

Delmarva-Georgia Lead Broiler Price Collapse

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The Delmarva broiler-feed ratio for the week ending November 14 settled to 3.6, after climbing to 3.8 Nov. 7. Price of 20% broiler mash was \$91.22 per ton, compared with 95.68 one year ago. Broiler prices for the week averaged 16.44 compared with 17.11 on Nov. 7 and 18.10 one year ago.

Volume of Delmarva poultry processed or shipped alive, week ending Nov. 15; Processed - 3,131,068, Live - 439,830 and total - 3,570,898, with a weighted average of 16.44 per pound at 3.54 lb. per head average for broilers and fryers.

Change in reported averages from Nov. 7, Plus One percent, compared to corresponding week last year, Minus two percent.

The Weekly Delmarva Review, Monday, Nov. 17 to Friday, Nov. 21.

Monday Delmarva - Mkt. unsettled to weak, offering moderate, demand reduced. All sizes well distributed in price range. Prices paid and reported purchases at farm since Fri., 2 1/2 lb and over, mostly 3 1/4 - 3 1/2 lbs., 14 60 - 16. 687,100 head, including 328,500 head purchased at

Eastern Shore Growers Exchange, 47% at 15 - 15 1/4c.

Georgia: Offering prices mostly one cent lower, demand mostly slow though fair in some instances. Supplies adequate to fully ample. At farm, B&F 2 3/4 lbs. - 3 1/4 lbs. 14 - 15c, mostly 14, 580,000 head. FOB plants 15 - 16, mostly 15, 355,700 head. Fri. and Sat., at farm 15 - 15 1/2, 747,000 head, 87% at 15, 12% at 15 1/2.

TUESDAY: Delmarva - B&F quiet, trading very light, offerings normal, demand reduced. At farm, 2 1/2 lb. and over, mostly 3 - 3 1/2 lbs., 15 - 15 1/4c, 113,200 head with no sale at Eastern Shore, 56% intra-company transfers. Cap. pullets, 4,000 head at 18c for live mkt., 3,000 head at 17c.

Georgia - B&F, demand irregular, gen. slow to fair. Supplies remain adequate to fully ample. At farm, 2 3/4 - 3 3/4 lb., 14 - 15c, mostly 14, 608,400 head. FOB plants 15 - 16, mostly 15, 317,900 head. Prices at farm volume, Nov. 17; at farm 14 - 14 1/2, 578,600, 82% at 14. FOB plants, 15c, 357,800 head, 74% at 15.

WEDNESDAY: Delmarva - Dull and weak, offerings moderate, demand very slow, sales very difficult to de-

cline. All at 15 1/2 - 15.75 on previous commitment. At farm, 2 1/2 lb. and over, mostly 15.75, 667,300 head, incl. ly 3 1/4 lb. and over, 12.60 - 392,100 purchased at Eastern Shore Cap., 1600 head, 23c.

Georgia - Demand irregular, supplies gen. adequate to fully ample. At farm 2 3/4 - 3 3/4, 13 - 15c, mostly 14, 346,900 head; FOB plants, 14 - 15, mostly 15, 186,300 head. Tuesday round-up; at farm, 14 - 14 1/2, 628,300 head, 87% at 14. FOB plants, 15c, 316,900 head.

THURSDAY: Delmarva - Weak, offerings normal, 2 1/2 lbs. and over, mostly 3 1/4 - 3 1/2 lbs., 11 - 15c, 595,200 head, including 415,800 head purchased at Eastern Shore. Less than 1% at 11c, 4% at 12 - 12 1/2, 17% at 12 1/2 - 13, 29% 13 - 13 1/2, 22% at 13 1/2 - 14, 3% at 14 - 14 1/2, 6% at 14 1/2 - 15 Light turkey fryers, 6300 head, 25 3 - 26.

Georgia - Supplies gen. adequate to fully ample, with shortages in south Georgia. Volume extremely light at low side of offering prices 2 3/4 - 3 3/4 lbs at farm, 13 - 14c, mostly 14, 560,300 head. FOB plants, 14 - 15, mostly 15, 264,500 head. Wed. round-up, at farm 14c, 398,100 head, 83% at 14. FOB plants, 15, 183,000 head, 80% at 15.

