

Weekly Broiler Report

BROILER PLACEMENTS DECREASE 12 PERCENT

Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending March 13 totaled 784,000, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. The placements declined 12 percent from the previous week and 3 percent from a year ago. Settings for broiler chicks totaling 1,443,000 increased 10 percent from the previous week and 29 percent from last year. Inshipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks totaled 576,000 or 54 percent above the comparable period in 1964. Outshipments (2,100,000) were 30 percent above the comparable period a year earlier.

Prices on light type hens unchanged to 1/2c higher. Supplies barely adequate. Demand

no more than fair. Buying interest for heavy type hens fair. Offerings light & barely adequate for needs. Some processors bringing in live supplies from other outside areas. Prices paid at farms: Light type hens 5-7 mostly 6-6 3/4c, Heavy type 21c.

Fogelsville, Pa.

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

Hens, light type 6-10 1/2, 6-7. Hens, heavy type 8 1/2-33, 14-23. Pullets 17-43 1/2, 30-36. Roasters 13-36, 33 1/2-35. Ducks 25-32. Drakes 19-39 1/2, 35-39 1/2. Geese 29-30 1/2. Turkeys, toms 21 1/2-26 1/2. Turkeys, hens 33-40. Rabbits 31-50, 46-50. Guineas 37 1/2-60, 50-55. Pigeons (per pair) 60-1.10, 95. Jumbo Squab 87 1/2. Total coops sold. 609.

Delmarva

The Delmarva live broiler and fryer prices held mostly unchanged for moderate auction offerings with best demand centered on heavier weight offerings. Buyers were generally non-aggressive on lighter weights.

Delivered prices ranged fractionally lower though held mostly unchanged from Thursday levels.

Estimated slaughter for Friday and Saturday, 700,000 head, compared to 825,000 head last weekend.

Prices paid and reported purchases for the 24-hour period ending 10:30 a.m. Friday: broilers and fryers, 15.5-17.1; 933,000 head, including 351,200 head purchased of 419,800 head offered at Eastern Poultry Growers Exchange Thursday.

Seventeen percent of the broilers sold for 16.5-16.9 cents per pound.

The Delmarva broiler-feed ratio for the week ending Mar. 12, 1965 was 3.4, the same as the preceding week. The average mash price was \$104.63 and the average broiler price was 17.58 cents per pound.

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, March 15th to Friday, March 19th

| | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|
| WHITE | | | | | |
| Ex. Fcy Hywts. | 33 1/2 | 34 | 34 | 34 1/2 | 35 |
| Fcy. Hywts. | 32 1/2 | 33 | 33 | 33 1/2 | 34 |
| Fcy. Med. | 27 1/2 | 28 | 28 1/2 | 29 | 31 1/2 |
| No. 1 Med. | 27 1/2 | 28 | 28 1/2 | 28 1/2 | 29 1/2 |
| Pullets | 25 | 26 | 26 1/2 | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 |
| Peewees | 21 | 22 | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 | 22 |
| BROWN | | | | | |
| Ex. Fcy. Hywts. | 37 1/2 | 38 1/2 | 38 1/2 | 38 1/2 | 38 1/2 |
| Fcy. Hywts. | 35 1/2 | 36 1/2 | 36 1/2 | 36 1/2 | 36 1/2 |
| Fcy. Med. | 29 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 31 1/2 |
| Pullets | 26 | 27 | 27 1/2 | 28 | 28 |
| Peewees | 21 | 22 | 22 1/2 | 22 1/2 | 22 |
| MIXED | | | | | |
| Fcy. Hywts. | 32 1/2 | 33 | 33 | 33 1/2 | 34 |
| No. 1 Med. | 0 | 27 1/2-28 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Standards | 30 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 | 30 1/2 |
| Checks | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 | 27 |

TREND Market clearing on tops; increased interest in white mediums; browns still in light supply.

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Larger, Better Managed Farms Seen For 1970's

The successful farmer in the 1970's will be one who increases his management ability along with an increase in the size of his farming operation. This statement sums up the attitude of Dr. William E. McDaniel, head of the department of agricultural economics at the University of Delaware, on the importance

of farm management in the decade ahead.

He believes farmers must increase their management ability since they will be operating larger, higher investment farms. They will handle more money, and make more complicated management decisions than today's farmers.

For these farmers, McDaniel says the outlook is good. "Competent managers who can correctly apply their management knowledge and the other factors involved in pro-

duction and marketing will be successful."

The economist said the trend toward expanded farming operations has been in progress for some time and it will continue. Farmers will attempt to spread their costs over more units and more acres. This will mean fewer farms in the 1970's. If past history is any indication, this trend will be rapid and broad in scope. There are 18 percent fewer farms in the United States today than there were in 1959, but only two percent less land.

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