

# Weekly Broiler Report

**Broiler Placements**  
Increase 3 Percent

Placements of broiler chicks in the Keystone State during the week ending March 6, totaled 895,000, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The placements increased 3 percent from the previous week but declined 1 percent from a year ago. Settings for broiler chicks totaling 1,309,000 increased 3 percent from the previous week and 6 percent from last year. Inshipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks totaled 566,000 or 39 percent above the comparable period in 1964. Outshipments (2,238,000) were about 29 percent above the comparable period a year earlier.

Placements in the 22 major-producing states totaling 44,188,000 chicks decreased 1 percent from the previous week but advanced 1 percent from a year earlier. The 10-week total increased 6 percent from last year. Settings of 61,102,000 were up 3 percent from the previous week and 5 percent from a year ago. The 3-week total increased 4 percent from a year ago.

**Eastern Pa. & N.J.**

Prices for light type hens held unchanged. Offerings lighter & barely adequate for a fair demand. Trading on heavy type hens very limited due in part to scarce offerings. Occasional selected flocks moved on a delivered plant basis at 22½¢ on an "undetermined" price basis. Some lots continue to be brought in from other outside areas. Prices paid at farms:

Light type hens 5-7 mostly 5½-6½¢; Heavy type hens, TFEWR.

Fogelsville, Pa.  
(Prices for dock weights, cents per lb. except where noted)

Hens, light type, 6-11, 6-7; hens, heavy type, 10½-25½, 16-20½; pullets, 20½-35½, 26-32; roasters, 20-35½, 29-34; ducks, 30-35; drakes, 24-41, 36-41; geese, 25-30½, 30; turkeys, toms, 21½-26, 23½-24½; turkeys, hens, 35-45, 38-41; rabbits, 39-51, 47-50; guineas, 55-60; pigeons (per pair), 53-77½, 75-77½; jumbo squab, 87½. Total coops sold: 731.

## Delmarva

The Delmarva broiler and fryer live prices advanced approximately ¼ cent. Demand was good for moderate auction offerings and stimulated by extended pick-up dates.

Early ready-to-cook demand was generally slow to occasionally fair with processors indicating best interest centered on heavier weight offerings. Early indications were for curtailed plant operations next week.

Delivered prices mostly ¼ cent lower within an unchanged range.

Estimated slaughter for Friday and Saturday, 825,000, compared with 720,000 last weekend.

Prices paid and reported purchases for the 24-hour period ending 10:30 a.m. Friday: broilers and fryers, 16.8-18.6; 807,900 head, including 337,200 head purchased of 350,900 head offered at Eastern Poultry Growers Exchange Thursday. Nineteen percent of broilers

## Beef and Cattle

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capita total of 100 pounds per year.

He attributed part of this increased consumption to government purchases of beef for schools and needy families, and to a stepped up cooperative merchandising program among producers, processors, retailers, and the government.

During the year the volume of beef and veal imported into the United States dropped 29 percent, Freeman said. Exports increased by 32 million pounds, or nearly double the 1963 rate. The export phase of the business holds much future promise, Freeman predicts. Western Europe is enjoying record prosperity and employment, and an improving standard of living. The main source of European beef is dairy herds, and interest in these appears to be declining. Also, Argentina, which has traditionally been a major beef supplier to Europe, experienced a serious drought and many of their herds were liquidated. Creating a taste in western Europe for American beef — a type sharply different from what they are used to — could establish a market there that could not be satisfied except by American beef. This could be an important market for the future for our beef and veal, the Secretary said.

sold for 17.5-17.9 cents per pound

The Delmarva broiler-feed ratio for the week ending March 5, 1965 was 3.4, up 1 point from last week. The average mash price was \$103.20 per ton, and average broiler price was 17.30 cents per pound.

# Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, March 8th to Friday, March 12th

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.
<b>WHITE</b>					
Ex Fcy. Hywts.	30½	31	31½	32	33
Fcy Hywts.	29½	30	30½	31	32
Fcy Med	26	26½	27	27½	27½
No. 1 Med.	25½-26	26-26½	27	27½	27½
Pullets	24½	25	25	25	25
Peewees	20	20½	21	21	21
<b>BROWN</b>					
Ex Fcy. Hywts.	34½	34½	35	35½	37½
Fcy. Hywts.	32½	32½	33	33½	35½
Fcy. Med	27-28	28½	29	29½	29½
Pullets	24½	26	26	26	26
Peewees	20	20½	21	21	21
<b>MIXED</b>					
Fcy. Hywts.	29½	30	30½	31	32
No 1 Med.	25½	0	0	0	0
Standards	28	28½	28½	29	29½
Checks	25	26	26	26	27

TREND Market continues to clear on all large. Medium available but held confidently. Undergrades firm.

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## Lancaster

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450 lbs. 13.50-14.50, U.S. 2-3  
400-550 lbs. 13.00-13.50.

Sheep 225. Moderately Active, Woolled lambs 50 higher. Ewes mostly \$2.00 Higher. Choice 75-100 lb woolled lambs 26.00-28.00, Good 23.00-26.00, Utility 20.00-23.00, Couple lots Choice 75-90 lbs. Fall lambs 29.00-30.00, Around 10 head Choice and Prime 45-55 lb. Spring Lambs 35.00, Utility to Good woolled slaughter ewes 7.00-9.00.

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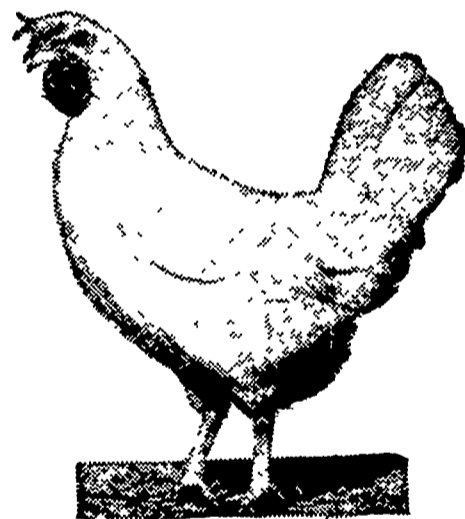
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