

Broiler Market Dips to 17.21 At Lancaster Poultry Auction

LANCASTER — Broilers this week hit a four-year low for the sale at the weekly auction of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange. With the average only 17.21 cents a pound, this represents the low point of a trend that has been developing for the past three weeks.

The low prices did not come without warning, however. The average at the Eastern Shore Poultry Growers Exchange in the Delmarva area Tuesday and Wednesday dropped to about 16 cents a pound.

The local exchange has averaged about 65 cents a pound higher than Delmarva during the first 35 weeks of this year, an Exchange spokesman said.

Last year on the same date the average was 19.52 cents a pound. A total of 48,450 broilers were sold.

This week 165,125 head of broilers were sold in spite of the drop in price.

The annual fall broiler price decline this year started about a full month to six weeks earlier than usual. The prices being experienced by broilers growers now usually are not reached until late in October and November.

At the recent sale the range was from 1 to 18.4 cents a pound. Three per cent of the sales were from 16 to 16.6 cents; 20 per cent from 16.9 to 17 cents; 29 per cent from 17.1 to 17.2 cents; 32 per cent at 17.3 cents; nine per cent from 17.4 to 17.5 cents; five per cent at 17.6 cents; and two per cent at 18.1 to 18.4 cents. Nine lots, 14,590 head, of capettes sold from 22.9 to 27.6 cents, and 4,000 head of light type hens sold from 12.5 to 12.6 cents.

Unsold were three lots of broilers, four lots of capettes and two lots of heavy type turkeys.

Here is the Sept. 4, sale by lot number, seller with grower in parenthesis, number and breed, age in weeks and days, buyer and price per pound.

1 Lester High 2,000 Vantress 10-1 Roy E Ream 17.6 cents 2 Max Schlegel 1,300 Broad Breasted Bronze 25, No Sale, 23 cents bid 3 Max Schlegel 1,200 Broad Breasted Bronze 25 No Sale, 29.2 cents bid. 3. Max Schlegel 1,200 Broad Breasted Bronze No Sale 29.2 bid.

4 Jack Bucher 4,300 Vantress 9-2 Meaders Poultry 17.3 cents 5 Jack Bucher 4,300 Vantress 9-2 Victor F Weaver 17.2 cents 6 Jack Bucher 1,500 Vantress 9-2 No Sale 17 cents bid

7 William Schultz 5,300 Van-

dress 10 Meaders Poultry 17.5 cents 8 William Schultz 5,300 Vantress 10 Meaders Poultry 17.6 cents 9 D. E. Horn & Co. (Paul Newcomer) 6,000 Vantress 9-2 S E Davis 17.1 cents

10 D E Horn & Co (Paul Newcomer) 6,000 White Mountain Cockrels 9 College Hill Poultry 17.3 cents 11 Miller & Bushong (Harold M Hess) 5,000 Indian River Whites 9-3 College Hill Poultry 17.3 cents 12 Miller & Bushong (Harold M. Herr) 5,000 Vantress 9-3 College Hill Poultry 17.3 cents.

13. M&B (Mrs Mary Ingram) 7,000 Vantress 9 Victor F. Weaver 17 cents. 14. M&B (G. Walter Jackson) 4,000 Vantress 9-1 Walter C. Mellinger 17 cents. 15. M&B (Paul Lavengood) 2,000 Vantress 9-8 Roy E Ream 18.1 cents.

16. M&B (Robert Miller) 6,500 Indian River Whites 9-3 C F. Manbeck Inc. 17.3 cents. 17. M&B (John L Herr, 1,000 Vantress Capettes 14 Marvin Sweigart 23.4 cents. 18. M&B (John L Hrr 1,000 Vantress Capettes 14 Carl B. Risser 25.1 cents.

19. M&B (Elvin Siegrist 1,400

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Chicago Wed. Market Active

CHICAGO, Sept 10 — HOGS — 8500 — moderately active early, later trade active. Barrows and gilts opened steady to weak, instances 10 15 lower but bulk fully steady, instances strong at the close. Sows fairly active and steady. Fewer butchers under 200 lbs and larger numbers over 200 lbs in receipts. All interests in trade early and complete early clearance U S No 1 to 3, mostly No 2 and 3 mixed grades 200-225 lb barrows and gilts 20 10-20.35, mostly 20.25-20.35 Several hundred No 1 and 2 these weights \$20.25 20.50 and several lots No 1, most sorted for grade, also \$20.50 35 head lot No. 1, \$20.60 No 2 and 3 230-280 lbs \$20.15-20.40. Limited volume mixed grades 180-195 lbs. \$19.50-20.25 Mixed grades 400-500 lb sows \$17.50-18.50. Most 300-400 lbs. 18.50-19.50 and few small lots 300 lbs and lighter to \$19.75.

CATTLE — 12,000 — Another two way market on slaughter steers, weights under 1150 lbs. moderately active, steady to 25 higher, steers 1150 lbs and heavier slow, steady to 25 lower, numerous loads steers weighing over 1200 lbs. still in first hands, many held since Monday. Heifers active, steady to 25 higher, good and choice over 950 lb weights only steady. Cows moderately active, steady to strong. Bulls active, fully 25 higher. Vealers steady. Stockers and feeders (Continued On Page Three)

Receipts for All Livestock Increase, Vealers Up, Steers Off, at Lancaster

by Hal Churchill,
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WEDNESDAY TO WEDNESDAY
REVIEW

LANCASTER, Sept 10 — Receipts for week to date Cattle, 3988; Calves, 776; Hogs, 1416. Sheep, 509.

CATTLE Receipts larger than same time last week and supply consisted of 55 per cent stockers and feeders, 30 per cent fed slaughter steers and 10 per cent cows and bulls. Quality of slaughter steers more attractive than on previous week with larger percentage of high-choice and prime. Slaughter steers slow, unevenly steady to fully 50¢ lower, most decline on kinds scaling over 1200 lbs. Slaughter heifers scarce

Cows fairly active, steady to 25¢ higher, most advance on utility and commercial Bulls fairly active, steady Stockers and feeders only moderately active, steady to 50¢ lower, most decline on 900 1100 lb feeder steers Part load 1325 lb. prime slaughter steers \$29.25 Few loads 1150-1350 lb prime and mixed choice and prime steers \$28-29. Bulk 1000-1400 lb choice steers \$26.50-28 Good and low-choice slaughter steers \$24.50-26.50 Few lots standard and good grassfed steers \$23.75-24.50 Commercial cows \$20.25-21.25, cutter and utility \$17-20.75, canner and low-cutter sows \$15.25-16.75 Good 800-1100 lb fed yearling bulls \$25-26.50, few \$26.75-27 Utility and commercial bulls \$22.50-25, cutters \$20-

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