

Poultry Market Reports

Delmarva

Wednesday, March 3

Ready-to-cook movement continues light and disappointing in most quarters. Slaughter schedules remain reduced in instances. Less than trucklot prices ranged lower within unchanged ranges. Early trading for next week generally centered on 26½ cents for plant grade. Live supplies ample. Undertone unsettled. Negotiated trucklot prices 2-3 pound ready-to-cook broilers and fryers for delivery next week:

Plant Grade 26½.

Pool trucklot prices for Thursday arrival in the New York area:

U.S. Grade A 28-30 M 28-29.

Plant Grade 27-28½ M 27-27½.

Special packs including 1¾-2, 3½ pound sizes TFEWR

Local Grain

Thursday, March 4

These prices are made up of the average prices quoted by six participating local feed and grain concerns. It should be noted, however, that not every dealer handles each commodity. All prices are per bushel, except for ear corn which is per ton.

The average local grain prices quoted Thursday, March 4, 1971, are as follows:

	Bid	Offered
Ear Corn	42.00	46 00
Shelled Corn	1.73	1.88
Oats (local)	.89	.97
Oats (western)	1.02	1.09
Barley	1.36	1.49
Wheat	1.73	1.90

*Bid is the price the dealer will buy from the farmer delivered to the mill. Offered is the price the dealer will sell for at his mill.

Fogelsville

Tuesday, March 2

(Prices paid dock weights, cents per pound, except where noted)
Hens, heavy type 5-22 mostly 12-17, Pullets 26½-33 mostly 28-32, Roasters 7-33 mostly 28-32, Ducks 23½-31 mostly 25-30, Drakes 25-47 mostly 35-41; Rabbits 23-60 mostly 35-42, Guineas 68-96 mostly 88-93½; Pigeons (Per pair) 55-3 70 mostly 1.05-1.50. Total Coops Sold 527.

New Holland Horse Auction

Monday, March 1

Reported receipts of 325 head of horses; market steady with last week.

One load Ohio work horses, 115-150.

One load Ohio driving horses, 150-275.

One load Iowa work and riding horses, work horses, single, 215-240; pairs, 650-800, riding horses, single, 165-195.

One load Tennessee work horses and mules; work horses, single, 180-225; mules, pairs, 475-600.

One load Tennessee work horses and mules, work horses, single, 250-260; pairs, 480-510; mules, single, 360-520.

Three loads Pennsylvania mules; single, 115-455; pairs, 390-685.

Locally consigned work horses, 130-280; pair, 620; driving horses, 110-350; riding horses, 110-185; local mules to killers.

Mare ponies, 15-30, geldings, 10-20; colts, 4-15; large ponies, 30-50; killers, 8-10.

Eastern Pa. and N. J.

Wednesday, March 3

Prices of light type hens ranged ¼-½ cent higher. Demand good for barely adequate area offerings with processing plants securing additional needs from New York State as well as Virginia and the Carolinas in an effort to keep plants at full operation. Advance bookings for off-farm movement during Easter period generally heavy in some quarters. Demand good for limited offerings of heavy type hens. Prices paid at farm: Light type hens: 4½-7 Mostly 6¾-7 in Pennsylvania Mostly 6-7 in New Jersey. Heavy type hens TFEWR.

Chicago Cattle

Weekly Review

Monday-Wednesday
March 1 - March 3

CATTLE WEEKLY — Compared last Friday, slaughter steers 75-125 higher, slaughter heifers 100 higher, cows 25 50 higher, bulls steady. Slaughter steer and heifer prices registered upturns on both Monday and Wednesday in face of reduced receipts. Receipts 78 percent slaughter steers, 17 percent heifers, balance mainly cows. Overall finish of slaughter steers more attractive than last week with an estimated 17 percent prime and 70 percent choice, compared with 12 percent prime and 75 percent choice last week, and 17 percent prime and 71 percent choice last year. Heifer supply mainly high good to low prime weighing 850-1075 lb.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — On Wednesday, prime 1200-1350 lbs yield grade 3 and 4 34 50-35 00, 12 loads at latter price, high choice and prime 1075-1350 lbs 33 75-34 50, choice 950-1350 lbs yield grade 2-4 32 50-33 75, largely 32 75 33 50, mixed good

USDA Intercepts Plant Pests, Diseases in '70

Agricultural quarantine inspectors intercepted an average of 129 plant pests and diseases daily at United States ports of entry during 1970, the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported recently.

