

Weekly Broiler Report

Placements of 910,000 chicks for commercial broiler production in the State during the week ending February 29 were up 16 percent from the previous week and 39 percent above a year earlier, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

However, the 10-week total placements were 2 percent below a year ago. Eggs set during the week were 1 percent less than a week earlier and 11 percent under a year ago. The 3-week total settings were 3 percent below a year ago.

In shipments of broiler-type chicks for the past 10 weeks totaling 382,000 were 2 percent below a year ago. Outshipments of 1,758,000 for the 10-week period were down 4 percent.

Broiler chicks placed in the 22 major producing States were up 3 percent from a week earlier and 11 percent above a year ago. The 10-week total was 5 percent above a year earlier. Eggs set during the week were up 1 percent from

the previous week.

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Offerings of heavy type hens limited but adequate for light to fair demand. A few small lots of colored type sold for 12-12½¢. Colored type hens offering limited for a fair demand with processing supplies supplemented from outside the area. Light type hens offerings barely adequate for a fair demand. Prices paid @ farms for heavy type hens 17-18¢. Light type hens 7-9¢ mostly 8-8½¢.

Eastern States Buys Egg Co-op

WEST SPRINGFIELD, MASS., March 2 — Bucks County Producers Cooperative Association, Doylestown, Pa., has been acquired by Eastern States Farmers' Exchange, W. D. Milsop, Eastern States general manager, announced today. It will be operated by Eastern States as one of the cooperative's egg marketing branches, bringing the number of such branches to seven. Five are located in New England, one in Butler, Pa. The new acquisition will be known as the Bucks County Branch.

Members of Bucks County Producers approved the merger with Eastern States on February 11, and the final merger agreement papers were signed today in Doylestown by representatives of both cooperatives. Ownership of Bucks County Producers was transferred to Eastern States on the same terms under which the large northeastern cooperative acquired the other egg cooperatives some five years ago. Eastern States will pay each member of Bucks County Producers for his share of the equity in the association within the next five years, Milsop disclosed.

Delmarva Prices Jump; Demand Soars

Live broiler prices advanced sharply in Delmarva during the 24 hour period ending 10.30 Friday morning with a good demand for heavy auction offerings.

Prices on the high side of the 14 2 to 16 2 range at farms were mostly for extended pick up dates. Reported purchases during the period were 1,383,800 head including 675,100 head offered and sold at Thursday's auction at the Eastern Shore Poultry Growers Exchange, Selbyville, Del.

Ready to cook movement was very heavy as most plants were operating at capacity and several retail features were planned for next week. Estimated slaughter by Eastern Shore processors for the week end was 942,000 head compared to the 770,000 head last week end.

The Delmarva broiler-feed ratio for the week ending Feb 28 was steady with the previous week at 2.9. Broilers during the week averaged 14.75 and mash cost the grower \$100.57. The ratio for the comparable week a year ago was 3.4 when broilers averaged 16.83 and mash cost \$99.00.

National FFA Week is scheduled in February to honor George Washington who was an outstanding farmer as well as a great leader.

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

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

| | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thurs. | Fri. |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|--------|
| WHITE | | | | | |
| Ex. | | | | | |
| Fcy Hywts | 34 1/2-35 | 34-34 1/2 | 31 1/2 | 34 1/2 | 34 1/2 |
| Fcy Hywts | 34 | 33-33 1/2 | 33 1/2 | 33 1/2 | 33 1/2 |
| Fcy Med. | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| No 1 Med. | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| Pullets | 28 | 25-26 | 26 | 26 | 27 |
| Peeweels | 23 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| BROWN | | | | | |
| Ex. | | | | | |
| Fcy Hywts | 37 | 37 | 36 | 36 | 36 |
| Fcy Hywts. | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 | 35 |
| Fcy. Med. | 32 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| Pullets | 28 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 27 |
| Peeweels | 23 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 22 |
| MIXED | | | | | |
| Fcy Hywts | 33 1/2-34 | 33-33 1/2 | 33 1/2 | 33 1/2 | 33 1/2 |
| No 1 Med. | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 31 |
| Pullets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Standards | 32 1/2 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |
| Checks | 31 | 30 1/2 | 30-30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 |

TREND Trade coming in with more life. Market steadier with prices better sustained but broad anxiety to keep receipts moving.

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The 141 calves met a steady market at the March 2 sale. Choice and prime vealers brought 36-40.50, good and low choice 34-36, standard 30-34, and cull and common 18-25.

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New Holland

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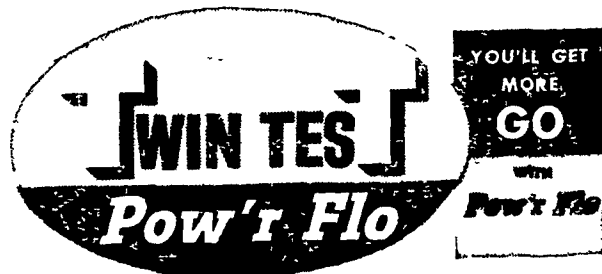
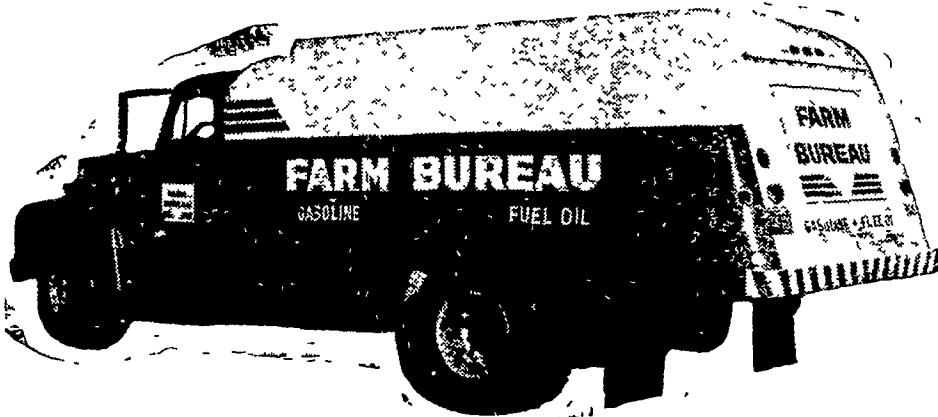
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