

Prices Drop Fractionally

Live broiler prices were up fractionally from last week's post-holiday sale at the Lancaster Poultry Center.

At the December 5 sale twelve lots of broilers including 67,150 birds brought prices of 14.2 to 14.9 for a sale average of 14.49. The previous week's sale, postponed to Friday by the Thanksgiving holiday, sold 57,400 head at an average price of 14.12.

All broilers at the December 5 auction were sold. Only three lots of heavier birds failed to sell at the offered prices. Two lots of 3,200 pullets brought 20.9 and 22, while one lot of 400 roasters made 23.4. Two lots of leghorn fowl, including 3,600 head, brought 8.2 and 8.4, and a lot of 1,600 heavy fowl sold for 15.2. A lot of 750 pullets brought 15.5.

The complete December 5 sale offered 97,765 birds in 22 lots and sold 76,765 birds in 19 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: H-F-Heavy Fowl, WV-White Vantress, IR-Indian River, C-Cockerels, P-Pullets, WMT-White Mountain, L-F-Leghorn Fowl.

1. Richard Trostel, 1600 H-F, Starr Poultry, 15.2; 65 Males, Starr Poultry, 7.4; 2. Clarence Huber, 750 WVC, 8-5, Daniel K. Good, 14.2; 3. Same, 750 WVP, 8-5, W. C. Mellinger & Son, 15.5; 4. John O. Moyer, Jr., 1500 IR, 9-6, Daniel K.

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Delmarva

Prices Decline; Demand Dull

Live broiler prices in Delmarva declined nearly a half cent during the 24 hour period ending Friday morning.

Prices at farms ranged 13.7 to 14.7 during the period on reported purchases of 839,500 head including 267,500 head sold at Thursday's Eastern Shore Poultry Growers Exchange in Selbyville, Del. Thursday's auction offered a total of 403,000 birds.

Live broiler demand was dull and inactive for the light auction offerings. Ready to cook demand was fair with some plants operating today. Sizes remain heavier than desirable.

Estimated slaughter for the by eastern shore processors was 864,000 head compared to the 788,000 head last week end.

The Delmarva broiler-feed ratio for the week ending November 29 was steady at 2.9. Broilers during the week averaged 14.71 and mash cost the grower \$101.37. Six months ago the ratio was up to 3.4 when broilers averaged 16.65 and mash was \$99.43 per ton, but for the comparable week a year ago the ratio was 2.7 when broilers brought 13.27 per pound and mash cost \$95.88 per ton.

FLUID MILK

Production Up Demand Good

Production of fluid milk increased slightly in most all areas except the west coast during the weekend today.

Class I or bottling milk supplies were fully adequate to ample with many sections indicating a slightly increased amount for manufacturing

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Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, December 2nd to Friday, December 6th

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WHITE					
Ex.					
Fcy. Hywts.	37 1/2	37	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Fcy. Hywts.	35 3/4-36	35 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Fcy. Med.	30-30 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
No. 1 Med.	30	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Pullets	27 1/2	27 1/2	28	28	28
Peewees	23	23	23	23	23
BROWN					
Ex.					
Fcy. Hywts.	36	37	37	35-35 1/2	35 1/2
Fcy. Hywts.	35 1/2	36	36	35	35
Fcy. Med.	31	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Pullets	27 1/2	27 1/2	28	28	28
Peewees	23	23	23	23	23
MIXED					
Fcy. Hywts.	35	35	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
No. 1 Med.	30	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Pullets	26	26	27	27	27
Standards	33	33	33	32 1/2	32 1/2
Checks	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2

