

Poultry Market Reports

WEEKLY NEW YORK EGG MARKET

From Monday, February 4th to Friday, February 8th

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
WHITE					
Fcy. Ex.					
Lge.	74	74	74	70	70
Large	74	74	74	70	70
Mediums	72	72	72	67	67
Pullets	69	69	69	64	64
Peewees	50	50	50	45	45

BROWN					
Fcy. Lge.	79	76	76	76	75
Mediums	Unquoted				
Pullets	Unquoted				
Peewees	Unquoted				

Off Grade					
Lge.	69	69	69	65	65
Checks	50	50	50	50	49

Long Tone — Retail orders are improved.

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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.	66	65
Class 3 - Medium	42 lbs.	63	62
Class 4 - Small	39 lbs.	58	57
Breaking Stock	48 lbs.	60	60
Checks	48 lbs.	51	51

Young Farmers Set Joint Beef Meeting

Ephrata and New Holland Young Farmer groups have scheduled a pair of joint meetings on beef management, the first to be held Tuesday evening, February 12, at Garden Spot High School beginning at 7:45 p.m.

The first meeting will present two discussion topics. A representative from Agri-Inc will talk about housing and ventilation requirements for beef cattle. Jim Haden, a Rai-Gro

representative will discuss growth stimulants for beef cattle, and will demonstrate the proper techniques for implanting these drugs in cattle.

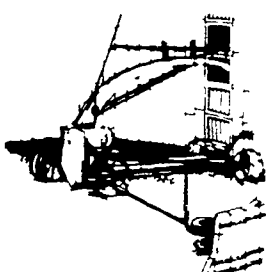
As a follow-up to this meeting, there will be a tour the next day of local beef farms to look at ventilation facilities.

The second meeting is scheduled for April 2 and will be held at Ephrata High School Dr. Lowell Wilson, from Penn State, will talk about growing and marketing the new crossbreeds.

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Baltimore Eggs

Wednesday, February 6
Baltimore eggs: Market steady. Demand fair. Supplies adequate. Truck receipts and deliveries normal.

Cartoned eggs: Prices to retailers, state graded (min one case sale) white.

Grade A Large 81-87, mostly 81-83; Grade A Medium 79-85, mostly 79-81.

Fogelsville

February 5, 1974
(Prices paid dock weights cents per lb.)

Hens, light type 12; Hens, heavy type 12-16½; Pullets 28½-35, mostly 28½-32; Roasters 27-32; Capons 26-38½, mostly 37-38½; Ducks 50-55; Drakes 32-70½, mostly 65-70; Geese 48-58, mostly 53; Rabbits 50-87, mostly 80-84; Guineaas 75½-88; Pigeons (per pair) 1.20-3.00.
Total coops sold 273

FARM TRENDS

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record high for the 7th straight year.

Cows and heifers that have calved total 54.2 million head, make up 42 pct. of the total. Their number was up 3 pct. from a year earlier. Beef cow numbers, at 42.9 million, were up 5 pct. Milk cows, at 11.3 million head, were off 3 pct.

Among the leaders: Texas' total of all cattle and calves on farms, at 16,250,000 head, was up 8 pct.; Nebraska's, at 7,410,000 head, up 8 pct.; Kansas' total, at 6,990,000 head, up 3 pct.; Missouri's, at 6,200,000 head, up 12 pct.

Oklahoma's total, at 6,020,000 head, up 6 pct.; California's, at 5,250,000 head, up 11 pct.; Wisconsin's, at 4,400,000 head, up 3 pct.; and Minnesota's, at 4,240,000 head, up 5 pct.

PARITY RATIO: ANNUAL AVERAGE

The parity ratio (of Index of Prices Received to Index of Prices Paid by Farmers) averaged 88 for Jan-Dec 1973. That's up from 74 in 1972 and the highest since 1954.

PRICES RECEIVED INDEX UP 9 PCT. DURING JANUARY

Index of Prices Received by Farmers increased 16 points (9 pct.) to 200 (pct. of its Jan-Dec 1967 average) during the month ended Jan 15. USDA reported last week. Higher prices for wheat, livestock, cotton, corn and potatoes contributed most to the boost. Index was 56 points (39 pct.) above a year earlier.

