

Weekly Poultry Report

Eastern Pennsylvania And New Jersey

No report available due to the New Year Holiday.

Eastern Shore Exchange

Broiler and fryer live prices averaged 14.98 cents a pound this week. Prices paid ranged from a high of 15.5 cents a pound on Monday to a low of 14.5 also on Monday. Sales totaled 515,000 up 58,400 head from last week.

• Vintage

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Lower; Utility and Standard steady; Cull \$1-2 higher, Choice 46-48 50, couple 49 50 51; Good 41-46 50; Standard 36-42; Utility 32-37, Cull 95-120 lbs 25-29, 70-90 lbs 21 50-26 50

HOGS 285 — Barrows and Gilts \$1 lower; Sows scarce

BARROWS & GILTS — US 1-2 200-225 lbs 21 75-21 85, US 2, 180-230 lbs 21 25-21 35, US 2-3 190-240 lbs 20-20 85, US 2-3 255-275 lbs 18 25-18 85

SHEEP 22 — Insufficient volume to test market trend, few Good 60-95 lbs, woolled Lambs 25 50-29 50. Utility slaughter ewes \$3-6.

Know-who is a poor substitute for know-how.

Fogelsville

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• Chicago

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compared with 29.28 and 1152 lbs last week and 26 50 and 1160 lbs a year ago. Heifer supply mostly high good to average prime weighing 800-1025 lbs

SLAUGHTER STEERS — On Tuesday, prime 1180-1300 lbs yield grade 3 and 4 30 75-31 50, with about 10 loads 1200-1325 lbs reaching \$32 on Monday. Mixed high choice and prime 1150-1300 lbs 29 50-30 75, Choice 950-1250 lbs yield grade 2 to 4 28 50-29 50, mixed good and choice 27 50-28 50

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS — Mixed high choice and prime 900-1000 lbs yield grade 3 and 4 28 50-29 25, choice 800-1025 lbs yield grade 2 to 4 27 25-28 50, mixed good and choice 26 25-27 25

Choice Beef Increasing

Almost 50 percent of all beef now coming off the nation's farms and feedlots is USDA Choice, according to federal meat graders. While the beef industry had doubled its total output in the past 20 years, it has tripled its production of USDA Choice.

Plans To Expand Called '69 Danger For Poultrymen

Whether 1969 is a good or bad year for the poultry and egg industry will depend primarily on production decisions made in the next few weeks and months, according to W. J. Windham, assistant agricultural economist with the University of Arkansas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Speaking at the midwestern quackie convention of the American Poultry and Hatchery Federation here last week, Windham forecast that if the industry holds production of broilers, eggs, and turkeys at about the 1968 levels, prices in 1969 should be reasonably favorable.

However, if decision makers permit the favorable prices they have received recently and anticipated lower feed costs to tempt them into overexpansion of production in 1969, he felt that the resulting market situation might be similar to that experienced in 1967.

Windham pointed out that of the factors affecting demand for poultry products, the increase in U.S. population next year will be about the same as in 1968. Consumer incomes will continue to increase next year, but at a slower rate than in 1968.

Prices for red meats, the third important factor affecting poultry prices, may be lower, at least in the first half of the year, because of larger supplies, and

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

(From Monday, December 30th to Friday, January 3rd)

	Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WHITE					
Fcy Ex Large	49½	49½		49½	49½
Fcy Large	49½	49½		49½	49½
Fcy Mediums	47½	47½		47½	47½
Fcy Pullets	35	35		35	35
Fcy. Peewees	27	27		27	27
BROWN					
Fcy Large	50	50		50	50
Fcy. Mediums	46½	46½		46½	46½
Fcy Pullets	35	35		35	35
Fcy Peewees	27	27		27	27
Standards	46½	46½		46½	46½
Checks	29½	29½		29½	29½

Trend Supply appears well cleared in most instances. Trade watching retail movement for the coming weekend.

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this in turn will tend to hold poultry prices down.

Feed costs probably will average about half a cent less per pound of broiler or turkey produced than in 1968, but other production costs are expected to increase, particularly labor costs.

These increases may offset a substantial portion of the decrease in feed costs, Windham stated.

He concluded that unless steps are taken within the next few months to slow expansion in the broiler industry in 1969 and to

hold down increases in numbers of laying hens below levels now anticipated, prices of broilers and eggs may drop to depressed levels in the latter half of 1969 and early 1970.

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Dangerous Age

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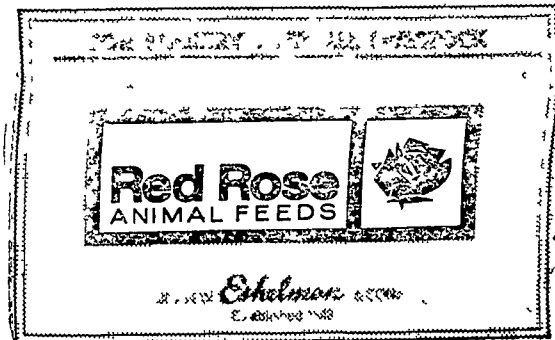


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