

## Too Few Birds -- No Sale

Lack of listings forced a cancellation of the sale at the Lancaster Poultry center this week. Only two lots of birds were consigned by growers as follows: John W. Eshleman (August Branding) 1500 White Vantress, 9 wks., two days; and Elverson Supply Company (John B. Zook) 1000 Indian Rivers, 10 weeks. Buyers were requested to contact growers personally.

The Board of Directors of the Poultry Exchange met in special session on Wednesday evening and asked the following be released to the public.

Taken from the Initial Procedure for Caponette Purchase Program Dept. of Agriculture Release No. 3523-59 - Dated December 11, 1959.

Definition of a caponette - A caponette is a young bird which has been treated with Diethylstilbestrol.

Producer with live birds on hand which have been treated may:

A. Sell these birds to a processor.  
B. Offer direct to the Department of Agriculture.

If you sell to the Department of Agriculture, then the birds must be processed in an official plant operating under the Poultry Products

Inspection Act. Liver and kidneys must be removed. They must be frozen, unwrapped and dry packed in shipping containers.

Purchase price for producers for caponettes for slaughter after Dec. 11, will be related to an official published market price issued by the Department of Agriculture for a representative period prior to December 10, 1959.

Producers, Poultry Processors, Wholesalers and Retailers who intend to offer caponettes for sale to the Department of Agriculture should do the following.

1. Assemble and arrange for its proper protection in freezer storage.

2. Assemble the following details.

a. description of commodity including total weight and number of units (Boxes, head count or both)

b. Freezer storage data name and location of storage plant, date into storage, published rates of storage plant.

c. Proof of treatment with Diethylstilbestrol, or description of official caponette label including brand name and approved plant number.

d. Proof of cost to support offering price.

All persons intending to

## Trading Light Plants Slack

Trading in Delmarva opened quietly this week with the offerings fully adequate for the limited demand.

By mid week a majority of the dressing plants were curtailing their operations sharply or dressing turkeys.

Estimated slaughtered for the week end was 387,000 head. Prices reported for the 24 hour period up to 10:30 Friday morning were 18-19-70 for 374,000 head.

The broiler-feed ratio for the week ending December 11 was up to 4.3, six points over the previous week's 3.7. Mash was down only slightly at \$93.28 per ton, but the average price of live birds rose from 17.45 to 19.94 during the week. The ratio is 1.2 above the 3.1 for the same week a year ago.

Georgia reported prices for Friday ranging from 15 to 17.75 on 389,000 head. Estimated slaughter in Georgia for the weekend is 1,091,000

offer caponettes for sale to the Department should notify the Poultry Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 24, D. C. of such intentions indicating approximate quantities and storage location.

Also name and address of person to whom U.S. Department of Agriculture should send the necessary contract forms containing detailed terms and conditions of purchase

## Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, December 14th to Friday, December 18th

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>Nearby Whites</b>					
Ext. Fcy.					
Hywts	35 -36	35 -36	35 -36	35 -36	36 -
Med	26½-27	28 -	29 .30	30 -	30 -
Pullets	23 -	24 -	24 -	24 -	24 -
P-wees	19 -20	19 -20	19 .20	19 -20	19 -20

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>Nearby Browns</b>					
Ext. Fcy.					
Hywts	34½-	34½-	34½-	34½-	35½-36
Med	29 -	29 -	29 -	29 -	29 -
Pullets	26½-	26½-	26½-	26½-	26½-
P-wees	19 -20	19 -20	19 -20	19 -20	19 -20

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>Midwestern Mixed</b>					
Ext. Fcy.					
Hywts	32 -	32 -	32 -	31½-32	31½-
Med	26 -	27 -	29 -	29 -	27½-28
Pullets	23 -	23 -	23 -	23 -	23 -
Stds	30 -	30½-	30½-	30½-	29 -
Checks	25 -	25 -	25 -	25 -	24 -

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>Midwestern Browns</b>					
Ext. Fancy					
Hywts	32½-	32¾-33	33 -	33 -	33 -

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Ext. Fcy.					
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Pullets	23 -	24 -	24 -	24 -	24 -

TREND: Shell egg market irregular and unsettled. Nearby fancy large generally well cleared and mediums also well absorbed. Midwesterns however, easier under lack of support.

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"The above article is the only official word that we have received to date on the use of the drug—Diethylstilbestrol and its subsequent effect on the sale of caged birds.

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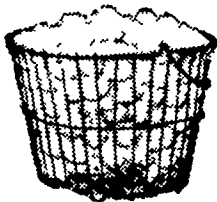


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