Poultry Market Reports

Eastern Pa. & N.J. Wednesday, December 12 Live Poultry

Prices unchanged on light type hens. Offerings fully adequate for needs. Demand fairly good as plants operating full time prior to expected holiday shut downs. Offerings of heavy type hens adequate for fair call. Prices on farm light type hens 11.00-14.50. Mostly 13.50-14.00 in Pa. 13.50-14.50 New Jersey.

Fogelsville

December 11, 1973 (Prices paid dock weights cents per lb.)

Hens - 14-25, mostly 18-25; Pullets 25-34, mostly 25-30; Roasters 20-34, mostly 25-32; Capons 40-48, mostly 43-45; Ducks 25-48, mostly 44-47; Drakes 51-63, mostly 58-63; Geese 46-58; Turkeys - Toms 40-48; Turkeys -Hens 481/2-57, mostly 48-50; Rabbits 51-81, mostly 75-81; Pigeons 1.11-3.00.

Total coops sold 405.

Poultry received Monday 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tuesday 7 a.m. to 12 Noon. Sale at 11:30 a.m. Directions - Take Rt. 22 thruway. Exit at Fogelsville exit. North on stoplight in Fogelsville, turn left, proceed 1 mile.

Delmarva

Wednesday, December 12 **Broiler-Fryer Market**

Ready to cook movement fairly good as buyers attempted to secure stocks prior to possible trucking problems that may develop at end of the week. Slaughter schedule steady Less than truck load prices unchanged to higher. Mostly unchanged on both plant and US Grade A. Live supplies adequate. Undertone firm. No truck load negotiations reported on full truck loads. On full truck loads for Thursday arrival US Grade A ranged 34.00-39 00 Mostly 34.00-35.00. Plant grade 33.00-37.00. Mostly 33.00-34 00.

Egg Market

Wednesday, December 12 Philadelphia Eggs Prices unchanged to higher on all sizes. Cartoning demand good on all sizes. Especially where features involved. Offerings of mediums barely adequate to short Larger sizes adequate. Undertone fully steady. Prices to retailers. on Extra Large 76.0, 78.50; Large 75.00-77 50, Medium 71 50-74.50

New England Weekly Shell Egg Report

Tuesday, December 11

Prices paid per dozen Grade "A" brown eggs in cartons delivered to retail stores:

Due to a delay of mail, no New England Weekly Shell Egg Report available.

Nest Run Eggs

Prices are from Egg Clearinghouse, Inc., (ECI) Durham, N.H. and reflect trading prices for gradeable nest run eggs (GNR) on ECI, a nationwide trading center for producers, packers and marketers. GNR eggs are classified by weight in 30-dozen cases, and traded in lots of either 300 or 750 cases. Prices are FOB buyers dock, and are computed Tuesday and Thursday of each week. This week's prices for each classification were:

New Weight

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| Classification | Per Case | Tuesday | Thursday |
| Extra Large | 51 lbs. | 0 | 0 |
| Class 1 - Large | 48 lbs. | 66 | 68 |
| Class 3 - Medium | 42 lbs. | 64 | 65 |
| Class 4 - Small | 39 lbs. | 56 | 57 |
| Breaking Stock | 48 lbs . | 55 | 56 |
| Checks | _ 48 lbs. | 43 | 45 |
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NHA Reports Growing Need for Quality Hay

Producing quality hay for market is more profitable now than at any previous time in the history of American agriculture, reports The National Hay Association, Inc.

The NHA is cooperating with educational and commercial groups in bringing to the attention of hay growers, shippers, distributors and others concerned with this important part of agribusiness, the need to produce and sell the kind and quality of hay needed.

"It is generally recognized that hay is a factor of increasing importance in the pipeline of ingredients that leads from the soil to the family table as far as meat and milk are concerned. The program of our last annual convention was built around the increasing need for quality hay,' states Ernest V. Mathews, Executive Secretary of the Hay Association.

"American farmers produced 63 million acres of hay last year worth two and one-half billion dollars", according to Wilbur D. Smith, Washington County Extension Advisor of Nashville, Illinois.

"More acres are devoted to hay than any other crop, including corn. Illinois farmers produced 1,220,000 acres of hay, averaging 2.9 tons per acre. Washington County farmers produced 60,000 tons on 19,619 acres of hay. Three hundred - eighty-six farms harvested alfalfa hay on 5,961 acres, and 622 farms harvested clover hay on 13,658 acres. The average yield was about three tons per acre. Thirteen cooperators in the 1969 Special Forage Project achieved yields of five to seven and one-quarter tons per acre. Washington County hay has a value of nearly two million dollars," continues Smith.

Smith recently completed a study of hay production and marketing in states from Pennsylvania to California. During the 18,000 mile trip Land Grant Universities, farm implement companies, farmers and individuals concerned with marketing hay were visited.

The hay industry is one of the

Weekly New York Egg Market

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| WHITE | | | | | |
| Fcy. Ex. Large | 72 | 72 | 72 | 74 | 74 |
| Large | 71 | 72 | 72 | 74 | 74 |
| Mediums | 70 | 71 | 71 | 72 | 72 |
| Pullets | 61 | 63 | 63 | 67 | 67 |
| Peewees | 46 | 48 | 48 | 50 | 50 |
| BROWN | | | | | |
| Fcy. Large | 71 | 72 | 72 | 74 | 74 |
| Mediums | Unquote | d | | | |
| Pullets | Unquote | d | | | |
| Peewees | Unquotee | d | | | |
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fastest changing segments of agriculture in America, a fact so well documented in a bulletin, -"Here's What's New in Hay Harvesting and Marketing", written by Smith after completing his survey. A copy may be obtained by writing, Wilbur D. Smith, Box 192, Nashville, Illinois. It is full of interest for anyone concerned with large scale production or marketing of hay.

The importance of hay in maintaining the health of dairy herds is emphasized in several publications, copies of which may be obtained free of charge by writing Sperry-New Holland, New Holland, Pennsylvania. Requests should be directed to the attention of Donald L. Collins, Press Relations Supervisor of Sperry-New Holland.

The number of dairy cows continues to decline. This is only one reason why the health of both the milk producers and the foundation herds demand hay as a part of the daily ration.

The NHA office is located in Woodstock, Virginia. The trade association has scheduled its 79th annual meeting next August at Lake Worth, Florida.

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Oklahoma City

Thursday, December 13 Cattle and calves - 5300

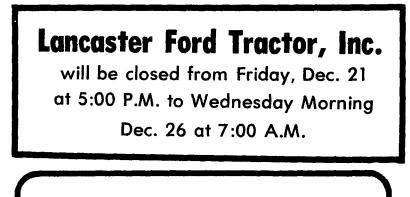
Cattle auction - Early trading erratic and often hard to follow, some weights selling higher and some weights lower; Not enough calves sold early to establish a trend; Majority early sales Good and Choice 500-850 pound steers and 400-650 pound heifers; Fairly large attendance buyers.

FEEDER STEERS: Small lot Choice 423 pound at 55.50; Choice 500-600 48.50-51.25; 600-700 47.50-51.00; 700-800 47.00-49.75; 800-840 45.80-46.60; Mixed Good and Choice 300-500 50.50-56.75; 500-700 45.25-48.75; 700-800 44.50-46.50; Good 300-500 46.25-50.25.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Good 404-562 pound 39.60-43.20; Good 717-805 39.30.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Early sales Choice 400-500 pound 43.75-45.80, part load 334 at 48.00; 500-553 43.00-45.00, small lot 652 at 41.90; Few Mixed Good and Choice 300-500 40.00-45.50.

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