

Poultry Market Reports

Delmarva

Wednesday, March 31

Ready to cook movement very slow and disappointing with occasional load reported moving on consignment. Slaughter schedules occasionally curtailed, though generally heavier than needed in most quarters. Early trading noted on loads of plant grade at 24½ cents. Occasional trade advice indicates current offerings at 24 cents failing to clear supplies. Undertone weak and unsettled. Negotiated trucklot prices 23 lb. ready to cook broilers and fryers for delivery next week: Plant Grade 24½.

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

U.S. Grade A 25½-27 M 26-26½.

Plant Grade 24-26 M 24½-25. Special packs including 1¾-2, 3½ lb. sizes TFEWR.

Eastern Pa. and N. J.

Wednesday, March 31

Prices unchanged to ½c lower on light type hens Offerings fully adequate to ample as producers schedules off-farm movement following Easter. Slaughter plants generally booked to capacity for next three weeks Demand unaggressive as plants of ten sorting finished product. Offerings of heavy hens barely adequate to adequate for a fair but limited call. Prices paid at farm: Light type hens 4½-6½, mostly 6-6½ in Pennsylvania mostly 5½-6½ in New Jersey. Heavy type Hens TFEWR.

Fogelsville

Tuesday, March 30

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

Hens, neavy type 8-28½,

mostly 14-22, Pullets 37, Roasters 11-37½, M 30-34 Capons 46-49, Ducks 17-38, M 23-30, Drakes 15-49, M 38-49, Turkeys, Hens 26-36; Rabbits 30½-49, M 38-46; Guineas 97½-1 05; Pigeons (per pair) 1.05-4 15, M 1 05-1.40. Total coops sold 686

New York Eggs

Wednesday, March 31

Prices were irregular Receipts moderate Trading stocks of jumbos irregularly distributed; extra large and large ample with mediums and smaller sizes excessive. Street sales of jumbos noted at 45½-48c and extra large at 40½-42c, occasionally slightly higher or lower depending on quality and volume. Buying activity for bulk eggs was highly irregular ranging from slow to occasionally improved although locally, many distributors feel they have not received their Easter-Passover orders Out of town shipment of bulk eggs to the city is increasing. Carton orders for the balance of the week was slow to smaller retail outlets and fair to good through the major chains.

Weekly UEP Egg Market

Prices to the Producer

Tuesday, March 30 and Thursday, April 1

Region	Large		Medium		Small	
	Large	Small	Large	Small	Large	Small
Northeast	37½	37½	31	31	24	24
Northwest	32	32	29	27	20	20
Central West	30	30	27	27	22	22
Southwest	28	28	23	23	14	14
Midwest	33	33	24	24	18	18
Southeast	34	34	29	29	23	23
National Average	34	34	28½	27	21	21

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, March 29 to Friday, April 2nd

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WHITE					
Fcy. Ex Large	43	43½	43½	43½	44
Large	40	40½	40½	40½	41
Mediums	34½	34½	34½	34½	34½
Pullets	25	25	25	25	24
Peeweese	18	16	16	16	16
BROWN					
Fcy. Large	40	40	40	40	40
Mediums	Unquoted				
Pullets	Unquoted				
Peeweese	Unquoted				
Standards	36	36	36	36	36
Checks	21	21	21	21	21

Tone — Orders for all large sizes picking up and position generally steady to firm Small sizes irregular.

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Omaha Cattle Weekly Review

Thursday, April 1

Compared to last weeks close closing prices of slaughter steers and heifers mostly 50 cents lower. Cows 1 00-1 25 lower. Bulls fully steady Feeder cattle and calves moderately active, fully steady.

Four day receipts 18,000 as compared 17,700 previous week and 22,400 a year ago Slaughter steers approximately 40 per cent, heifers 32 per cent, cows 10 per cent, feeders 15 per cent

Mud somewhat less prevalent than previous week, but general finish not attractive with a predominance of Good to Average-Choice.

