

POULTRY MARKETS

Delmarva Broiler

**EDISON, NJ
MAY 17, 1995**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good at most plants, particularly on the

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under 3 pound sizes which were tight. Seller offerings generally centered on the irregularly available supply of heavier sizes. Live supplies were moderate; weights remained in a full range, but were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were very heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 62 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items were available and slow in clearing. Inquiry for leg quarters was increasing. Wings were generally tight.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS IN DELMARVA (000)

ESTIMATED ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT
05/17 05/15 05/15 05/10 05/08
2,491 2,451 4.93 2,479 4.91

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY**

INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING

TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

E PA & NJ Poultry

**ATLANTA, GA
MAY 15, 1995**

Prices were about unchanged compared to last Monday's report. Availability for this week's slaughter was fully adequate to ample and processing time was booked to full capacity. Offerings for next weeks continue to easily satisfy requirements. Finished sales were seasonally slow. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

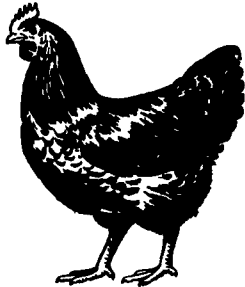
**THE WEEK OF 15-MAY-95
RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 9-15
CENTS/LB. 9-10.5 10.59**

**AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING
TOO FEW TO REPORT**

**FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT
* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.**

PREPARED: 15-MAY-95 11:00 PM E JJI/JJF/FB

For additional information, please call (404) 347-4121.



N.E. Weekly Shell Egg Report

May 16

Report Supplied by USDA

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE "A" BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS
DELIVERED TO RETAIL STORES:

	EX. LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	.95	.92	.72	.52
N. HAMP.	.88-.92	.85-.89	.65-.69	.45-.49
MOSTLY	.90-.91	.87-.88	.67-.68	.47-.48
RHODE ISLAND	.91-.95	.88-.92	.70-.72	.48-.52
MOSTLY	.91	.88	.70	.48
VERMONT	.98-1.00	.95	.75-.79	
MOSTLY	.98		.75	

North Atlantic Shell Eggs

Thursday, May 18, 1995

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MARKET COMMENT: THE MARKET TONE WAS STEADY TO FIRM. DEMAND RANGED FAIR TO FAIRLY GOOD, MOSTLY MODERATE. SUPPLIES OF ALL SIZES WERE GENERALLY ADEQUATE, AND EXTRA SUPPLIES WERE AVAILABLE AT PREMIUM PRICES. BREAKING STOCK SUPPLIES WERE ADEQUATE. A EXTRA LARGE .57-.62, LARGE .55-.60, MEDIUM .51-.53.

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**Weekly New York Egg Market
Northeast Quotes**

From Friday, May 12 to Thursday, May 18

	FRI.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.
WHITE					
JUMBO	.68	.68	.69	.70	.71
EX. LARGE	.64	.64	.65	.66	.67
LARGE	.61	.61	.62	.63	.64
MEDIUM	.57	.57	.57	.57	.58
PULLETS	.46	.46	.46	.46	.46
OFF GRADE	.49	.49	.50	.51	.52
BROWN					
EXTRA LARGE	.70	.70	.70	.70	.70
LARGE	.66	.66	.66	.66	.66
MEDIUM	.54	.54	.54	.54	.54
OFF GRADE UNDERGRADES AND CHECKS	.17	.17	.17	.17	.18

BREAKING STOCKS: FRI. 42-44 LBS. 24-25, 48-50 LBS. 30-32, 50 LBS. AND UP .32-.33; THURS. 42-44 LBS. 25-26, 48-50 LBS. 31-33, 50 LBS. AND UP .33-.34.

**TIPS TO
IMPROVE
EGGSHELL
QUALITY...**



Dr. Milton Scott
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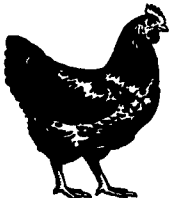
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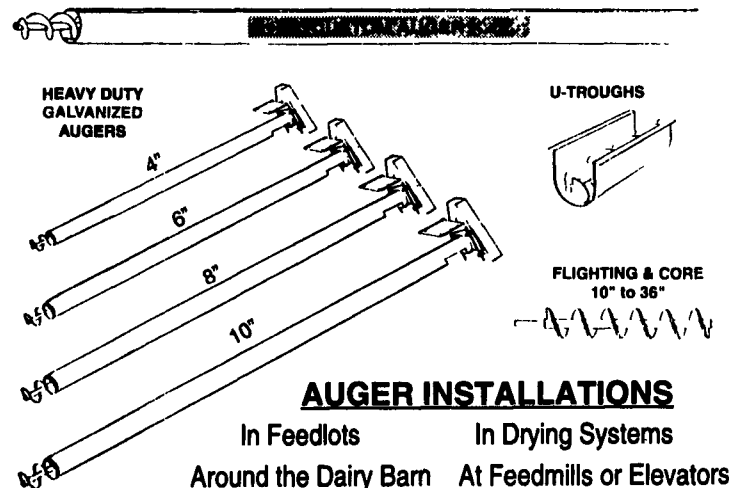
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