

# Poultry Market Reports

## New England Weekly Shell Egg Report

Tuesday, December 18  
Prices paid per dozen Grade "A" brown eggs in cartons delivered to retail stores:

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MASS+	76-80	75-79	73-77	60-64
Mostly	78-80	77-79	75-77	62-64
NEW HAMP	76-83	75-82	73-80	60-67
Mostly	78-79	77-78	75-76	62-63
R. I	79-80	79-80	75-76	64-65
Mostly				
VERMONT	78-85	77-83	75-79	TOO FEW
Mostly				
MAINE	78-80	77-79	75-77	62-64
Mostly				

+ Includes Central & Western Sections Only.

## 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:

Classification	New Weight Per Case	Tuesday	Thursday
Extra Large	51 lbs	0	0
Class 1 - Large	48 lbs	68	68
Class 3 - Medium	42 lbs.	67	67
Class 4 - Small	39 lbs.	60	60
Breaking Stock	48 lbs.	56	56
Checks	48 lbs.	46	45

## Omaha Cattle

Thursday, December 20

Cattle - compared with last weeks close, Slaughter steers 2.00-2.50 higher and heifers 2.50-2.75 higher. Cows 2.50-3.50 higher. Bulls strong to 1.00 higher. Small feeder supply 1.00-1.50 higher, supply mainly partly fattened two-way steers.

Four day receipts 19,600 as compared 18,200 previous week and 22,500 a year ago with Wednesday's supply held to 3400 by severe storm conditions. Slaughter steers 42 percent, heifers 37 percent, cows 10 percent and feeders 9 percent. Fed cattle prices surged upward under a good demand by all buying interests. After sharp upswing on opening session, only minimal downturns enforced on expanded Tuesday run of 8200 and substantial advances noted on curtailed midweek supply in frenzied activity to acquire numbers for immediate requirements as storm conditions seriously impeded livestock movement. Canadian buyers aggressive for 1000-1200 pounds steers of yield grade 2-3 while feeder buyers quite competitive for partly fattened steers suitable for short turn in feedlot. There was noticeable less pressure on loadlots mixed yield grade 3-4 steers weighing 1150-1250 pounds. Overall finish steers and heifers attractive with numerous loads. High-Choice and Prime included but many carried considerable mud.

STEERS At midweek high time, two loads high-Choice and Prime 1164-1218 pounds yield grade 3-4 41 25, several loads same grade 1116-1200 41 00, two loads 1175-1196 grade 4 40 00-40 50. Choice 975-1150 2-4 closed 40 00-41 00. Two loads Choice 997-1050 2-3 41 25-41 50. Choice 1150-1340 3-4 39 00-40 50, load 1350 4-5 36 50. Mixed Good and Choice 950-1250 39 00-40 50. Good 38 00-39 00. Standard and low-Good 37 00-38 00.

Average cost slaughter steers first three days 39.46 average weight 1171 pounds as compared 37.12 and 1155 pounds previous week and 36.44 and 1159 pounds a year ago.

HEIFERS Moderate volume high-Choice and Prime 948-1171

pounds yield grade 3-4 40.00-40.35. Choice 850-1100 2-4 39.00-40.00. Mixed Good and Choice 800-1000 38 00-39 00. Good 36 00-38 00. Standard and Good 34 50-36 00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 31 00-33.00, Utility dairybreeds 33 25-33 50, few 33.75. Canner and Cutter 39 00-31 00, mixed Cutter and low-Utility 31 25-32 00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1 & 2 1400-1800 pounds 39 00-41 00, few 41 25-41 50.

Feeders prices 1 00-1 50 higher, largely in reflection of advancing slaughter cattle prices. Outshipments approximately 1700 head as compared 1200 head previous week.

STEERS Load Choice 490 pounds 52 00. Few consignments Choice 589-776 45 00-47 00. Part load Choice and Prime 925 45 00. Load Choice and Prime 1060 fleshy 41 00. Choice 929-1108 40 00-41 25. High-Good and Choice 950-1050 39 00-40 50.

HEIFERS Load Choice 457 pounds 48 00, short load Choice 583 42 50.

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## Egg Market

Wednesday, December 19  
Philadelphia Eggs

Prices Steady. Cartoning demand fairly good on all sizes. Offerings of Extra large fully adequate; Large adequate; Mediums barely adequate to short. Undertone steady though cautious.

Prices to retailers: Sales to volume buyers, consumer grades white eggs in cartons.

	Delivered Store Door
A Extra Large	78 80½
A Large	77 79½
A Medium	74 76½

## Eastern Pa. & N.J.

Wednesday, December 19  
Live Poultry

Prices steady though many advance bookings for January pick-up noted at an open price. Offerings ample for current needs as most plants will not be operating full time during the holiday period. Demand Good. Offerings of heavy type ample for light needs.

Prices paid at farm:  
Light type hens 11-14½, mostly 13½-14 in Pa., Mostly 13½-14½ in N.J. Heavy type hens TFEWR.

## Delmarva

Wednesday, December 19  
Broiler-Fryer Market

Ready to cook movement fairly good for current needs. Advance interest actively lining up needs for the next two weeks while slaughter schedules will be sharply reduced nationally. Less than trucklot prices with weights increasing at most plants. Undertone very firm.

Negotiated trucklot prices 2-3 lb ready to cook broiler-fryers for delivery next week. Plant Grade 38-39.

Pool trucklot prices for Thursday arrival US Grade A 37-42, mostly 37; Plant Grade 36-40, mostly 36.

## Eliminate Ice and Snow Problems

Clean snow and ice from tractor platforms, steps, axles and pedals, advises the Extension Safety Committee of The Pennsylvania State University. And keep your boots free of ice and snow to insure solid contact on the pedals, they add.

## Weekly New York Egg Market

From Monday, December 17th to Friday, December 21

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WHITE					
Fcy. Ex. Large	74	74	74	74	74
Large	74	74	74	74	74
Mediums	73	73	73	73	73
Pullets	67	67	67	67	67
Peeweese	50	50	50	50	50

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
BROWN					
Fcy. Large	74	74	74	74	74
Mediums	Unquoted				
Pullets	Unquoted				
Peeweese	Unquoted				

Off Grade Large	69	69	69	69	69
Checks	44	44	44	44	44

Long Tone - Mixed, Mediums more readily available, Jumbos slow, balance usually cleared.

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## Pa. Broiler Placements Hold Steady

Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending December 15, 1973 were 1,202,000. The placements were approximately the same as the corresponding week a year earlier, but 2 percent below the previous week. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 16 percent above a year earlier.

Settings for broiler chicks were 2,048,000 - 3 percent above the previous week and 15 percent above the comparable period a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 12 percent above the same period a year ago. Inshipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks averaged 100 compared with 9,000 a year ago.

Outshipments averaged 264,000 during the past 10 weeks, 28 percent above a year earlier.

Placements in the 21 States were 58,000,000 - 1 percent below the previous week but 1 percent above the same week a year earlier. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 1 percent above a year ago.

Settings were 73,124,000 - 8 percent above the previous week and 5 percent above a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 3 percent above the comparable period a year ago.

## Fogelsville

December 18, 1973

(Prices paid dock weights cents per lb.)

No market report available due to delay of mail.

Poultry received Monday 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. Tuesday 7 a.m. to 12 Noon. Sale at 11:30 a.m.

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