

Poultry Auction Manager Posts Regulations For Consignors

There has been a recent renewal of interest in selling chickens through the Lancaster Poultry Auction, John Munro, auction manager said this week.

In answer to questions from poultrymen who might wish to list birds for sale, Munro drew up the following information.

Sales are held once a week at

2 p.m. on Thursday. The office at 340 W. Roseville Road, Lancaster is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Listings may be made by mail, telephone, or in person. Information should be as detailed and accurate as possible, and should include: number, breed, age, road directions, telephone number or nearest phone, movement date

and any special instructions. For the benefit of buyers, also give your estimate of the following: Average weight of flock, condition of color and feathering, and condition of health.

Listings for the Thursday sale should be made no later than 3:00 p.m. the previous Tuesday. All listings for the sale are mailed to all Exchange buyers on Tuesday evening, giving them approximately 48 hours to inspect the birds on the farms.

Payment of all poultry at the auction is guaranteed and seller can usually expect his check within 7 days from the date the last birds are moved.

The seller or duly authorized agent must be present at auction if he wishes to exercise the right to refuse the highest bid; otherwise Pennsylvania Law requires that title pass to the highest bidder. Grower or seller should be present or furnish one or more competent adults to supervise loading and weighing.

Buyer will arrange with grower about loading crew. When buyer requires addition-

al help for loading he will pay a minimum of \$2.00 per hour. Adult man furnished by the seller to help defray loading costs. Sellers should note that it is to their advantage to arrange for prompt and convenient loading, thereby keeping shrink to a minimum. If no help is available for catching, be sure to include "No Help for Catching" as one of the conditions when birds are listed for the sale.

Unless stated otherwise by seller before birds are auctioned, it is buyer's privilege to pick-up the birds at any time, excepting Sunday, during contract period.

Minimum charges for listing any one lot of birds is \$3.50 for 2500 birds or less. If the lot is 2500 or more, the charge is \$1.50 per thousand. The buyer will deduct this charge from the total due the seller and by separate check make payment to the Exchange, listing seller's name and lot number.

Buyer shall make check for the poultry less the Exchange Fee payable to the seller listing Lot number, net weight

and number of head picked up. This check must also be mailed to the Exchange and the Exchange will forward it to the seller.

If the lot is not sold or is withdrawn prior to the sale, the seller is responsible for paying the listing fee. Half price is charged for relisting birds on consecutive weeks.

At the sale the poultry is offered by the lot number which was assigned upon listing. The order of the sale is determined by the numbered balls being ejected singly from a wire cage.

Contracts are prepared in 3 copies. The seller signs his contract as soon as he acknowledges the final bid on his lot. Buyers sign their contracts after the sale and take their copy with them.

The Seller's copy of the contract is mailed after the sale along with a card which is to be returned to the Exchange after the poultry has been moved by the buyer. This card is the only check for knowing when to expect the seller's check.

A complete record of the Sale giving price and buyer of each lot offered and is prepared after the sale and mailed to subscribers. The cost to receive this report is \$15.00 per year. Grower receives Sales Report free of charge for the Sale he lists.

Selling on a condemnation basis will relieve the buyer of having to make an allowance in bidding to compensate for a condition that might not be apparent to the outward appearance.

The buyer will know that he may charge back to you rejects (condemned poultry) by the Federal Inspector in excess of 1/2 to 1% of live weight. This condemned will not include cadavers, overscalds, contamination, dead on truck or bruises. He may add 10% (to cover feet, head and entrails) to the dressed condemned weight to convert back to live weight.

Providence 4-H Holds Meeting

Members of the Providence community 4-H club voted to sponsor a booth at the annual 4-H Spring Jamboree during a recent meeting in the New Providence Elementary School.

Members of the club will observe Rural Life Sunday, May 19 at the Clearfield Methodist Church.

Rebecca Atkins gave an informative demonstration on "How to Plan and Plant Your Seedbed".

An interesting talk was given by Mr. John Echoltz, Game Protector explaining and urging wildlife preservation.

The club adjourned to meet May 23 at the same place and time.

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