

# Poultry Market Reports

## WEEKLY NEW YORK EGG MARKET

From Monday, April 1 to Friday, April 5

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
<b>WHITE</b>					
Fcy. Ex.					
Lge.	61	61	61	61	61
Large	60	60	60	60	60
Mediums	52	50	50	50	50
Pullets	36	36	36	36	36
Peewees	26	26	26	26	26
<b>BROWN</b>					
Fcy. Lge.	60	60	60	60	60
Mediums	Unquoted				
Pullets	Unquoted				
Peewees	Unquoted				
<b>Off Grade</b>					
Lge.	54	54	54	54	54
Checks	35	35	34	33	33

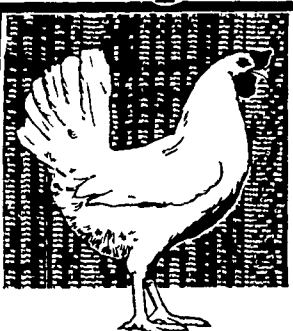
Long Tone — Large Sizes Generally Steady.  
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## NEST RUN EGGS

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		Tuesday	Thursday
	Per Case	Per Case		
Extra Large	51 lbs.	0	0	0
Class 1 - Large	48 lbs.	53	53	53
Class 3 - Medium	42 lbs.	44	46	46
Class 4 - Small	39 lbs.	31	31	31
Breaking Stock	48 lbs.	41	42	42
Checks	48 lbs.	35	38	38

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Farmers report they are having to pay increasingly higher prices for farm fuel, fertilizer, baling twine and baling wire, according to Nicholas Smith, director of the Energy Office, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

He reports that since Nov. 1, 1973, the price of gasoline used on farms has increased 29 percent, diesel fuel is 38 percent higher, and LP gas costs 21 percent more.

Prices for all categories of fertilizers show increases since Feb. 18, with the largest percentage increases for nitrogen fertilizers. Anhydrous ammonia and urea prices have nearly doubled since decontrol in October.

Current prices for twine have increased 250 percent or more from a year ago. The price of domestically produced baling wire obtained through normal channels, is expected to range from \$22 to \$25 retail per 100-pound box—up substantially over a year ago—with prices for imported wire reported varying from \$30 to \$50 per 100-pound box.

Availability of farm fuel as reported for the biweekly period ending March 22 is said to be little changed from two weeks earlier with shortages of gasoline in 30 states and diesel fuel supply problems in 16 states. The fertilizer supply situation is also about the same as two weeks ago; 44 states report a nitrogen shortage, 41 a phosphate shortage, and 39 a potash shortage.

## Philadelphia Eggs

Wednesday, April 3  
Prices unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums, steady on balance. Cartoning demand fair at best and seasonally unaggressive in spite of holiday period. Offerings fully adequate to ample. Undertone steady though cautious.  
Prices to retailers: sales to volume buyers, consumer grades white eggs in cartons. Delivered: Store door, A Extra Large 65 - 66½; A Large 64 - 65½; A Medium 52 - 57½.

## Pa. Broiler Placements Down 3 pct.

Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending March 30, 1974 were 1,217,000. The placements were 3 percent below the corresponding week a year earlier, and 12 percent below the previous week. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 4 percent above a year earlier.  
Settings for broiler chicks were 2,122,000 - 20 percent above the previous week and 1 percent below the comparable period a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 3 percent below the same period a year ago.

Inshipments of broiler-type chicks during the past 10 weeks averaged 3,000 compared with zero a year ago. Outshipments averaged 208,000 during the past 10 weeks, 16 percent below a year earlier.

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## Fogelsville

April 2, 1974  
(Prices paid dock weights cents per lb.)  
No market report available at press time.  
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

Broiler-Fryer Market  
Wednesday, April 3  
Ready to cook movement light with very attractive offerings reported in an effort to stimulate interest. Slaughter schedules generally reduced in line with expected needs. Less than trucklot prices unchanged to 1 cent lower on both plant and US grade A. Advance interest slow in settling as both buyers and sellers await further market developments. Live supplies fully adequate with weights tending heavier. Undertone weak and unsettled.

Negotiated trucklot prices 2-3 lb ready to cook broiler-fryers for delivery.

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

States were 63,970,000 - 1 percent below the previous week and 1 percent above the same week a year earlier. Average placements during the past 10 weeks were 4 percent above a year ago. Settings were 78,102,000 - 1 percent below the previous week and 1 percent below a year earlier. The current 3-week total of eggs set is 1 percent below the comparable period a year ago.

## Indemnity Limits For Hog Cholera To Increase

An increase in the maximum indemnity payable to swine producers whose hogs must be destroyed because of hog cholera—a virus disease that affects swine only—has been announced by USDA.

Effective March 22, the change in animal health regulations makes it possible to pay up to \$400 for purebred and breeding swine, and up to \$200 for top quality market hogs. The previous maximums were \$200 and \$100, respectively.

Officials of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) said the change will bring maximum permitted indemnity limits into line with current market prices—especially for the higher quality animals. Since appraisals are made at actual value, in most cases the indemnity paid does not reach the maximum level.

Under the cooperative state-federal hog cholera eradication program, hogs that must be destroyed because of hog cholera are appraised at their actual value for meat, breeding or feeding purposes. Indemnities are based on this appraisal, up to the limits allowable.

Federal and state governments share the cost of indemnity. If isolated cases occur in states classified as "hog cholera free," the federal share is 90 percent and the state's share is 10 percent. In other states, the federal share is 75 percent.

APHIS officials point out, however, that in order for the federal government to pay either the 90 or 75 percent of indemnities to producers, the states must require that all feeder or breeder swine shipped through markets be individually identified. This requirement enables animal health officials to trace animals back to their herds of origin should hog cholera be detected.

In states that do not require identification—by ear tag, tattoo or other effective means—the federal share of indemnity would be only 50 percent of the appraised value.

## NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Tuesday, April 2, 1974

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

	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MASS+	61-73	60-68	51-65	31-42
Mostly	62-64	61-63	52-54	32-34
NEW HAMP	60-67	59-66	50-57	30-37
Mostly	62-63	61-62	52-53	32-33
R. I.	65-66	64-65	57-58	35-36
Mostly				
VERMONT	63-73	62-72	53-70	TOO FEW
Mostly				
MAINE	63-65	62-64	53-55	33-35
Mostly				

+Includes Central & Western Sections Only.

## Eastern Pa. & N.J.

April 3  
Eastern Pennsylvania and New Jersey live poultry report: Prices generally held unchanged on light type hens. Demand light and unaggressive. Offerings ample with plants reporting heavy bookings for the month of April. Heavy hens fully adequate for slightly improved call.

Prices paid at farm: Light type hens 5-7 mostly 6-7 in Pa. mostly 5-7 in N.J. Heavy type hens TFEWR.

## Baltimore Eggs

Wednesday, April 3  
Baltimore eggs: Prices ranged unchanged to 2 cents lower on mediums. Demand is improving for the end of the week, however feature activity limited. Supplies are ample.

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

Grade A Large 67-73, mostly 67-69  
Grade A Medium 57-68, mostly 59-60.

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