

Weekly Broiler Report

Placements of broiler chicks in the State during the week ending December 5, totaled 708,000 according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. This was a decrease of 4 per cent from the previous week and 11 per cent from a year ago. Settings for broiler chicks, totaling 1,084,000 eggs, were 18 per cent below the previous week and 12 per cent below a year earlier. The 3-week total was 3 per cent below last year. Inshipments of broiler-type chicks the past 10 weeks totaled 269,000 or 67 per cent below the comparable period in 1963. Outshipments of 1,353,000 were down 23 per cent.

Placements in the 22 major producing states, totaling 39,444,000 chicks, were 3 per cent more than the previous week and 1 per cent more than a year ago. The 10-week total was 3 per cent above last year. Settings of 49,225,000 eggs were 8 per cent less than the previous week and 4 per cent below a year ago. The 3-week total was 1 per cent below a year ago.

Eastern Pa. and New Jersey
Demand good for light type hens. Processors continue capacity operation in effort to clear heavy supplies. Heavy type hens adequate for good demand with prices mostly 1¢ higher. Prices paid at farm: Light type hens 5-6¼¢ mostly 6-6½¢; heavy type hens 14½-16¼¢ mostly 16¢.

Fogelsville
(Prices for dock weights, cents per lb. except where noted)
HENS, light type, 6-9½¢, most-

ly 6-7; HENS, heavy type, 7½-18½¢, mostly 11½-14¢; Pullets, 14-26½¢, mostly 20-23¢; Roasters, 15-28¢, mostly 18-23¢; Capons, 28-31½¢; DUCKS, 13½-30¢, mostly 15-21¢; DRAKES, 39-42½¢, mostly 39-42½¢; GEESE, 17½-33¢, mostly 30-33¢; TURKEYS, Toms, 16½-27¢, mostly 18-24¢; TURKEYS, Hens, 28-37¢, RABBITS, 26-37¢, mostly 33-37¢; GUINEAS, 37½-47½¢, mostly 40-42½¢; PIGEONS (per pair), 60-155¢, mostly 67½-72½¢; Total Coops sold 1329.

Chicago

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Chicago carlot dressed trade, steer, heifer and cow beef steady to 50 lower except Standard steer beef 1.00 lower.

Prices on slaughter steers and heifers worked progressively lower each day as wholesale beef prices declined early in week under pressure of increased volume fresh meat. Total cattle slaughter and beef production under federal inspection last week at record rate and current weeks twelve market receipts fairly liberal. Local supply included increased percentage short-fed steers and heifers grading Low Good and below and these became increasingly harder to move. Average cost all slaughter steers expected to drop slightly below 24.00, lowest since early August and compared to years high of 26.20 in late August. Year ago average cost all steers 22.33. Receipts this week 70-75 percent slaughter steers. Around 20 percent heifers. Bulk steers on offer 1350 lbs. down but average weight estimated to be fully as heavy as the 1159 lbs. week ago. Year ago, average weight 1184 lbs.

Delmarva

Delmarva live broiler and fryer prices remained steady with a fair demand for moderate auction offerings strengthened by wide extension of pick-up dates.

Ready-to-cook demand was mostly fair and consisted of regular business, school lunch, and frozen commitments. Interest for next week was spotty and non-aggressive. Delivered prices were unchanged.

The estimated slaughter for Friday and Saturday was 808,000 compared with 794,000 last weekend. Prices paid and reported purchases for the 24-hour period ending 10:30 a.m. Friday were: broilers and fryers, 13 6-15.1; 831,000 head, including 455,100 head purchased of 531,400 head offered at Eastern Poultry Growers Exchange on Thursday.

Twenty-six per cent of the broilers sold for 14.5-14.9.

The Delmarva Broiler-Feed Ratio for the week ending December 4th was 2.8. This was down 2 points from the preceding week. The average mash price per ton was \$100.23; broilers averaged 14.21 cents per pound.

Slaughter steers: Nine loads Prime 1250-1400 lbs. 25.25 on Monday, six loads Prime 1225-1300 lbs. 25.50. High Choice and Prime 1150-1450 lbs. 24.25-25.00, load Prime 1450 lbs. 25.00, three loads Prime on Monday, 1590-1628 lbs. 24.00-24.25, Choice 1100-1400 lbs. 23.00-24.25, Choice 900-1100 lbs. 23.00-23.75, Good 20.00-22.25, Mixed Good and Choice 22.50-23.00. Standard and Low Good 18.00-20.50, Utility and Standard 15.00-18.00.

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, December 7th to Friday, December 10th

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
WHITE					
Ex. Fcy. Hywts.	35½	35½	35½	35½	35½
Fcy Hywts	33	33	34	33	32½-33
Fcy Med.	27½	29-30	30	30	30-31
No 1 Med	26-26½	28½	28-28½	28-28½	28½
Pullets	24	24-25	25	26	26
Peeweese	20	20-21	21	21-22	22
BROWN					
Ex. Fcy Hywts	37	37	37	37	37
Fcy Hywts	35	35	35	35	35
Fcy Med.	30	32	32	33	33
Pullets	25½	27½	27½	28½	28½
Peeweese	20	20-21	21	21-22	22
MIXED					
Fcy. Hywts.	32½	32½	33½	33	32½-33
No. 1 Med.	0	26½-28	26½-28	28-28½	28½
Standards	31	31	31-32	31	30½-31
Checks	25	25	26	26	26

TREND.—Market continues to show ample offerings of large white, but all small sizes meeting active inquiry for export.

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Slaughter heifers: High Choice and Prime 916-1075 lbs. 23.50 and on Monday load 975 lbs. 23.75. Bulk Choice 800-1100 lbs. 22.50-23.25, Good 19-75-21.50, loadlots Mixed Good and Choice 22.00-22.25, Standard and Low Good 17.00-20.00, few Utility 14.00-16.00.

Cows: Utility and Commercial 11.00-12.50, Canner and Cutter 9.00-11.75, few strong-weight Cutter 12.00.

Bulls: Cutter to Commercial 14.00-17.00. Feeders: Load Choice 850 lb. steers 21.00, load Standard and Good 950 lbs. 17.00.

EQUIPMENT DEALERS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING

The Lancaster County Farm Equipment Dealers' Association announced that their annual Christmas meeting will be held on December 17, Thursday, at Hostetter's Banquet Hall in Mount Joy, at 6:30 p.m.

The program will feature "Christmas in the Middle East" narrated by Florence Forrey, Psychologist Dauphin County Public Schools.

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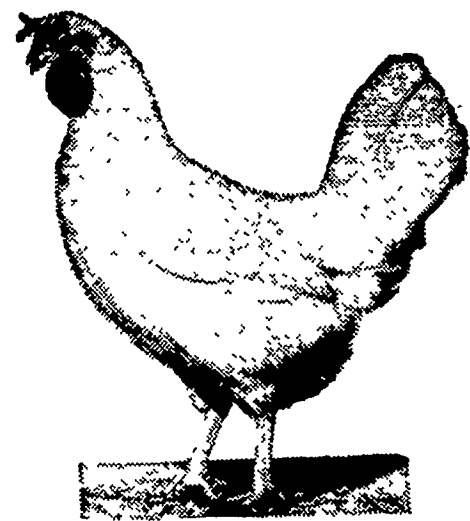


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