Despite moderate marketings, prices on slaughter steers and heifers forced downward under influence of sharply declining carcass trade. Early demand relatively narrow for beef which would reach destination during Holy Week and many packers reduced slaughter quotas accordingly.

All buying interests cautious and selective as they sought to maintain a reasonable ratio between live prices and carcass realizations.

Market Steers

STEERS — Two loads High-Choice and Prime, U S 3-4, 1181-1228 lbs, 33 00, 1094-1147 lbs, 32 50-32 75, Choice, U S 2-4, 975-1325 lbs. 31 25-32 25, load U S 4, 1375 lbs, 31 50, Good and Choice, 4, 950-1250 lbs, 30-50-31.25, Good, 28 50-30 50, Holsteins, 2-3, 1100-1300 lbs, 28 50-29 15; Standard and Good, 27-00-28 50.

HEIFERS — Two loads High-Choice and Prime, U S 3-4, 931-976 lbs., 32 35-32 40; 925-1025 lbs., 32 00-32 25; Choice, U S 2-4, 800-1050 lbs, 30 75-32 00; Good and Choice, 775-1000 lbs,

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FUTURES TRADING

(Closing bids as of Thursday, April 1)

	Chicago Cattle	Chicago Hogs	New York Maine Potatoes	Chicago Fresh Eggs
April	33.40	17.52	2.80	28.55
May			3.17	29.00
June	32.30	19.97		30.75
July		21.60		
August	31.25	21.95		
September				37.10
October	30.45	21.70		
December	30.15	22.85		
February '72	30.47	23.75		

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

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HAY PRICES

For Southeastern and South Central Pennsylvania

Monday, March 29

All hay No. 2 and better prices paid by dealers at the farm, price per ton

Hay and straw steady to weak, spots \$2 to \$5 lower.

Alfalfa	35 00-40 00
Timothy hay	20 00-33 00
Mixed hay	23 00-35 00
Straw	25 00-30 00
Mulch	13 00-20 00

Reported by Bureau of Markets Pa. Dept. of Agriculture.

Oklahoma City Feeder Auction

Thursday, April 1

Estimated Receipts 10,300
Same day last week 8,530
Same day last year 2,952

Moderately active, feeder cattle and calves 50c to 1 00 lower with feeder heifers over 450 lb. at the full decline Majority receipts Good and Choice over 450 lb offerings Fairly large attendance of buyers

Continued high winds, dry conditions and lower trends on slaughter steers and heifers influences most buying interest to maintain a bearish attitude toward replacement costs.

Sales As Of 1 P.M.

FEEDER STEERS — Choice, few Prime, 300-475 lbs 36 00-40 00, 500-650 lb, 33 00-35 75; 650 800 lb, 31 75-33 85, 850-1021 lb, 30 00-32 40, Good and Choice 400-500 lb, 34 25-36 00; 500 650 lbs, 31.00-34.00; 650-800 lb, 30 50-31 75, few Good 500-750 lb, 29 00-31 50, Standard and Low Good 500-650 lb, 28 50-30 00, 650-1022 lb, 26 00-28 50

FEEDER HEIFERS—Choice, few Prime 300 450 lb, 32 50-34-00, small lot 312 lb at 37 20; 450-700 lb, 29 00-32 00; Good and Choice 380-450 lb, 30 00-32-50, 450-700 lb, 28 00-29 75 few Good 335-450 lb, 28 75 30 00.

OTHERS — Good and Choice 400-560 lb bull calves 31 50-36-75, small lot 264 lb at 44 25.

Green Dragon Hay Market

Friday, March 26

73 loads hay, including Alfalfa, 35 00 50 00, one load 56 50; Timothy, few loads, 29 50-40.50; Mixed hay, 29 00-47 00, couple loads to 61 00; Clover, few loads, 29 00-36 00
33 loads straw, 31 00-45 00.

U.S. Inspected Livestock Slaughter

For week ending Thursday, April 1

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Week to date	430,000	1,439,000	165,000
Same period last wk	465,000	1,480,000	166,000
Same period last yr	425,000	1,134,000	153,000

Estimated daily livestock slaughter under Federal Inspection.