27, utility and standard \$19.50-23.50.

Utility and commercial cows \$17.50-20.2 and 3, 253 lb \$23.50, small lots 170 lb \$23. Scatter head No. 13, 300 400 lb sows \$19.75-21.

**SHEEP** Spring slaughter lambs steady, 70-102 lb good and choice spring lambs \$24.25, bulk \$24.24-50, 62-80 lb utility and good \$18.23-51 head \$19.50-121 lb mostly utility and good slaughter ewes \$5, package good \$6.

## Wednesday New York Egg Market

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Nearby Whites

Extra Fancy Heavyweights	44
Mediums	36 -36 1/2
Pullets	26
Peeweese	18
Nearby Browns	
Extra Fancy Heavyweights	42
Mediums	35 1/2
Pullets	26 1/2
Peeweese	19
Midwestern Mixed	
Fancy Heavyweights	39 1/2
Mediums	34
Standards	35 1/2
Checks	30 1/2
Midwestern Whites	
Fancy Heavyweights	41
Mediums	34 1/2
Pullets	26
Midwestern Browns	
Fancy Heavyweights	41

### Weekly Egg Price Review

NEW YORK, July 23 — Demand came in with greater activity yesterday afternoon and this morning and cleared closely of virtually all lines for the first time in some period. Prices generally advanced this morning under the tight supply position.

	July 17	July 18	July 21	July 22
NBY WHITE				
Ex Fcy Hywts	38 -39	39	40	41 1/2-42
Mediums	31 1/2	31 1/2	33	34 1/2
Pullets	22 3/4	22 3/4	25 -25 1/2	25 1/2
Peeweese	17	17	17	17
NEARBY BROWN				
Ex Fcy Hywts	39 1/2-42	41	41	41 1/2-42
Mediums	33	33	34	35 1/2
Pullets	25 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Peeweese	18	18	18	18

20 canners and cutters largely \$14.50-17.75, few light and shelly canners down to \$13. Utility and commercial bulls \$22.24.

Good and choice vealers \$28.31, utility and standard \$18.28, culls down to \$12. Part load low choice around \$25.50, stock steers \$29.50, load choice 900 lb feeding steers \$26.25, load good 1000 lb weights \$25.25.

**SHEEP** 1000 Supply practically all spring slaughter lambs with good and choice grades predominating. Slagget vealings and ewes in very small supply. Spring slaughter lambs rather slow, mostly 50 cents lower. Yearlings not established. Slaughter ewes steady.

Choice and prime 90-105 lb spring slaughter lambs \$25-25.50. Most choice \$23.75-25. Good and low choice \$22.2, cull to low good \$19.22. Good and choice shorn slaughter ewes \$5.6. Cull and utility \$4.5.

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