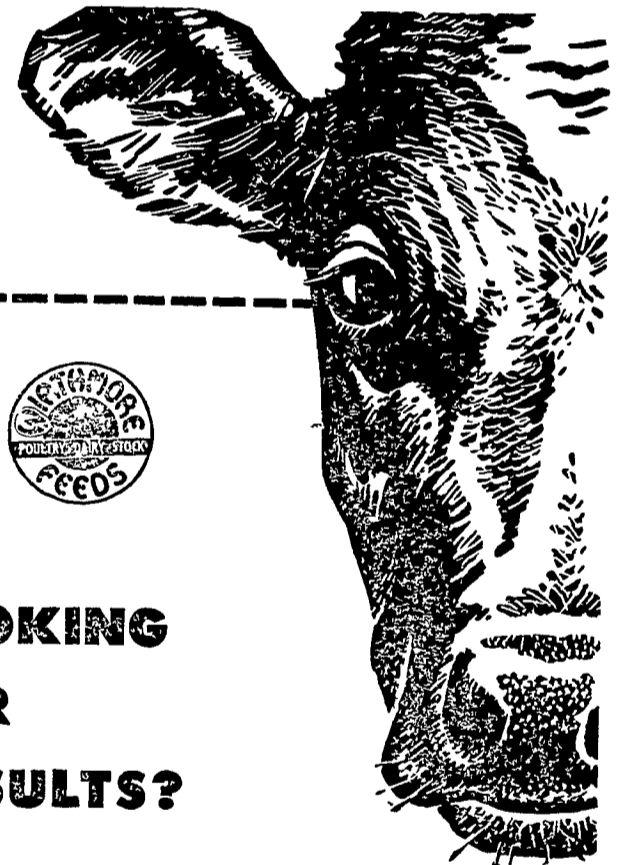
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Smart drivers will watch traffic as far up the road as possible, in addition to the car ahead. Spotting hazards at a distance gives more time to stop or steer clear of an accident.

Wholesale selling price in New York City was \$5.50 to \$5.60, mostly \$5.55, per 40 quart unit of bottling quality milk.

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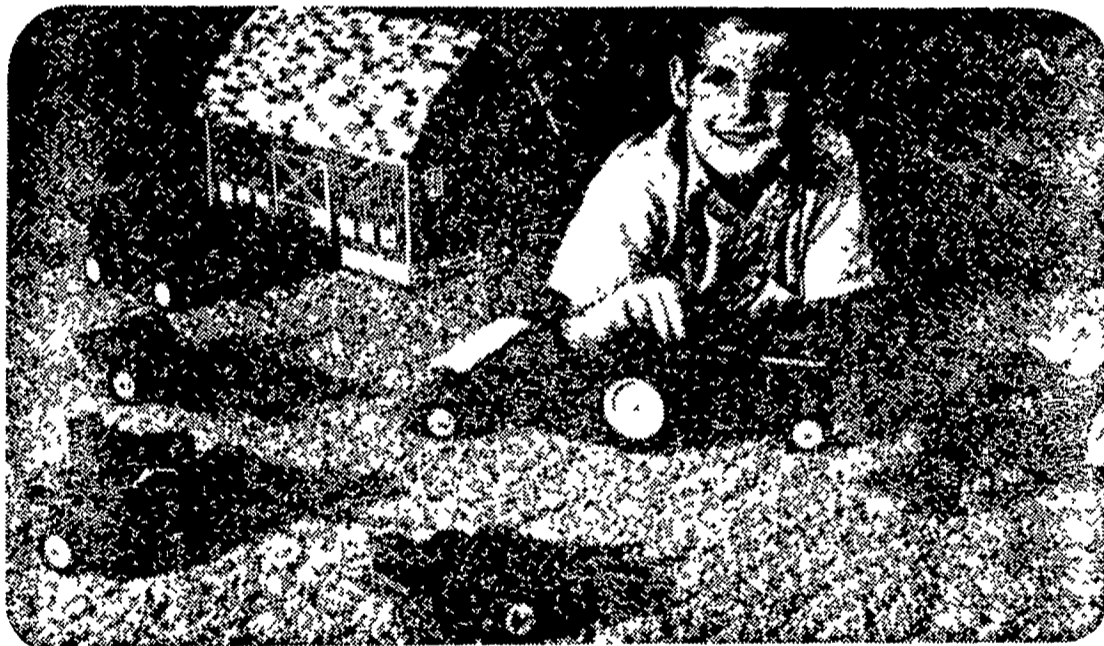
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