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under a generally good demand despite the lowered early carcass quotations. Most interests came into the period with adequate live inventories on hand, but by midweek were again in need of cattle for close-up requirements. Mud continued to be a major price-determining factor and loadlots carrying a substantial amount of mud often sold \$.50-.75 below prices of clean cattle of same grade. Steers made up approximately 43 per cent, Heifers 38 per cent, cows 8 per cent and feeders 10 per cent.

STEERS: Load choice and prime 3-4 1109 lbs. 47.00 at midweek, seven loads choice with end prime 3-4 1036-1236 lbs. 46.75-47.00. Choice 2-4 975-1300 lbs. Closed 45.50-46.75, many relatively clean 46.00-46.50. Mixed good and choice 2-3 950-1250 lbs. 44.00-45.50. Good 2-3 39.00-44.00. Standard and good 2-3 38.00-39.00.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations for choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week 45.75; choice 1100-1300 lbs. 46.20. Average weight steers first three days 1121 lbs. as compared 1139 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers first three

days 976 lbs. as compared 970 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: Load choice and prime 3-4 991 lbs. 44.75, several loads and part loads same grade 975-1061 lbs.

44.25-44.50. Choice 2-4 875-1075 lbs. closed 42.75-44.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 41.50-42.75. Good 2-3 36.50-41.50. Small lots standard and good 35.00-36.50.

COWS: Utility and com-

mercial 2-4 30.00-32.00, few 32.25. Canner and cutter 26.00-30.50. Load choice 1100 lb. bred cows 32.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1300-1800 lbs. 35.00-40.00, Individual 1 40.50-41.50.

Higher costs hit egg producers

DECATUR, Ga. — Many egg producers have received notification of carton price increases. This comes on top of increased costs for labor, transportation, energy, capital, and all other areas involved in operating egg production, reports United Voices, newsletter of the United Egg Producers, headquartered here.

*According to U.E.P. an egg price increase of one cent per dozen means 1.1 million dollars per week to the egg industry. In-plant processing costs alone have gone from 11.56 in 1974 to 13.7 in 1977 and are expected to rise to 14.5-15 cents by July 1978. These costs are determined by Dr. George Rogers, USDA Poultry Group, Economic Research Service, Washington, D.C., and substantiated by many in-plant records.

U.E.P. has asked Secretary of Agriculture Bob

Bergland to seek restoration of funds in the Department budget which would allow the National Poultry Improvement Plan to continue. An appropriation for NPIP was not included when the proposed budget was announced by President Carter. Last year's NPIP budget was \$174,000.

In a letter to the Secretary, James Fleming, U.E.P. vice president for governmental relations, suggested that the small request may have caused it to be lost in the preparation of the \$17.7 billion budget. The plan has been successful in its cooperation with industry to control pullorum and typhoid in chickens.

In letters to the chairmen of the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, U.E.P. this week asked that the 1977 Farm Bill be amended to include poultry under provisions of the Emergency Feed Program.

The amendment may be pushed through this session of Congress and provide retroactive provisions to affected egg and poultry producers.

According to Fleming, poultry has been excluded from similar programs since first approved by Congress back in 1959. However, since that time, changes in the egg industry have seen more and more producers of poultry also producing sizable quantities of feed for their chickens. The House passed version of the Farm Bill included poultry last year, but the senate version did not. Conferees accepted the Senate Bill which was eventually approved and signed by the President.

Fleming said it may be difficult getting a special amendment but he believes the case for poultrymen is better today than ever in the past. He encouraged affected producers to contact their representatives on the matter.

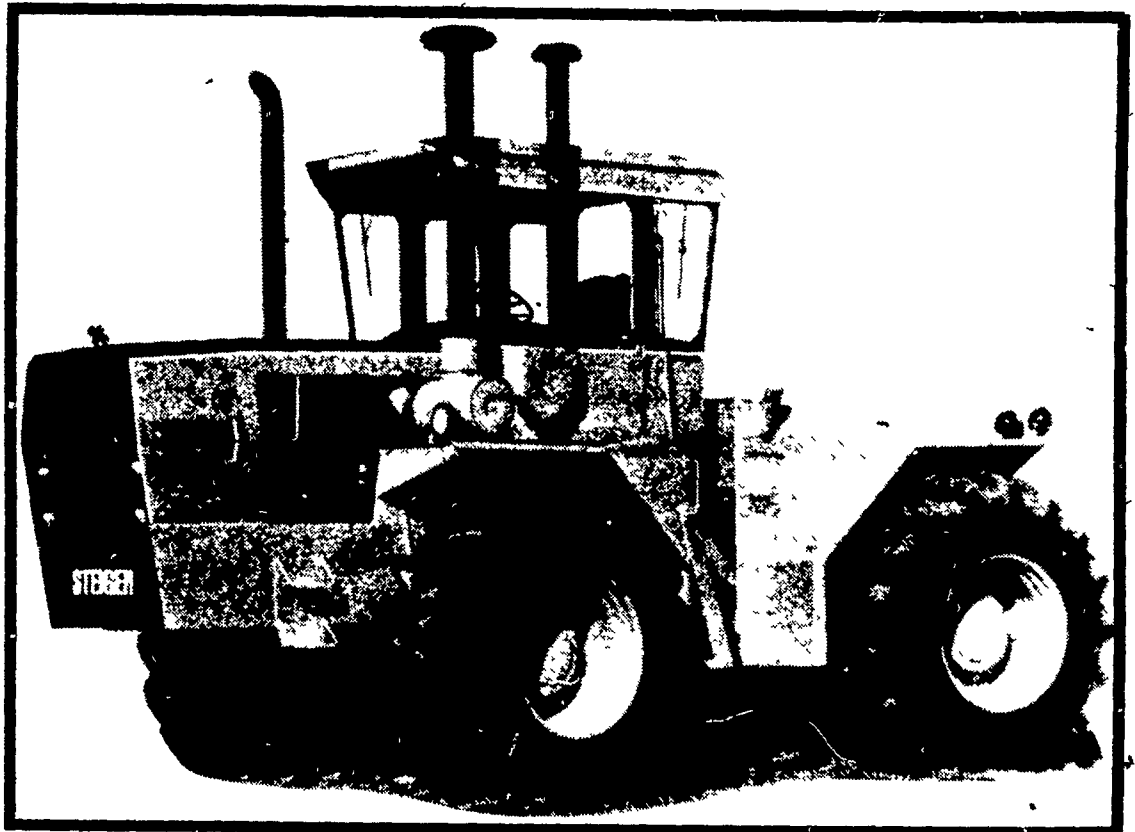
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6	3.10	3.32	3.44
7	3.52	3.77	3.91
8	3.94	4.22	4.38
9	4.47	4.78	4.96
10	5.01	5.35	5.56
11	5.69	6.08	6.31
12	6.37	6.81	7.07
13	7.37	7.88	8.18
14	8.25	8.83	9.16
15	9.42	10.06	10.44
16	10.55	11.27	11.69
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