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Nearby Whites					
Extra fcy hvywts	49 -	48 -	48 -	48 -	48 -
Mediums	36 1/2-37	34 -	34 -	35 -	35 -
Pullets	28 1/2-	28 1/2-	28 1/2-	30 -	31 -
Peewees	21 -22	21 -22	21 -22	22 -	22 -23
Nearby Browns					
Extra fcy hvywts	49 1/2-	48 1/2-	48 -	48 -	48 -
Mediums	36 1/2-37 1/2	34 -34 1/2	34 -34 1/2	34 1/2-35	34 1/2-35
Pullets	28 1/2-	28 1/2-	28 1/2-	30 -	31 -
Peewees	21 -22	21 -22	21 -22	22 -	22 -23
Midwestern Mixed					
Fcy hvywts	44 -	43 -	42 1/2-43	42 1/2-43	42 1/2-43
Mediums	32 1/2-33	32 1/2-	32 1/2-	34 -	34 -
Pullets	27 -28	27 -28	27 -28	30 -	31 -
Standards	41 -42	40 -41	40 -41	40 -41	40 -41
Checks	33 -34	34 -35	34 -35	34 -35	34 -35
Midwestern Whites					
Fcy hvywts	46 -	44 -44 1/2	44 1/2-	45 -	45 -
Mediums	33 1/2-	33 -	33 -	34 -	34 -
Pullets	27 -28	27 -28	27 -28	30 -	31 -
Midwestern Browns					
Fcy hvywts	47 1/2-	46 1/2-	46 -	46 -	46 -

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TURKEYS THEN AND NOW

Wild Turkeys were abundant in America long before the arrival of the first white settlers Carl Dossin, Penn State extension poultry specialist, points out that the domesticated turkey is much larger and better fleshed than his wild cousin. This is the result of breeding, feeding, and management.

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QUALITY COUNTS

The number of cows in the dairy herd is not always an indication of profit. Herbert Gilmore, Penn State extension dairy specialist, reminds that production per cow is a much better measure of production efficiency.

Strong Market This Week At New Holland Auctions

Launching the first regular coverage of New Holland Sales Stables auctions this week, Lancaster Farming brings an added service to the farm industry of this rich agricultural section. In this space each week we will provide full coverage of all classes and kinds of livestock sold on the New Holland market.

The Nov. 17 horse and mule auction saw 186 head sold. Top of the market was set by a three-gated riding horse, which sold for \$270. Riding horses generally sold for \$115 to 185.

Driving horses were holding at \$115 - 175 ponies were going at \$80 - 140 and mules at \$110 - 140. Heavy killers sold from \$90 - 130 and

thin kinds, \$50 - 80. Trend on the market was active, although the selection in saddle and driving horses was not too attractive. No mare ponies were offered.

The Nov. 19 Dairy sale had 126 head selling; cows - 126, stock bulls - 6, and heifers - 6.

Top grade fresh cows were selling from \$400 to \$495. Fresh Guernsey cows were bringing \$225 - 320, and other breeds were selling from \$225 - 400.

Stock bulls sold for \$110 - 140.

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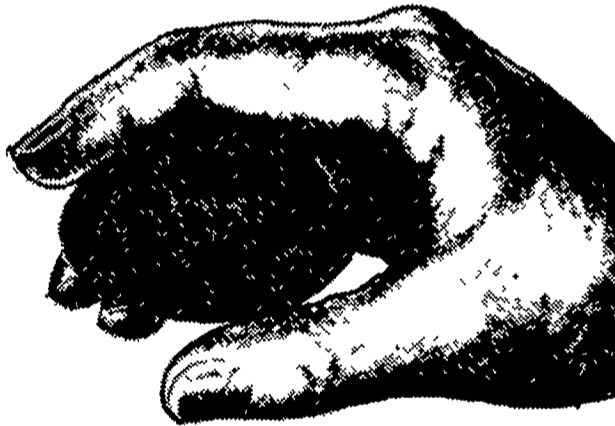
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