

Broiler Market Dips to 18.87 At Lancaster Poultry Auction

The average price paid for broilers at Lancaster last week dropped to less than 19 cents for the first time in more than a month. Average price paid at the auction was 18.87 cents per pound. Seven lots were withdrawn from the sale on bids from 17 1/4 to 19 cents. In all 112,735 birds were sold in 36 lots.

The corresponding sale in 1957 moved 139,250 broilers at an average price of 22.76 cents.

Two lots of heavy fowl, 1,900 head sold for 16 1/2 to 17 cents. One lot of 600 capettes brought 23 1/2 cents. Also sold were 6,260 head of Leghorn fowl for 15 1/4 to 16 cents.

Here is the August 21 sale by lot number, seller with grower in parenthesis, number and breed, age in weeks and days, buyer and price per pound.

1 Miller and Bushong (Leonard Deitz), 4,500 Vantress, 9-3, Meaders Poultry, 19 cents. 2 M&B (Elmer M Showalter) 3,800 Vantress, 9-3 no sale 18 1/4 cents bid. 3 M&B (John O Moyer, Jr.), 4,500 Vantress, 9-3, College Hill Poultry 18 1/4 cents. 4 M&B (John O Moyer, Jr.) 5,200 Vantress, 9-3 College Hill Poultry, 18 1/4 cents.

5 M&B (John O. Moyer, Jr.), 5,100 Vantress, 9-3, College Hill Poultry, 18 1/4 cents. 6 M&B (John O Moyer, Jr.) 5,200 Vantress, 9-3, College Hill Poultry, 18 1/4 cents. 7 M&B (Clair Bomberger), 5,000 Indian Rivers, 9-6, Meaders Poultry 19 cents. 8 M&B (Clair Bomberger) 3,200 Indian Rivers 9-6, Meaders Poultry, 19 cents. 9 M&B (Elmer Beiler) 2,500 Vantress, 10, College Hill Poultry, 19 cents. 10 M&B (Harry F. Hess) 3,700 Indian Rivers 9-2, College Hill Poultry, 18 1/2 cents.

11 Miller & Bushong (Harry F. Hess) 3,700 Indian Rivers, 9, no sale 18 1/4 cents bid. 12 M&B (Harry F Hess) 8,000 Indian Rivers White 9-2, Victor F. Weaver, 13 3/4 cents. 13 Brown Bros 6,000 White Mountains, 9, H. W Long are Inc 19 cents. 14 Browns Bros 6,000 White Mountains 9, Victor F Weaver 19 cents. 15 Warren Shearer 5,000 White Mountains 9-2, No Sale 19 cents bid. 16 Jack Bucher 4,100 Vantress, 9-6, Victor F Weaver, 18 1/2 cents. 17 Jack Bucher 4,100 White Mountains 9-6, Victor F Weaver, 18 1/2 cents. 18 Jack Bucher, 3,950 White Mountains, 9-6, Victor F. Weaver, 18 1/4 cents. 19 Donald C

Hershey 4,000 Vantress, 9, Daniel K Good 18 1/2 cents. 20 Donald C Hershey 1,400 Vantress 9, Carl B Risser 18 1/4 cents.

21 Paul K Farrel 600 Vantress, Capettes, 12, Carl B. Risser 23 1/4 cents. 22 D George Beiler, 3,800 Vantress 9-2, Walter C Mellinger, 18 1/2 cents. 23. Barney McGrann 2000 Vantress, 9-6, Daniel K Good 19 1/4 cents. 24 Reid Wisler 4,100 Vantress 9-6, Victor F Weaver 19 cents. 25. Donald Zeager 2,000 Vantress, 10, College Hill Poultry 18 1/4 cents. 26 Nora Myer, 2,000 Vantress 10, College Hill Poultry 17 1/4 cents. 27 Earl Gingrich 1,900 Leghorn Fowl 1 1/2 yr Victor J Koser Co. 16 1/4 cents. 28 Willis A. Kilheffer 450 Leghorn Yearling, Roy E Ream, 16 cents. 29 C Richard Miller 1,200 Leghorn Fowl 1/2 Yrs. Roy E Ream 16 cents. 30. Paris Ober 930 Leghorn Fowl Yearlings Roy E. Ream 16 cents.

31. Floyd L. Hershey 1,500 White Rock Fowl 1 year 4 Month, Walter C Mellinger 17 cents. 32 John McMichael 2,000 Vantress 9, College Hill Poultry 18 1/4 cents. 33 Charles D. Nissley 425 New Hampshire Reds No Sale 15 1/4 cents bid. 34. Pa. Farm Bureau (Lewis Springer) 1000 Vantress Capettes 9-6 College Hill Poultry 19 1/4 cents. 35 Dan R. Myer 5,000 Vantress 10, Daniel K Good 20 cents. Dan R Myer 5,000 Vantress 10, Roy E Ream 19 1/4 cents. 37. John L Hershey 825 White Rock Capettes 8-6, Daniel K Good 18 1/4 cents.

