

**North Atlantic Shell Eggs**  
April 4, 1996  
Atlanta, Ga.

PRICES WERE UNCHANGED TO LOWER FOR MEDIUMS IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA, AND THE BALANCE OF PRICES WAS UNCHANGED. THE MARKET TONE WAS ABOUT STEADY FOR THE LARGE SIZES, AND BARELY STEADY TO WEAK FOR WHITE MEDIUMS. DEMAND WAS GOOD TO EXCELLENT INTO RETAIL CHANNELS FOR HOLIDAY NEEDS. SUPPLIES OF CARTONED LARGE WHITE EGGS WERE NO MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR CURRENT USE, AND THE BALANCE OF ITEMS WAS ADEQUATE FOR CURRENT USE, AND THE BALANCE OF ITEMS WERE ADEQUATE WITH WHITE LIGHT EGGS OFTEN SURPLUS. BREAKING STOCK SUPPLIES AND OFFERINGS WERE MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR THE REDUCED SCHEDULES.

PHILADELPHIA: PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN: EXTRA LARGE .93-.95, LARGE .91-.93, MEDIUM .70-.75.

**National Egg Market**  
APRIL 3, 1996

Prices were unchanged. The market tone was generally steady for the large sizes, and barely steady to steady for the light weights. Demand remained mixed with retail demand the strongest as holiday and first-of-the-month business increased. Supplies of the large sizes were adequate, and the light sizes were adequate to ample with surplus still available. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to fully adequate from regular sources, and excess offerings received little interest. Live hen offerings were adequate to ample for the limited demand.

**E. PA & NJ Poultry**  
APRIL 1, 1996

Final prices were unchanged compared to a week ago. The undertone was about steady. Movement from production areas continued at least adequate to fully adequate for this week's processing needs. Demand was generally fair.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 01-APR-96 RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG AT FARM BUYER LOADING 10-12.5 CENTS/LB. 10 10.51 AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT \* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**Pa. Grain**  
April 1, 1996

Report supplied by PDA COMPARED WITH LAST MONDAY'S MARKET FOR SOUTHEASTERN, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH CENTRAL PA: CORN STEADY TO .15 SPOTS .25 HIGHER, WHEAT STEADY TO .20 HIGHER, BARLEY STEADY TO .10 HIGHER, OATS MOSTLY STEADY, SOYBEANS STEADY TO .10 SPOTS .20 HIGHER, BAR CORN STEADY TO 5.00 HIGHER.

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORN NO. 2-Y RANGE 4.10-4.54, AVERAGE 4.32, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST 3.16-3.32; WHEAT NO. 2 RANGE 4.90-5.20 FEW REPORTED 5.30, AVERAGE 5.06, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST 4.31-4.55; BARLEY NO. 3 RANGE 3.20-3.90, AVERAGE 3.48, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST 2.20-2.90; OATS NO. 2 RANGE 2.30-2.60, AVERAGE 2.47, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST FEW REPORTED 1.90; SOYBEANS NO. 1 RANGE 7.20-7.61, AVERAGE 7.39, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST 6.86-7.20; FEW REPORTED GRAIN SORGHUM 2 RANGE 4.05, AVERAGE 4.05, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST 3.00; AVERAGE MOISTURE EAR CORN RANGE 110.00-128.00, AVERAGE 120.97.

**SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA**  
CORN NO. 2-Y RANGE 3.95-4.20 FEW REPORTED 4.40, AVERAGE 4.10; WHEAT NO. 2 RANGE 4.80-5.00 FEW REPORTED 4.29, AVERAGE 4.75; BARLEY NO. 3 RANGE 2.70-3.40 FEW REPORTED 3.70, AVERAGE 3.06; OATS NO. 2 RANGE 2.40-2.55 FEW REPORTED 2.25, AVERAGE 2.45; SOYBEANS NO. 1 RANGE 6.85-7.40, AVERAGE 7.14; AVERAGE MOISTURE EAR CORN RANGE 100.00-126.00, AVERAGE 110.14.

**SOUTHEASTERN, CENTRAL & SOUTH CENTRAL SUMMARY**  
CORN NO. 2-Y RANGE 3.95-4.54, AVERAGE 4.22; WHEAT NO. 2 RANGE 4.75-5.30, AVERAGE 4.95; BARLEY NO. 3 RANGE 2.70-3.90, AVERAGE 3.29; OATS NO. 2 RANGE 2.00-2.60, AVERAGE 2.39; SOYBEANS NO. 1 RANGE 6.85-7.61, AVERAGE 7.31; AVERAGE MOISTURE EAR CORN RANGE 99.00-128.00, AVERAGE 114.70.

**CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA**  
CORN NO. 2-Y RANGE 4.00-4.10, AVERAGE 4.15; WHEAT NO. 2 RANGE 4.75-4.85, AVERAGE 4.80; BARLEY NO. 3 RANGE 3.00-3.75, AVERAGE 3.30; OATS NO. 2 RANGE 2.00-2.45, AVERAGE 2.27; SOYBEANS NO. 1 RANGE FEW REPORTED 6.95-7.40, AVERAGE 7.24; AVERAGE MOISTURE EAR CORN RANGE 99.00-110.00, AVERAGE 104.40.

**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA**  
CORN NO. 2-Y RANGE 3.80-4.40 FEW REPORTED 4.20, AVERAGE 4.00; WHEAT NO. 2 RANGE 4.39-4.70, AVERAGE 4.54; BARLEY NO. 3 RANGE 3.26-3.60, AVERAGE 3.43;

OATS NO. 2 RANGE 1.90-2.31, AVERAGE 2.15; SOYBEANS NO 1 RANGE 7.18-7.20, AVERAGE 7.19; AVERAGE MOISTURE EAR CORN RANGE 79.00-90.00, AVERAGE 84.50.

**MONTH AGO**  
CORN NO. 2-Y 4.01; WHEAT NO. 2 4.96; BARLEY NO. 3 3.02; OATS NO. 2 2.28; SOYBEANS NO. 1 7.27; AVERAGE MOISTURE EAR CORN 108.85.

**YEAR AGO**  
CORN NO. 2-Y 2.60; WHEAT NO. 2 3.47; BARLEY NO. 3 1.81; OATS NO. 2 1.62; SOYBEANS NO. 1 5.51; AVERAGE MOISTURE EAR CORN 71.00.

**National Grain Market**

ST. JOSEPH, MO  
APRIL 3, 1996

Grain and soybean bids took a giant leap forward on Wednesday. Wheat bids were up on continued crop concerns. Corn bids climbed sharply higher due to tight old crop stocks and good export sales this week. Soybean bids were higher in reaction to climbing wheat and corn bids. Wheat 4 to 11 cents higher. Corn 7 to 10 cents higher. Sorghum 18 to 22 cents higher. Soybeans 3 to 9 cents higher. Traders concerns for winter wheat conditions, as dry weather continues in many areas growing winter wheat, supported wheat bids. Forecasts for rainfall in the Southern Plains, limited gains. Not a very good week as yet for foreign sales also undermined wheat bids. Corn moved higher as con-

tinued tight old crop stocks keep traders worried. Even with higher prices export sales have been good for corn so far this week. Spillover strength from wheat and corn pits pushed bean bids upward. Soybean meal demand was also a positive factor in higher bids. However, with prices climbing so sharply, many farmers may break down and take some old crop to elevators. Export News: Purchaser Commodity Tonnage Del date Nothing new to report. Date Change Year ago Truck bids: 04/03/96 04/02/96 04/05/95 Wheat: Kansas City (HRW, ORD) 5.88-5.90 up 10 3.74-3.76 Minneapolis (DNS, 14%) 5.73 3/4 up 7 3/4 3.94 1/2 Portland (SW) 5.60-5.65 up 1-4 3.97-4.00 St. Louis (SRW) 5.01-5.08 up 11 3.52-3.55 Corn, US 2 Yellow: Kansas City 4.34-4.36 up 8-10 2.51-2.53 Minneapolis 4.14 1/4 up 10 2.39 3/4 Southern Iowa 4.21-4.27 up 7-10 2.45-2.47 Omaha 4.15-4.17 up 8-9 2.38-2.41 Soybeans, US 1 Yellow: Kansas City 7.63-7.65 up 9 5.72-5.74 Minneapolis 7.46 3/4 up 8 3/4 5.66 3/4 Southern Iowa 7.53-7.61 up 3-8 5.74-5.79 Cent IL Processors 7.60 3/4-6.69 3/4 up 9 3/4-8 3/4 5.77 3/4-5.85 3/4 Futures Close: Kansas City (May) Wheat 5.39 3/4 up 10 1/4 3.55 3/4 Minneapolis (May) Wheat 5.18 3/4 up 7 3/4 3.46 1/2 Chicago (May) Wheat 5.23 up 11 3.52 3/4 Chicago (May) Corn 5.24 1/4 up 10 2.50 3/4 Chicago (May) Soybeans 7.64 3/4 up 8 3/4 5.81 3/4 Export Bids: Barge or rail, Port of New Orleans or North Texas Gulf. US 1 HRW Wheat, Ord. Protein: 6.21 3/4-6.23 3/4 up 12 1/4 3.98 3/4-3.99 3/4 US 2 SRW Wheat: 5.98-6.03 up 11-16 3.85 3/4-3.89 US 2 Yellow Corn: 4.57 1/4-4.59 1/4 up 8-9 2.82-2.83 US 2 Yellow Sorghum: Rail 8.08 up 18 4.73 Barge 8.15 up 22-18 4.80 US 1 Yellow Soybeans: 7.96 3/4-7.97 3/4 up 8 3/4-7 3/4 6.15-6.16



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