



POULTRY MARKETS

Philadelphia Eggs

Thursday, December 20
Report supplied by USDA
 Market Comment: Prices were unchanged to lower. Cartoned egg movement continues to improve, and most dealers indicated orders were heavy for today and tomorrow's deliveries. Floor stocks were fully adequate to ample but expected to clear. However, a problem was noted in that most dealers have sufficient stocks on hand and were not ordering any additional product. Offerings of class 1's, class 2's and graded loose large were still available and discounting was generally needed to move products. Mediums and smalls were available but there was sufficient buying interest to keep these sizes in balance. Undertone was unsettled.

Prices to retailers: sales to volume buyers, consumer grades white eggs in cartons delivered store door:
 A Extra Large .63-.69; A Large .62-.68; A Medium .57-.62½.

Delmarva Poultry

Thursday, December 20
Report supplied by USDA
 Market Comment: Ready to cook whole bird movement light with clearances of available offerings still difficult. Slaughter schedules were heavier with most plants working full schedules. Most plants planned cutbacks tomorrow. Live supplies are

adequate at desirable weights. Undertone about steady.
 Today's L.T.L. asking prices are 48-55 cents on U.S. Grade A, but discounting is still common.
 Estimated slaughter of broiler fryers in Delmarva (000).
 Estimated 12/20 1,870,000; Actual 12/13 1,939,000; Actual 12/18 1,669,000; Average Weights 12/18 4.22; Average Weights 12/11 4.37.

New York Multiple Drop Broiler Report

Thursday, December 20
Report supplied by USDA
 Current broiler-fryer negotiated prices for immediate delivery includes mostly multiple drop shipments to New York City from Delmarva.
 Range: U.S. Grade A .48-.55.
 Weighted AVG.: U.S. Grade A 52.89.

Eastern Pa. & N.J. Poultry

Wednesday, December 19
Report supplied by USDA
 Market Comment: The market was weak. While this week's arrivals were at 13-14 cents, bookings for next week were developing at 12 cents. Offerings of live were ample with most plants now booking stocks through early January. Slaughter schedules are lighter next week due to the holiday.
 Prices Paid at Farm:
 Light Type Hens: 9-11, mostly 9.
 F.O.B. Plant: 12-14, mostly 12.

Heinsey's Poultry Market

Root's, East Petersburg
Tuesday, December 18
Report supplied by auction
MUSCOVY DUCKS, DRAKES:
 range .72-.92 per lb.
MUSCOVY DUCKS, HENS:
 range .25-.42 per lb.
PEKIN DUCKS: range .30-.44 per lb.
PULLETS: range .42-.60 per lb.
RED FOWL: 4-5 lbs. range .15-.28 per lb.
RED FOWL: 5-6 lbs. range .26-.34 per lb.
CROSSBRED FOWL: 5-9 lbs. range .20-.36 per lb.
CROSSBRED ROOSTERS: 4-6 lbs. range .40-.74 per lb.
CROSSBRED ROOSTERS: 7-14 lbs. range .30-.76 per lb.
GUINEA FOWL: range 1.38-1.50 per lb.
BANTY ROOSTERS: range 1.25-3.00 ea.
BANTY HENS: range .25-1.00 ea.
LEGHORN HENS: .07-.10 per lb.
LEGHORN ROOSTERS: .20-.34 per lb.
GEESE: 7-15 lbs. range .15-.68 per lb.
TURKEYS: 15-28 lbs. range .56-.68 per lb.
PIGEONS: range 1.25-1.60 ea.
WHITE PIGEONS: range 1.50-2.00 ea.
DOVES: 1.25-3.00 ea.
CAPONS: 11-14 lbs. .66-.95.
RABBITS: 4-6 lbs. range .90-1.10 per lb.
RABBITS: 7-11 lbs. range .80-.94 per lb.
BUNNIES: .50-1.50 ea.
GUINEA PIGS: range 1.00-2.50.
GOATS: range 20.00-58.00 ea.
KID GOATS: range 11.00-28.00 ea.
 Total Number Coops: 1,125.
 No sale week of Christmas; next sale Monday, Dec. 31 at 2 p.m.

Weekly New York Egg Market

From Friday, December 14 to Thursday, December 20

	Fri.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
WHITE					
Jumbo	.77	.77	.74	.71	.69
Ex. Large	.71	.71	.68	.65	.63
Large	.69	.69	.66	.63	.61
Medium	.65	.65	.62	.59	.55
Pullets	.52	.52	.50	.48	.46
Off Grade	.62	.62	.59	.56	.54
BROWN					
Jumbo	—	—	—	—	—
Ex. Large	.90	.90	.88	.87	.85
Large	.86	.86	.84	.83	.81
Mediums	.70	.70	.68	.67	.65
Pullets Unquoted					
Peeweels Unquoted					
Off Grade					
Undergrades	.33	.32	.32	.30	.30
Checks	.31	.30	.30	.28	.28

Breaking Stock: Friday - 11.70-12.30, 12.30-12.90; Monday - 11.40-12.00, 12.00-12.30; Tuesday - 11.70-12.00 (h); Wednesday - 10.80-11.40, 11.10-11.40.

N.E. Weekly Shell Egg Report

Tuesday, December 18

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

	Ex. Large	Large	Medium	Small
MASS. X	.95-.97	.91-.93	.85-.87	.57-.59
Mostly	.95	.91	.85	.59
N. HAMP.	.81-.85	.77-.81	.71-.75	.43-.47
Mostly	.83-.84	.79-.80	.73-.74	.45-.46
R.I.	.85-.90	.81-.86	.74-.80	.46-.52
Mostly	.85-.86	.81-.82	.74-.75	.46-.47
VERMONT	.95-.99	.89-.95	.79-.89	—
Mostly	.98	.94	.88	—
MAINE	.88-.95	.84-.91	.78-.85	.50-.57

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