Wheat averaged a record \$5.29 per bu., up 51 cents from December. It had been \$2.38 per bu. a year earlier. Rye prices increased 40 cents per bu., to \$2.74. That's 7 cents below its record high set in Mar 1947 but nearly triple its Jan 1973 average.

Higher cattle, hog and calf prices helped boost the over-all Meat Animal index 22 points (12 pct.) above a month earlier. Upland cotton prices advanced nearly 10 cents per lb. a year ago. Corn advanced 20 cents per bu. to \$2.59. It had been \$1.39 per bu. in Jan 1973. Potatoes advanced 96 cents per cwt. to \$4.67. They had been \$3.16 per cwt. a year earlier.

Index of Prices Paid by Farmers advanced 3 points (2 pct.) from a month earlier to 157. Index was 23 points (17 pct.) above a year earlier. The Ratio of Prices Received to Prices Paid advanced 8 points to 127. It had stood at 107 a year earlier.

Under the old 1910-14 system the Index of Prices Received advanced 39 points to 507. Prices Paid advanced 13 points to 538. Parity Ratio moved up 5 points to 94. A year earlier, Prices Received had been 365, Prices Paid, 458 and the Parity Ratio had been 80 (Ag Prices).

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Tuesday, February 5, 1974

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

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MASS+	83-89	82-88	77-82	67-73
Mostly	84-86	83-85	78-80	68-71
NEW HAMP	82-89	81-88	76-83	66-73
Mostly	84-85	83-84	78-79	68-69
R.I.	86-87	85-86	80-81	70-71
Mostly				
VERMONT	84-92	83-91	78-86	TOO FEW
Mostly				
MAINE	84-86	83-85	78-80	68-70
Mostly				

+Includes Central & Western Sections Only.

Philadelphia Eggs

Wednesday, February 6
Prices unchanged. Cartoning demand good as buyers secure additional stocks in face of current transportation problem. Offering about adequate though heavy early week inventories combined with lighter than usual outside receipts clearing rapidly. Undertone fully steady.

Prices to retailers: Sales to volume buyers, consumer grades white eggs in cartons, Delivered: Store door, A Extra Large 79-81½; A Large 78-80½; A Medium 74-76½.

New Holland Dairy Auction

Wednesday, February 6
Reported receipts of 74 cows, and two bulls. Market steady with last week's market.

Load Franklin County cows, fresh 650-790, springers 675-720.

Load Pennsylvania cows, fresh 590-800.

Load New York State cows, fresh 635-785, springers 555-710.

Load Franklin County cows, fresh 710-800, springers 825-1010.

Locally consigned cows, 415-785.

Springing heifers 370-610. Bulls 275-350.

Egg Yolks

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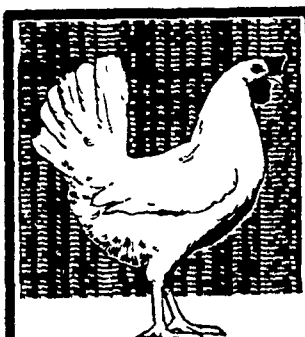
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Eastern Pa. & N.J.

Wednesday, February 6
Prices steady on light type hens. Offerings lighter for a fair demand. Demand moderate for adequate offerings of heavy type hens. Prices paid at farm: Light type hens 6-9, mostly 8-9 in Pa., mostly 8-9 in N.J. Heavy type hens TFEWR.

Delmarva

Wednesday, February 6
Broiler-Fryer Market
Ready to cook movement good however ability to make deliveries hampered seriously in most quarters. Slaughter fairly well maintained though occasional plant not operating. Less than trucklot prices 2-3 cents higher on both plant and US Grade A. Advance interest light with a wait and see position relative to delivery a factor. Live supplies ample at increasing weights. Undertone firm. Pool trucklot prices for Thursday arrival: US Grade A 40-45, Plant Grade 39-43.



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