

Weekly Broiler Report

State Placements Decrease
 Placements of broiler chicks in the State by hatcherymen during the week ending October 24, totaled 513,000, the lowest since October 21, 1961, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This was a decrease of 20 per cent from the previous week and 14 per cent from a year ago. The 10-week total was 6 per cent above the comparable period a year ago. Settings for broiler chicks, totaling 1,554,000 eggs, were 31 per cent above the previous week and 35 per cent above a year earlier. The 3-week total was 22 per cent above last year. Inshipments of broiler-type chicks the past 10 weeks totaled 684,000 or 4 per cent below the comparable period in 1963. Outshipments of 1,313,000 were down 12 per cent.

Placements in the 22 major-producing states, totaling 34,933,000 chicks, were down 3 per cent from the previous week but were about the same as a year ago. The 10-week total was 5 per cent above last year. Settings of 51,424,000 eggs were about the same as a week earlier and 1 per cent above a year ago. The 3-week total was 3 per cent above last year.

Fogelsville

HENS, light type, 6-10, mostly 6-7; **HENS**, heavy type, 7-15½, m 10-13; **PULLETS**, 15½-30, m 20-25; **ROASTERS**, 16½-29, m 22-28; **CAPONS**, 39, m 39; **DUCKS**, 20-30, m 24-27; **DRAKES**, 11-41, m 36-41; **GEESE**, 30-36; **TURKEYS**, toms, 18½-21½; **TURKEYS**, hens, 25-30½; **RABBITS**, 22½-35, m 27-33; **GUINEAS** 54-71, m 54-57½; **PIGEONS** (per pair) 40-82½, m 42½-55.

Total coops sold: 1464. Eastern Pa. & N.J. Demand fair to good for light type hens, fair for heavy type. Supplies adequate on both classes. Prices paid at farms for light type hens 6-6¾¢, mostly 6-6½¢; heavy type hens 14-15 mostly 14¼-15¢. **TURKEYS** — Trading light. Some lots moved on intra-co basis or on prior commitments. Occasional lot of heavy type hens sold at 23¢. Prices paid at farms Heavy type hens and toms too few sales to report prices.

Chicago

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 loads at 24.25 carried small end of Prime. Three loads Choice 1475-1550 lbs. 24.00. Choice 900-1100 lbs. late 23.00-23.75, several loads average to High Choice 1025-1100 lbs. 24.00, Good, all weights, 20.00-22.25, Mixed Good and Choice 22.25-23.25, Standard and Low Good 18.00-20.00. Slaughter heifers: Loadlots Mixed Choice and Prime 940-1070 lbs. 23.25-23.50, load Prime 1230 lbs. 22.75, Bulk Choice 800-1075 lbs. 22.00-23.00, late 22.75 down and few loads at 23.00 carried small end of Prime. Good 19.50-21.00, Mixed Good and Choice 21.00-21.75, few Standard and Low Good 18.00-19.50. Cows: Utility and Commercial closed at 11.00-12.50, few 12.75-13.00 and scattered head smooth Commercial 13.50, Canner and Cutter 10.00-12.00, lightweight Canner 8.50-9.50. Bulls: Cutter to Commercial 15.00-17.00, Cutter around 900-1050 lbs. 14.00.

CORN & OAT SUPPLIES ON FARMS BELOW NORMAL

Supplies of old crop corn on farms in the Keystone State on October 1 — estimat-

Delmarva

The broiler and fryer live prices continued to decline slightly. Demand was only fair for very light auction offerings. Prices were on the high side of the range for extended pick-up dates.

Ready-to-cook demand was spotty, ranging from slow to fair in instances where retail feature activity was a factor. Delivered prices ranged ½ cent lower, mostly ¼ cent lower, and very competitive.

Estimated slaughter for Friday and Saturday, 831,000 head compared to 723,000 last week. Prices paid and reported purchases for the 24-hour period ending 10:30 a.m. Friday: 143-14.9; 788,700 head, including 363,600 purchased of 373,400 offered, at Eastern Poultry Growers Exchange Thursday. Twenty-seven per cent of the sales were at 14.5-14.9.

