

Price Continues Up

Live broiler prices at the Lancaster Poultry Center gained more than three quarters of a cent during the week as 86,975 head sold at prices of 17.9 to 18.5. The average at the February 11 auction was 18.05 compared to the average of 17.24 last week.

Only three lots including 8,000 head did not sell. These were bid to 17 to 17.9. Two lots of 1,970 heavy fowl and three lots of 2,500 roasters failed to sell.

Two lots of 1,314 heavy fowl sold for 22 to 22.1. One lot of 2,400 leghorn fowl brought 9.9. A lot of 1,400 roasters crossed the block at 25, and a lot of 1,000 pullets changed hands at 21.8.

Broilers at last year's corresponding sale averaged 17.9; as 101,825 head brought 17.6 to 19.7.

The Complete February 14 sale offered 105,559 head in 28 lots and sold 93,089 head in 20 lots.

Following is the complete sale report with lot number, seller, grower in parenthesis, amount and breed, age in weeks and days, buyer and price.

CODE: WMT-White Mountain, MCX-Moores Chesty Cross, C-Cockerel, P-Pullet, CX-Cobb's Cross, WV-White Vantress, H-F-Heavy Fowl, L-F-Leghorn Fowl

1. Miller & Bushong (Kenneth M. Funk), 1000 WMT, 13-3, No Sale, 21.8 Bid, 2 Fruitville Farms, Inc. Abram Shenk, 5750 MCX, 8-2, H. W. Longacre, Inc., 18.1, 3 Same, 5700 MCX, 8-2, Carl B. Risser, 18.2, 4 Clarence Keener, 600 WXC, 20-0, NO SALE,

22.0 BID, 5 M&B (Elvin Siegrist), 1400 WVC, 13-0, W. C. Mellinger & Son, 25.0

6 Raymond S. Musselman 4800 WVC, 9-0, Starr Poultry, 18.1, 7 M&B (Paul C. Weaver), 2500 WV, 9-1, Starr Poultry, 18.1, 8 Same (Gleason Ritchie), 11,000 WV, 8-6, Starr Poultry, 18.0, 9 Same (John L. Heil), 4500 WVC, 8-2, Starr Poultry, 17.9, 10 Same, 3000 CXC, 8-2, NO SALE, 17.0 BID

11 Same, 1100 WVP, 14-2, NO SALE, 20.2 BID, 12 Robert Noll, 1825 WVX, 9-2, John N. Thomas, 18.3, 13 Same, 2000 WVX, 9-2, Daniel K. Good, 18.2, 14 Longeneckers Hatchery, 699 H-F, 15 mo., Marvin Sweigart, 22.1, 15 Robert W. Keller, 600 H-F, 12 mo., NO SALE, 21.3 BID

16 D. E. Horn & Co. (Byron Bingeman), 2500 WV, 9-6, John N. Thomas, 18.5, 17 Same, 2500 WMT, 9-1, No Sale, 17.4 Bid, 18 Same, 6000 WV, 9-6, Daniel K. Good, 18.0; 19 Same, 7000 WMT, 9-1, Daniel K. Good, 18.0; 20 Same (Clarence M. Shuey), 10,000 WV, 9-0, Starr Poultry, 17.9

21 Same (Harold Chronister), 8600 WV, 9-6, Daniel K. Good, 18.0, 22 Same (Lee Reinecker), 2500 WV, 9-2, NO SALE, 17.9 Bid, 23 Lester M. Hurst, 7400 WV, 9-0, H. W. Longacre, Inc., 18.1, 24 John O. Moyer, Jr., 800 WVP, 19-0, NO SALE, 23.7 BID, 25 Montgomery-Bucks Farm Bureau, 2400 L-F, Walter B. Lehman, 9.9.

26 Lester M. Hurst, 7400 WV, 9-0, Starr Poultry, 18.1, 27 Longenecker's Hatchery, 615 H-F, Daniel K. Good, 22.0, 28 Same, 1370 H-F, NO SALE, 21.0 BID.

