

N.E. Weekly Shell Egg Report

December 24

Report Supplied by USDA

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

	EX. LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	1.20	1.16	1.02	.77
NEW HAMPSHIRE	1.08-1.12	1.04-1.08	.93-.97	.70-.74
MOSTLY	1.10-1.11	1.06-1.07	.95-.96	.72-.73
RHODE ISLAND	1.14-1.18	1.10-1.14	.98-1.02	.73-.77
MOSTLY	1.14	1.10	.98	.73
VERMONT	1.20	1.15-1.16	.99-1.02	.73
MOSTLY		1.16	1.02	

Hackettstown Poultry & Egg

Hackettstown, N.J.

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HEAVY FOWL .50.
LEGHORN FOWL .30-.40.
MIXED FOWL .30-.45.
GEESE .10.
BANTAMS .40-.70.
ROOSTERS .50-.65.
BUNNIES EACH 2.00-3.50.
DUCKS .50-.85.
RABBITS .50-1.40.
PIGEONS EA. 1.50.
GUINEAS EA. 4.50-5.50.
EGGS: WHITE EXTRA LARGE & JUMBO .97-1.00, LARGE .80-.95. BROWN EXTRA LARGE & JUMBO .98-1.04, LARGE .89-.95, MEDIUM .65.

Delmarva Broiler

DECEMBER 24, 1996

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was limited as plants curtailed today's operations, and plan to close for the holiday. Offerings were irregularly available, but adequate. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processing schedules were very light today, and all reporting plants were set to close tomorrow. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 59 to 73 cents. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were no more than adequate. Other items were irregularly available.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS IN DELMARVA (000) ESTIMATED ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT
12/24 12/20 12/20 12/17 12/13 1,010
2,454 ***4.63*** 2,396 4.72
*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE

DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA BRANDED U.S. GRADE A RANGE 60-73 WEIGHTED AVERAGE 62.52 NO. OF BOXES 8,387 *6 of 9 plants reporting.

NE Chicken Pts 1&2

DECEMBER 24, 1996

Trucklot buying activity was typical for a Christmas Eve day as both plants and distributors wound down for the holiday. Offers were limited as most plants ran reduced schedules. Demand was generally reported as seasonal in nature with most interest centering around holiday items. The market tone was steady.

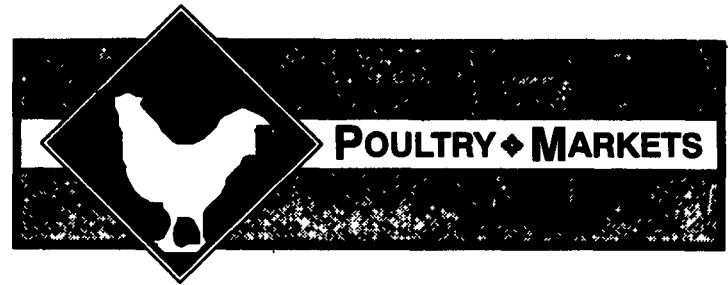
PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. ITEM CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING* BREAST - B/S (W & W/O TENDERS) 145 BREAST - WITH RIBS 68-69 BREAST - LINE RUN 68 LEGS 51-52 LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 31-32 DRUMSTICKS 49-50 THIGHS 43-44 WINGS (WHOLE) 62-63 BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 12-14 LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) 20-25 GIZZARDS (HEARTS) 40 INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

NY Phil Frozen Eggs

DECEMBER 20, 1996

Prices were unchanged to lower. The market tone was barely steady to weak. Demand for immediate delivery was very light, and inquiry for January needs was mixed with most buyers wanting lower prices. Floor stocks were adequate, but not usually building due to many plants working reduced schedules. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the East for the week ending December 14, 1996 were up 7% from last week, and up 16% from the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS) TRUCKLOTS LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE MOSTLY RANGE WHOLE 68-71 70 72-77 BLENDS (J) TFEWR 86-100 WHITES 41-44 42-43 45-55 SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 98-100 98-99 101-115 SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 95-97 96-97 98-103 (J) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.



Weekly New York Egg Market Northeast Quotes

	From Friday, Dec. 20-26				
	FRI.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.
WHITE					
JUMBO	.99	.99	.96	C	.93
EX. LARGE	.97	.97	.94	L	.91
LARGE	.95	.95	.92	O	.89
MEDIUM	.90	.90	.87	S	.84
PULLETS	.71	.71	.71	E	.71
OFF GRADE	.83	.83	.80	D	.77
BROWN					
EXTRA LARGE	1.08	1.08	1.04		1.01
LARGE	1.06	1.06	1.02		.99
MEDIUM	.88	.88	.84		.81
UNDERGRADES AND CHECKS	.42	.42	.40		.38

BREAKING STOCKS: MON. 42-44 LBS. 48-50, 48-50 LBS. .55-.57, 50 LBS. AND UP .57-.58; TUES. 42-44 LBS. .46-.48, 48-50 LBS. .53-.55, 50 LBS. AND UP .55-.56; THURS. 42-44 LBS. .44-.46, 48-50 LBS. .51-.52, 50 LBS. AND UP .53-.54.

E. PA & NJ Poultry

DECEMBER 20, 1996

Early negotiated prices for next week were too few to report. The market was generally steady. Demand was moderate as most processing plants will reduce slaughter for upcoming holiday. Offerings were short to adequate for needs. Finished sales continued to easily clear available supplies.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-DEC-96 RANGE MAJORITY AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT * WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

National Egg Market

DECEMBER 24, 1996

Prices were unchanged to lower on the East Coast, and unchanged elsewhere. The market tone was steady to weak. Cartoned egg movement into retail channels remained mixed across the full range, but began to decrease as Christmas neared. Wholesale inquiry continued very light with most plants attempting to minimize post-holiday left-overs. Supplies were adequate to ample. Breaking stock supplies were also adequate to ample for the very light demand, and prices were unchanged to lower. Light type hen supplies were more available and about adequate as reduced holiday schedules approached.

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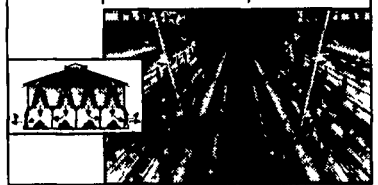
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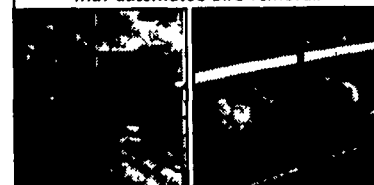
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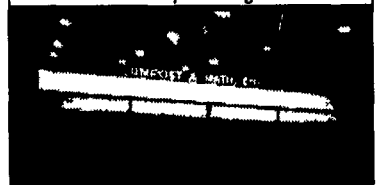
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