

Broiler Prices Appear Generally Steady in Most Areas at Start of Week

Broiler prices at the beginning of the week in the major producing areas seem to be about steady with supplies generally in line with demand.

In most major producing areas, the price is about 17 cents a pound. There were a few instances of sales at somewhat higher figures, but few lower.

Last week the Delmarva broiler feed ratio took a drop to 3.6, down four points from the week before. Both feed prices and broiler prices contributed to this rapid decline. The price of feed jumped to \$105 a ton, up from \$99.88 a ton the week before and the broiler price average slumped to 18.75 cents a pound.

A year ago the ratio stood at 4.7 with broilers averaging 22.52 cents a pound.

Here is a round-up of market conditions in the major producing areas on Tuesday.

DELMARVA. An announcement was made Monday that the Tuesday sale will be limited to 90,000 head at the Eastern Shore Growers Exchange. Excess will be held over for the Wednesday auction. The market was quiet with trading very light and mostly at undetermined prices. Too few sales to report.

GEORGIA. Offerings in fair balance with the good demand at most points although barely adequate to more than adequate at some points. The buyers offering price at the farm was 17 cents. On Monday 964,000 head were sold, 91 per cent at 17 cents, the remainder at 17½ cents.

NORTH CAROLINA. Supplies adequate. Demand generally good. Prices paid in the past 24 hours were steady at 17 cents a pound.

SHENANDOAH VALLEY. Supply adequate. Demand fair to good. Prices paid at the farm were 17 to 17½ cents. Of 203,400 head sold, 52 per cent were at 17 cents, 16 per cent at 17½ cents, and the rest undetermined.

ARKANSAS. Offerings generally in balance with trade needs. Some 16 cent birds sold, but these were barebacks. Size of most lots ranged from 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 pounds. Other than the bare-backed birds, all sales were at 17 cents.

ALABAMA. Offerings about in balance with the good demand. Interplant movement tending to balance supply. Seventeen cents a pound was paid for 500,256 head at the farm.

Wednesday New York Egg Market

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Nearby Whites	
Extra Fancy Heavyweights	48½
Mediums	34½
Pullets	23
Peeweews	18
Nearby Browns	
Extra Fancy Heavyweights	48½
Mediums	34½
Pullets	23½
Peeweews	18
Midwestern Mixed	
Fancy Heavyweights	42
Mediums	34
Pullets	22½
Standards	35
Checks	28½
Midwestern Whites	
Fancy Heavyweights	42
Mediums	34
Pullets	23
Midwestern Browns	
Fancy Heavyweights	44

NEW YORK, July 30 — Extreme irregularity still prevailing in spot shell egg market. Top market Nearby whites and browns in short supply and clearing closely with prices advancing further. Midwestern large brown also firmer but Midwestern large whites declined under freer offerings and a lack of support. All sizes attracted more buying interest and recovered slightly from yesterday's sharp decline.

Weekly Egg Price Review

	July 24	July 25	July 28	July 29
NEARBY WHITE				
Ex Fcy Hywts	45½	46	47½	47½
Mediums	37½	36 -37½	38½	33½-33¾
Pullets	27½	26½	25½	22 -22½
Peeweews	19	19	19	18
NEARBY BROWN				
Ex Fcy Hywts	45	45½	46½	46½
Mediums	36½	34 -34½	34½	34
Pullets	27½	25	25	22 -22½
Peeweews	20	19	19	18

Meat Production Down Five Pct.

Last Week

WASHINGTON, July 29—Meat production under federal inspection for the week ended July 26, 1958 was estimated at 341 million pounds according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. This was 5 per cent below the 358 million pound a week ago and 7 per cent below the 367 million pounds a year ago.

Meat production showed a general decrease compared with the previous week as slaughter of all species fell below a week earlier. Slaughter was also under a year ago except on hogs, the slaughter of which increased over a year ago for the second straight week.

Cattle slaughter estimated at 346,000 head was 1 per cent below the 350,000 the preceding week and 12 per cent below the 393,000 head for the corresponding week a year ago. Beef production was 191.0 million pounds compared with 193.9 million pounds the preceding week and 207.3 million pounds a year ago.

Calf slaughter was estimated at 25,000 compared with 101,000 the preceding week and 139,000 last year. Output of inspected veal for the three weeks under comparisons was 12.9, 13.5 and 18.5 million pounds respectively.

Estimated slaughter of 931,000 hogs was 8 per cent below the 1,011,000 the previous week but slightly above the 928,000 for the corresponding week a year ago. Production of pork was 127.8 million pounds compared with 141.0 million pounds a week ago and 129.1 million pounds a year ago.

Sheep & lamb slaughter was estimated at 217,000 compared with 228,000 the preceding week and 265,000 last year. Production of lamb and mutton for the three weeks amounted to 9.5, 10.0 and 11.7 million pounds respectively.

For the week ended July 12, 1958 actual slaughter included 348,788 cattle, 99,667, calves, 954,019 hogs and 230,524 sheep & lambs. Production of lard for the same week was 33.7 million pounds.

Lancaster Farming, Friday, August 1, 1958—3

475 lb sows 19-20, most 330-375 lb 20-25-21 25, and a few 275-325 lb 21-50 22; a small volume 500-550 lb 18-25-19, shippers took 2,700
Cattle 25,000, calves 200, slaughter steers and heifers slow, steers 25 to mostly 50 lower, spots 75 lower on weights of 1,250 lb and up, heifers weak to 50 lower, closed mostly 50 lower, cows and bulls fairly active; fully steady, vealers steady, a few sales stockers and feeders about steady. Prime steers 28-29, only scattered loads 28-50 and better. Bulk mixed choice and prime 27-25-27-75; Lull good and choice 25-27, mixed utility and standard 1,000 lb 23-50, high choice and prime heifers 27-25-28-25;

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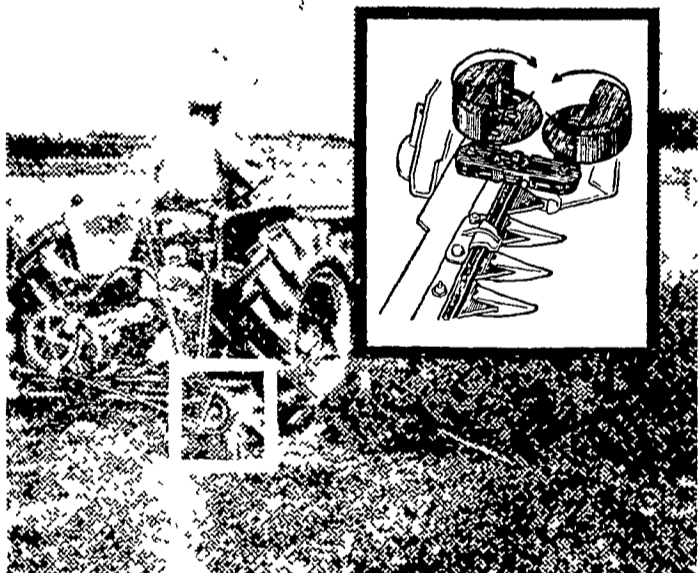
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