Light Markets Hold Firm

Due to the Holiday closing condemmed loss. of USDA Agricultural Market News Services offices for Thursday and Friday of this 10½ - 16; Wednesday— 504, week, the Delmarva - Geor- 700 at 11 40 - 17.70, mostly gia market report will cover 15 and up. the period, Monday through Wednesday.

Monday's Delmarva market opened steady, with of-ferings considerably reduced from comparable days in recent weeks. Buyers were very selective for quality and size desired. Tuesday's trad-ing was very light and the market quiet. The Wednesday

The short week's volume: Monday— 545,700 at 13 20-

16.60; Tuesday— 204,900 at

and quiet at others as several plants were not operating. Offerings were not heavy, though generally adequate for needs The situation continued through Tuesday and Wednesday with very light trading at all points.

market dute. The Wednesday market was firm, offerings continued lighter than for day—At farm, 466.000 at 14-past weeks. Demand was imposed but buyers were very plants 171,500 at 15 Tuesday The wholesale feedsture.

U.S. Meat Output Drops

wek ago, but the same as a

Total meat production was below the previous week, which has been the normal



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Meat production under fed- years for the week precederal inspection for the wek ing Christmas. Veal was the 62 6 last year. The hog-corn ended December 20, 1958 only beef class to shof a pro- ratio, based on Chicago priwas estimated at 394 million duction increase for the ces, was 15 7 compared with pounds according to the U. week, when compared with a 15 3 last week and 16 4 a S.D.A. This was six per cent year ago, with an increase in year earlier. below the 420 million lbs. a pork production bringing total meat output on a par meals were very limited and with a year earlier, even though production of other current demand Prices aveclasses decreased.

Cattle slaughter, estimated pattern during most past at 318,000 head, was eight per cent below the preceding week and eight per cent below the 346,000 head for a year ago Beef production was 1886 million lbs compared with 2084 million lbs. he preceding week and 192million lbs a year ago.

> Calf slaughter was estimated at 112,000 head compared with 106,000 the preceding were well sold Advances av-week and 145,000 last year. eraged around \$2 80 per ton Output of inspected veal for the three weeks under comparisans was 116, 111 and 149 million lbs respectively.

Estimated slaughter of 1,-320,000 hogs was three per -below the previous week's 1,358,000, but slight-ly above the 1,319,000 a year (Turn to page 5) Pork production was million lbs compared ton for the three weeks am-1889 million a week ounted to 96, 118 and 100 earlier and 1772 lbs a year million lbs respectively.

Production of lamb and mut-lambs

Feed Market Still Climbs

Feedstuff markets contin-Georgia's broiler market aged \$1.55 per ton higher opened with demand irreguduring the week ended Declar, only fair at some points, ember 22, the USDA repor-

> Trading was unusually active for this time of year. Demand remained exceptionally strong, reflecting good movement of formula feeds Spot supplies of many ingredients tightened, with veg etable and animal proteins

wholesale feedstuff selective for size and quality desired and processors were beginning to charge back 15.

January 12,000 at 16 Tacsaay

at farm, 420,700, 86 per cent price index reached the high est point since August 1954

At 93.7 this week, it was 2.2 points above a week earlier and 21 points above a year ago. The feed grain index declined to 64 1 this week as against 64 4 last week and

Spot offerings of oilseed current demand Prices ave-1aged \$2 15 per ton higher on soybean meal. \$1 50 higher on cottonseed meal and \$3.60 higher on linseed meal. Copra meal held firm, while peanut meal went up \$1 35.

Meat proteins continued to advance in the face of mcreased buyer resistance Although buying was limited to immediate needs, demand was still good and producers eraged around \$2 80 per ton on meat meal \$3 60 on tan-

Demand for wheat millfeeds slackened despite relatively light supplies. Mills were not pressed for sales



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ued to rise and prices averaged \$1.55 per ton higher during the week ended Dected th's week

kage and \$2 50 on fish meal

For the week ended De-

Sheep and lamb was esticember 6, 1958, actual slaumated at 201,000 compared after included 352,001 catwith 251,000 the preceding tle, 118,014 calves, 1,381,115 week and 209,000 last year. hogs and 260,469 sheep and



Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From December 22nd to Friday, December 26th Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Finday

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Waster.		Nearby '	wnites	
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Medium				
				37 -
Pullets				30½-31
Pewees	23 -24	23 -24	23 -24	23 -24
		Nearby B	rowns	
Extra		_		
Fcy Hywts				47 -
Medium	361/2-37	361/2-37	3612-37	$36\frac{1}{2}-37$
Pullets	301/2-31	301/2-31	301/2-31	301/2-31
Pewees		23 -24		23 -24
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Fcy Hywts	42	42	42 -	42 -
Medium	331/2-	331/2-	331/2-	3312-
Pullets			3012-31	301/2-31
Standards	39 -391/2	39 -391/2	39 -391/2	39 -39 -
Checks	37 -	37 -	37 -	37 -
	M	idwestern	Whites	
Fey Hywts	441/2-	4432-	441/2-	4414-
Medium				331/2-34
Pullets	3012-31	301/2-31	301/2-31	301/2-31

Fcy Hywts 43 -43 -43 -TREND-Shell egg market this week very firm with a light absorption of supplies and prices very fully support-

Midwestern Browns

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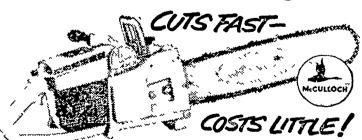
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