

Broilers Down Two Cents Price Gains A Quarter Cent

Broiler prices at the December 13 auction dropped nearly two cents a pound below the average of a week before. This week's sale average was 14.62 compared to the 16.4 of the previous week.

Only 21,300 broilers in six lots changed hands as growers resisted the lower prices. However only four lots of broilers containing 15,900 head failed to sell at the offered 14.4 to 14.8. The prices of birds sold ranged 14.4 to 15.4 with 82% going at 14.5.

Heavier birds went unsold as nine growers refused bids of 14.4 to 22. Four lots containing 2,625 roasters brought 18 to 27.5 while 4,725 pullets in six lots sold at 25.2 to 27.3.

Five lots containing 3,350 heavy fowl brought 17.2 to 18.3, and 1,625 leghorn fowl in three lots crossed the block at 8.6 to 9.5.

CODE: H-F-Heavy Fowl, WX-Vantress Cross, WV-White Vantress, C-Cockerels, P-Pullets, PLP-Pilch Ledbreast Pullets, MWX-Martin's White Cross, IR-Indian River, BXC-Barred Cross Cockerels, L-F-Leghorn Fowl, LC-Ledbreast Cockerels.

1. Longenecker's Hatchery, 1000 H-F, Marvin Sweigart, 18.2; 2. Miller & Bushong

(Lloyd Wenger), 6500 WX, 9-2, NO SALE, 14.8 BID; 3. Harvey M. Zimmerman, 600 WVC, 13-0, Daniel K. Good, 26.8, 4. Same, 600 WVC, 13-0, Carl B. Risser, 27.5; 5. Greider Leghorn Farms, 250 H-F, 15 mo, Marvin Sweigart, 18.0.

6. Same, 70 Males, Marvin Sweigart, 8.6; 6 Same, 250 H-F, 15 mo, Daniel K Good, 18.3; 7. Same, 260 H-F, 15 mo, W. C Mellinger & Son, 17.7; 8. Daniel B King, 900 WVP, 17-0, Daniel K. Good, 27.3; 9. A L. Harnish, 2000 WVXC, 12-1, NO SALE, 18.0 BID, 10 Richard Trostel, 1600 H-F, 1 yr., W. C. Mellinger & Son, 17.2; 100 Males, W. C Mellinger & Son, 7.0.

11. M&B (John L. Herr), 1500 WVP, 14-2, Carl B. Risser, 25.2, 12. Raymond Zimmerman, 5000 WV, 9-0, NO SALE, 14.4 BID; 13. M&B (Lester Shirk), 3000 WV, 9-0, NO SALE, 14.6 BID; 14. Glenn H. Herr, 800 SXC, 12-0, WITHDRAWN PRIOR TO SALE; 15. M&B (John McMichael), 5700 WV, 8-6, Daniel K Good, 14.6.

16. Same (Clarence Huber), 700 WVC, 11-2, Daniel K. Good, 18.0; 17. Same, 700 WVP, 11-2, NO SALE, 17.0 Bid; 18. Same (Clarence Hilscher), 800 WV, 10-5, NO SALE, 14.0 Bid; -19. Same (Harold Hollinger), 1800

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Live broiler prices in Delmarva increased about a quarter cent during the 24 hour period ending 10:30 Friday morning

A fair demand took the light live offerings. Ready to cook demand was slow in developing. Estimated slaughter by eastern shore processors for the week end was 584,000 head compared to 817,000 head last week end.

Prices in Delmarva during the period ranged from 13.9 to 15.6 for 736,000 head including 493,000 head purchased at Thursday's auction at the Eastern Shore Poultry Growers Exchange.

The Delmarva broiler-feed ratio for the week ending December 7 was up three points to 3.0. Broilers during the week averaged 14.72 and 20 per cent mash cost the grower \$96.77 per ton.

The ratio for the comparable week a year ago was 3.3 when broilers averaged 15.17 and mash cost the grower \$91.50 per ton.

One sixth of the nation's food energy and 75 per cent of its calcium requirements come from dairy foods

Commercial broiler production next year is expected to increase by four per cent to a total of more than two billion.

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, December 10th to Friday, December 14th

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WHITE					
Ex. Fcy. Hywts.	40 1/2	41 1/2	42	43	44
Fcy. Hywts.	38 1/2	39	39 1/2	40	41
Fcy. Med.	35	36	36	35	35
No. 1 Med.	34	35	35	35	35
Pullets	31	31	31	31	31
Peewees	25	25	25	25	25
BROWN					
Ex Fcy. Hywts.	42	42	42	43	43
Fcy. Hywts.	41	41	41	42	42
Fcy. Med.	35 1/2	36	36	36	36
Pullets	31	31	31	31	31
Peewees	25	25	25	25	25
MIXED					
Fcy. Hywts.	38	38 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2-40	40 1/2
No. 1 Med.	33 1/2	33 1/2-34	34	34	34
Pullets	28-29	28-29	29	29	29
Standards	36 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	38	39
Checks	32-32 1/2	32-32 1/2	32	30 1/2-31	30 1/2-31

TREND: Market clearing well in most quarters on top grades. Mediums still showing ample supplies for the demand

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A Navy flag officer (Admiral) recently received a letter from a former journalist who had served on his staff, and is now a reporter on a daily newspaper. The letter said, in part, "The main purpose of this letter is to thank, through you, the Navy for the fine training I got from them. This includes not only journalism training, but adult training, too. In other words, it is thanks for making me more of a man than when I entered the service in 1957."

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