

Weekly Broiler Report

Placements of chicks for commercial broiler production by State hatchery men totaled 780,000 during the week ending September 19, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This was an increase of 1 per cent over the previous week but the same as a year ago. The 10-week total was 15 per cent above a year earlier. Settings totaling 1,071,000 eggs for commercial broiler production were 6 per cent below both a week ago and the comparable period last year. The 3-week total was down 1 per cent from the previous year. Inshipments of broiler-type chicks the past 10 weeks totaled 796,000 or 38 per cent above the comparable period a year ago. Outshipments of 1,309,000 were down 7 per cent.

Placements in the major producing states totaled 35,145,000 chicks, down 2 per cent from a week earlier but 2 per cent above a year ago. The 10-week total was 5 per cent above last year. Settings totaling 50,253,000 eggs were 1 per cent below the previous week but 9 per cent above a year

● Delmarva

Live broiler and fryer prices remained steady with a fairly good demand for light auction offerings.

Ready to cook demand was spotty and mostly slow, though fair in instances as buyers continued a "wait and see" attitude in booking their orders for next week. Delivered prices were from 1/2 to 3/4 cents lower and very competitive with other production areas.

Eastern slaughter for Friday and Saturday was 734,000 head, compared to 743,000 head last weekend.

Prices paid and reported purchases for the 24-hour period ending 10:30 a.m. Friday broilers and fryers, 145 to 15.7. 855,300 head were sold, including 470,000 head purchased of 490,000 head offered at Eastern Poultry Growers Exchange Thursday.

Forty-seven per cent of the auction offerings were sold at 15.0 to 15.3.

The Delmarva Broiler-Feed ratio for the week ending Sept. 18, 1964 was 3.2. This represented no change from a week earlier. Average prices paid for broilers was 16.17 cents per pound, and Mash cost was \$101.06 per ton.

● Vintage

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ly Cull and Utility with Good and Choice Vealers scarce, Active, Vealers fully steady; Instances \$1.00 higher.

VEALERS: Choice 32.50-36.50, Good 28.50-32.50, Standard 25.00-29.00, Utility 20.00-25.50, Cull 15.50-20.00.

HOGS: 125. Fairly Active, Barrows and gilts steady.

BARROWS AND GILTS: U. S. 1-2 185-220 lbs. 18.00-18.60, U. S. 1-3 205-250 lbs. 17.10-17.85, 1 lot U.S. 2-3 250 lbs. 16.60.

SOWS: U.S. 2-3 400-465 lbs. 13.10-14.35.

SHEEP: 35. Spring lambs steady. Good and Choice 65-100 lbs. 18.00-24.50.

At the September 19 hog sale 261 head were on offer. Hogs weighing 160-180 lbs. brought 15-16.10; 180-200 lbs. 17-18.10; 200-220 lbs. 17-18.25; 220-240 lbs. 17.50-18; and 240 lbs. and up 16.50-17.60. Sows brought 10.50 to 13.85.

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

Shell Egg Quotations from Monday, September 21st to Friday, September 25th.

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
WHITE					
Ex. Fcy. Hywts.	42	42	42	38	38½
Fcy. Hywts.	39	39	39	36½-37	36½-37
Fcy. Med.	29-30	29	27	25	25
No. 1 Med.	29	29	27	25	25
Pullets	21	21	20	19	19
Peewees	17	17	17	16	16
BROWN					
Ex. Fcy. Hywts	42½	43	43	41	41
Fcy. Hywts	39½	40	40	39	39
Fcy. Med.	29	29	29	27	27
Pullets	21	21	20½	19	18-19
Peewees	17	17	17	16	16
MIXED					
Fcy. Hywts.	38½	38-38½	37-38	36	33½-36
No. 1 Med.	28½	28	26½	24½	0
Pullets	0	0	0	0	0
Standards	33	33	33	31-32½	31½-32
Checks	23½	23½	23½	23½	0

TREND: Market shows some semblance of stability following yesterday's sharp decline, but the position is still irregular.

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