

# Weekly Broiler Report

## BROILER PLACEMENTS INCREASE 15 PER CENT

Placements of broiler chicks in the Keystone State during the week ending January 2 totaled 666,000 according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The placement from the previous week but declined 1 per cent from a year ago. Placements in the 22 major-producing states totaling 40, 229,000 chicks, increased 10 per cent from the previous week and 3 per cent from a year earlier. The 10 week total was 2 per cent above last year. Settings of 52,858,000 advanced 1 per cent from the previous week and 5 per cent from a year ago. The 3-week total increased 4 per cent from a year ago.

Offerings of light type hens in excess of lighter processing needs. Some lots refused due to irregular quality. Supplies increased partially as a result of price declines in Terminal Egg Markets. Supplies of heavy type hens barely adequate for a good demand. Prices paid at farms: Light type hens 5-6 1/4 mostly 5 1/2; heavy type hens 16 1/2-18.

**TURKEYS:** Market quiet. Occasional lots of heavy type toms 28-30# remain unsold with asking prices 24-25¢. Prices paid at farms for

The Delmarva live broiler and fryer prices advanced more than 1/2 cent with good demand for heavy auction offerings. Prices were on the high side of range for extended pickup dates.

Ready-to-cook demand improved to a mostly good position with weekend movement heavy. Delivered prices ranged 1 cent higher, mostly 1/2 cent higher. Prices on low side of range for prior commitments.

Estimated slaughter for Friday and Saturday 1,036,100 head. Prices paid and reported purchases for the 24-hour period ending 10:30 a.m. Friday: broilers and fryers, 143-15.8; 1,238,700 head, including 439,700 head purchased of 503,500 head offered at Eastern Poultry Growers Exchange Thursday.

Twenty-three per cent of the broilers sold for 15 0-15 4

The Delmarva Broiler-Feed Ratio for the week ending 12/31/64 was 2.8. No comparison available with last week. Mash prices averaged \$102.60 and broilers, 14.53 cents per pound.

# Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, January 4th to Friday, January 8th

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
<b>WHITE</b>					
Ex. Fcy. Hywts.	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	29 1/2	30
Fcy. Hywts.	29	29	29	29	29 1/2
Fcy. Med.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2	26 1/2
No. 1 Med.	24	24	24	24-25	25-26
Pullets	22	22	22	23	23 1/2
Peewees	19	19	19	19	19-19 1/2
<b>BROWN</b>					
Ex. Fcy. Hywts.	34	34	34	34	34
Fcy. Hywts.	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Fcy. Med.	26	26	26	26	27
Pullets	23	23	23	24	24 1/2
Peewees	19	19	19	19	19-19 1/2
<b>MIXED</b>					
Fcy. Hywts.	29	29	29	29	29-29 1/2
No. 1 Med.	24	24	24	24	24 1/2-25
Standards	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2-28
Checks	22	22	24	24	24

TREND: Market showing good clearance for medium and pullet, and a good balance on all top grades

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