The Delmarva Broiler-Feed Ratio for the week ending 10/23/64 was 3.2. This was the same as the preceding week. Mash price averaged \$192.34 per ton, and broilers averaged 16.18 cents per pound.

ed at 3.6 million bushels — were the lowest in 21 years, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Total stocks of 4.5 million bushels, including supplies held in off-farm storage, are 14 per cent less than last year and the lowest since 1948.

The Crop Reporting Service said the sharp drop resulted from the 1963 drought. Amounts in storage do not include any of this year's crop that also was hit by drought.

Oat stocks of 22.3 million bushels were 24 per cent less than a year ago when Pennsylvania had a record-breaking yield of this crop. Wheat in storage totals 14.9 bushels, highest since October 1955.

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, October 26th to Friday, October 30th

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
WHITE					
Ex. Fcy. Hywts.	37	37-37½	37½	37½	37½
Fcy. Hywts.	35½	36	36	36	36
Fcy. Med.	29½	29	29	29-29½	28
No 1 Med.	29	29	28½	28½	27½
Pullets	27	26½-27	27	27	25
Peewees	20	20	20	20	20
BROWN					
Ex. Fcy. Hywts.	42	41½-42	42	42	40
Fcy. Hywts.	40	40	40	40	38
Fcy. Med.	32	32	32	31	29½-31
Pullets	27	27	27	27	26
Peewees	18	18	18	18	18
MIXED					
Fcy. Hywts.	35½	36	36	36	36
No. 1 Med.	28½	28½	28	28	27
Pullets	0	0	0	0	25
Standards	30	31	31	31	31
Checks	25	26	26	26	25

TREND: Market clearing satisfactorily on top whites, but weaker on most other lines.

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Lancaster

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 12.00-13.00, few Head U.S. 1-2 280-325 lbs. 13.50-14.00, on Mon.

SHEEP: For the Week 485. Compared with 525 last week. Woolled slaughter lambs 50¢ lower. Slaughter ewes mostly steady.

WOOLED SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 85-100 lbs. 21.50-22.50, Good 18.50-21.50. Few lots Utility and Good 17.00-18.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Cull to Choice 5.00-7.00. Being poor has its advantages; the car keys are never in your other pants.



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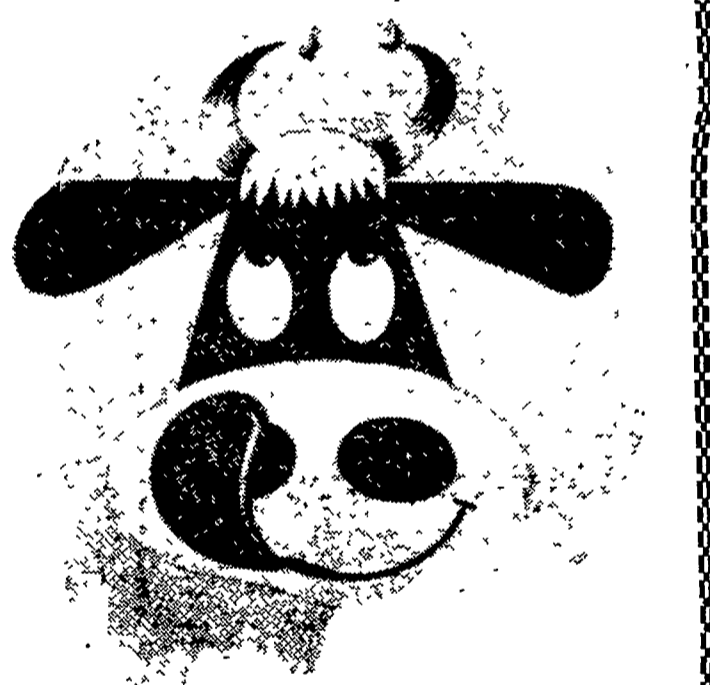
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