38. Aten Bros (Albert Schmidt) 9,000 Vantress 10, No Sale 19 cents bid. 39 Aten Bros (Albert Landsiedel) 1,900 Vantress 10, No Sale 18 1/2 cents bid. 40 Roy Bender 600 Leghorn Fowl Yearlings Roy E Ream 15 1/4 cents. 41 Norman Leininger 3,300 Vantress 10-2, No Sale 17 1/2 cents bid. 42 Moore Farms (Henry Martin) 100 White Rock 1 Yr Marvin Sweigart 16 1/2 cents. 43 Paris Ober 1,180 Leghorn Fowl Victor J Koser Co. 16 cents.

Steers Steady In Slow Trade At Chicago Yards

CHICAGO, August 25—CATTLE & CALVES 23,000, slaughter steers slow, mostly steady, instances weak on low choice and below, best action on average choice to prime heifers very slow, steady to 25 cents lower with best action on high-good and choice 800-950 lb. Many loads heifers still unsold. Cows rather slow, steady to weak. Bulls and vealers steady.

STEERS Choice and prime 1100-1400 lb slaughter steers \$27.00-28.50, load prime 1225-1300 lb \$28.00-28.25, good and choice steers \$24.50-27.50, (choice \$25.50 and up, largely \$26.00 and up on 1100 lb and heavier few lots standard and low-good steers \$23.00-24.25.

HEIFERS Few choice to low prime \$50-1040 lb slaughter heifers \$26.00-28.75 but several loads held higher, good and choice heifers \$23.50-26.00, choice largely \$25.00 and up, few utility and standard heifers \$20.50-22.50, load mostly good with a few standard 750 lb \$23.00.

COWS & BULLS Utility and commercial cows \$17.75-20.00, few high commercial and standard \$20.25-22.00, canners and cutters largely \$15.25-19.75, few lightweight canners down to \$14.00, utility and commercial bulls \$21.00-24.00.

VEALERS Good and choice vealers \$29.00-32.00 Utility and standard \$19.00-29.00 culls down to \$12.00.

STOCKERS & FEEDERS No early sales stockers and feeders.

HOGS 8,000 Slow steady to 25 cents lower on barrows and gilts, most decline weights over 230 lbs. and on No 1 and 2 grade under 230 lb. Sows moderately active, steady. Good shipping demand and all local interests in trade U S No 13, 200-225 lb barrows and gilts \$19.75-20.00, several lots No 1 and 2 these weights \$20.00-20.15 and 150 head No 1, 210-220 lbs Uniform in weight and grade \$20.25-25 head Lot No 1, 240 lbs also \$20.25 No 2 and 3 230-270 lb \$19.75 to mostly \$20. Few 290-300 lb \$19.65-19.75 Mixed grades 180-190 lb \$18.75-19.50 Mixed grades 400-500 lb sows \$17.50-18.50, 300 lb \$18.50-19.50.

SHEEP 1,000 Bulk in the run spring lambs, remainder small lots slaughter ewes Trade fairly active spring lambs mostly 50 cents higher Slaughter ewes 56-100 higher Good to prime spring lambs 84-99 lb \$22.00-25.00, about 125 head at the outside quotations, cull and utility lambs \$17.50-21.00. Four decks choice and prime mostly choice shorn spring lambs 105 and 106lb with No 2 pelts \$25.00 Cull to choice shorn slaughter ewes \$6.00-8.50.

A total of 45 million bushels of potatoes went into potato chips last year, and were cooked in 300 million pounds of fat, according to the U S Department of Agriculture. Another 7 million pounds of potatoes and 14 million pounds of fat went into frozen French fries.

Slaughter Steers and Heifers Scarce at Lancaster This Week

by Hal Churchill,
Acting in Charge, Market News Branch
LANCASTER, Aug 28 — CATTLE. 3,378 Receipts larger than same time last week and supply consisted of 60 per cent stockers and feeders with 750-1,000 lb. feeder steers predominating. Fed slaughter steers in limited supply, slaughter heifers scarce. Cows and bulls near 15 per cent of run. Slaughter steers fairly active, uneven average - choice and better 25 cents to mostly 50 cents higher. Low choice and below steady to weak, most weakness on grassed standard and low-good offerings. Cows and bulls fairly active, steady. Stockers and feeders moderately active, fully 50 cents higher, with quality more attractive than on previous weeks.

Load 1,085 lb. prime slaughter steers \$29. Bulk 1,000-1,300 lb. choice steers \$26.75-28, with few loads 1,100-1,250 lb mixed choice and prime \$28.25. Good and low-choice 1,000-1,300 lb slaughter steers \$24.75-26.75, with load 1,350 lb. low-choice \$26.50. Standard and low-good grassed steers \$23-24.50. Commercial cows \$30.50-31.50, cutter and utility cows \$17-20.50, canners and low-cutters \$15.25-17. Good 800-1,100 lb fed yearling bulls \$25-27. Utility and commercial bulls \$22.50-25, cutters \$20-22.50.

Good and choice 800-1,000 lb. feeder steers \$24.50-27.50, medium and good these weights \$23-25. Good and choice 600-800 lb. stocker and feeder steers \$25-26.50, medium and good these (Continued on page three)

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