Broilers and fryers advanced sharply to three quarters of a cent higher in Delmarva during the 24 hour period ending 10:30 Friday morning. A continued interest in out of state shipments stimulated demand for the moderate offerings.

Prices paid and reported purchases at farms ranged 17.1 to 18.1 on 787,800 head including 461,000 head purchased at Thursday's auction at the Eastern Shore Poultry Growers Exchange. Nearly half the sales were between 17.5 and 17.9.

Ready to cook demand was spotty, ranging from slow to fair, with very few plants operating today. Estimated slaughter by Eastern Shore processors for the week end was 612,000 head compared to the 651,000 head last week end.

The Delmarva broiler-feed ratio for the week ending February 8 was up one point to 3.4 as broilers averaged 16.63 and mash cost the grower \$98.77 per ton. The ratio for the comparable week a year ago was 3.9 when broilers averaged 17.96 and mash cost \$92.08. Georgia reported prices of 15 cents at farms with some lots under contract ranging up to three quarters of a cent over the quoted price.

Live offerings cleared closely with some shortages noted. Estimated slaughter by Georgia processors for the week end was 1,027,000 head compared to the 1,574,000 head last week end.

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From Monday, February 11th to Friday, February 15th

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WHITE					
EX.					
Fcy Hywts.	40-40 1/2		40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Fcy Hywts.	38 1/2-39		39	39	39
Fcy Med.	37		37	37	37
No 1 Med.	37		37	37	37
Pullets.	33		34	34	34
Peeweels.	26		26	26	26
BROWN					
EX.					
Fcy Hywts.	41		41	41	41
Fcy Hywts.	39		39	39	39
Fcy Med.	37		37	37	37
Pullets.	33		34	34	34
Peeweels.	26		26	26	26
MIXED					
Fcy. Hywts.	37 1/2-38		38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
No 1 Med.	37		37	37	37
Pullets.	32		33	33	33
Standards.	37		37	37	37
Checks.	33-33 1/2		33-33 1/2	33-33 1/2	33-33 1/2

TREND Trading here a bit irregular but position well sustained due to continuing firmness throughout the midwest.

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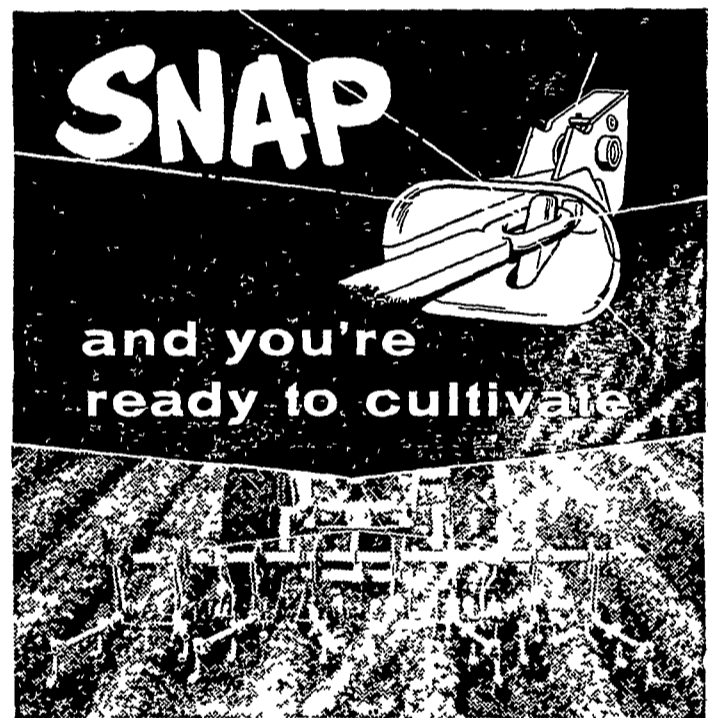
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