These inbound agricultural pests included some of the world's most destructive insects and diseases, capable of damaging millions of dollars worth of U.S. crops, gardens, forests, and ornamentals.

Plant quarantine inspectors of USDA's Agricultural Research Service intercepted some 47,000 pests of quarantine significance during 1970. These pests — foreign insects, mites, snails, nematodes, and plant diseases — were found in incoming passenger baggage, ship and airplane stores, mail, and cargo. This pest interception level was about 20 per cent above the 1965-69 average, reflecting a continued overall rise in plant quarantine inspection activities.

Four major fruit fly species — Mediterranean, olive, oriental, and European cherry — continued to be among the significant pest interceptions, increasing about one-fourth during the year. Other significant pests not found in this country but known to be potential environmental enemies were intercepted frequently. They include citrus canker, sweet orange scab, Japanese citrus scale, and black spot of citrus, all dangerous citrus diseases, and the khapra beetle, a destructive stored grain insect.

Weekly UEP Egg Market

Prices to the Producer

Tuesday, March 2 and Thursday, March 4

Region	Large	Medium	Small
Northeast	35 34	28½ 28½	25½ 25½
Northwest	32 31	28 26	18 12
Central West	30 29	26 24	18 13
Southwest	29 28	25 23	18 12
Midwest	31 30	26 26	20 18
Southeast	33 32	27½ 26½	24 24
National Average	32½ 31½	27½ 26½	22 20½

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, March 1st to Friday, March 5th

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WHITE					
Ex Fcy Large	38½	38½	36½	36½	36½
Large	37½	37½	35½	35½	35½
Mediums	33	33	31	31	31-31½
Pullets	30	30	27	27	28
Peewees	21	21	21	21	21
BROWN					
Fcy Large	37	37	35½	35½	35½
Mediums	Unquoted				
Pullets	Unquoted				
Peewees	Unquoted				
Standards	33	33	31	31	31
Checks	19½	19½	19½	19½	19½

Tone — Large and Extra Large fully ample for all needs. Mediums and Pullets improved except on West Coast

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New York Eggs

and choice 31 75-32 50, good 28 00-31 00 Standard and low good 26 00-28 00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS — High choice and prime 950-1075 lbs yield grade 3 and 4 on Wednesday 32 75-33 25, one load at latter price, choice 850-1025 lbs yield grade 2 to 4 31 50-32 75, mixed good and choice 30 50-31 50, good 27 50-30 50

COWS — Late utility and commercial 19 25-20 75, high dressing utility 21 00-21 25 Canner and cutter 18 00-20 00

BULLS — Throughout the week, utility and commercial 21 00-27 50

Prices trended lower. Receipts continue light to moderate and mainly from nearby producers. Effects of the Philadelphia area strike forcing increased diversions into this market. Trading stocks of large and heavier weights ample, mediums somewhat lighter although pullets are in greater volume. Buying activity slightly improved with best interest on mediums however overall movement no better than fair. Carton orders of a fair to occasionally good nature.

U.S. Inspected Livestock Slaughter

For week ending Thursday, March 4

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Week to date	426,000	1,306,000	150,000
Same period last wk	411,000	1,308,000	158,000
Same period last yr	447,000	1,162,000	156,000

Estimated daily livestock slaughter under Federal Inspection.

FUTURES TRADING

(Closing bids as of Thursday, March 4)

	Chicago Cattle	Chicago Hogs	New York Maine Potatoes	Chicago Fresh Eggs
March			2.70	31.20
April	31.75	17.97	2.81	31.05
May			3.16	30.60
June	30.97	19.80		31.60
July		21.32		33.50
August	30.30	21.30		
September				37.75
October	29.80	21.00		
November			2.63	
December	29.70	21.77		
February '72	30.00			

Trend — Cattle are steady, Hogs are stronger, Potatoes are stronger and Eggs are stronger

a-asked b-bid n-nominal
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