Delmarva **Broiler**

FEBRUARY 12, 1997

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slowing, and was generally no better than fair. Offerings were adequate and were increasing in availability. Live supplies were moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, demand was cautiously light to fair, and supplies were generally adequate.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS IN DELMARVA (000) ESTIMATED ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT 02/12 02/10 02/10 02/05 02/03 2,354 2,400 4.94 2,305 4.91 *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIP-MENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A RANGE 54-73 WEIGHTED AVERAGE 59.18 NO. OF BOXES 7,352 *8 of 9 plants

E. PA & NJ Poultry

FEBRUARY 10, 1997

The final weighted average price trended higher from a week ago. The undertone was fully steady. Demand was moderate to mostly good. Offerings were short to adequate. Slaughter schedules were reduced at several locations. Finished sales remained good at unchanged to

slightly higher values.
HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-FEB-97 RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG AT FARM BUY-ER LOADING 13.5-17.5 CENTS/LB. 15-16.5 15.80 AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT * WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

New York Egg Market

FEBRUARY 12, 1997

Prices were lower. The market tone was weak. Food service demand for eggs was light and retail demand was only fair. Supplies were adequate to ample.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CAR-TONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

RANGE EXTRA LARGE 85-87 LARGE 82-85 MEDIUM 75-78

NE Chicken Pts 1&2

FEBRUARY 12, 1997

Trucklot buying activity was slowing as the lentin season began and traders became more cautious. Offerings were often noted as increasing in their availability. Retail and distributive movement was quiet with most interest centering around traditional holiday fare. The market tone was about steady with underlying trade sentiment increasing in cautiousness.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIV-ERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUAN-TITIES. ITEM CURRENT NEGO-TIATED TRADING* BREAST - B/S (W & W/O TENDERS) 160-165 BREAST -WITH RIBS 82-83 BREAST - LINE RUN 82 LEGS 46-47 LEG OUARTERS (BULK) 33-34 DRUMSTICKS 49-50 THIGHS 44-45 WINGS (WHOLE) 63-64 BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 12-14 LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) 20 GIZZARDS (HEARTS) 40 INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVA-NIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

NY Phil Frozen Eggs

FEBRUARY 7, 1997 Prices were lower for yolks, unchanged to lower for whole egg, and unchanged for whites. The market tone was steady for whites, and barely steady to weak for other items. Demand was very light. Floor stocks were adequate. Raw material supplies were adequate by the end of the week, and plants ran full to part-time schedules based primarily based on shipping needs. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the East for the week ending February 1, 1997 were 1% less than last week, and 4% more than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CON-TAINERS) TRUCKLOTS LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE MOSTLY RANGE WHOLE 59-62 61-62 63-73 BLENDS (/) TFEWR 80-95 WHITES 39-42 40-41 43-55 SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43%) SOLIDS) 91-94 92-93 95-105 SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 88-92 89-90 93-105 (/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

Green Dragon Hay Ephrata, Pa.

Friday, February 7, 1997 Report Supplied by Auction 167 TOTAL LOADS.

MIXED HAY: 59 LOTS, 62.00-250.00. ALFALFA: 22 LOTS, 83.00-200.00. TIMOTHY: 26 LOTS, 77.00-160.00.

STRAW: 34 LOTS, 60.00-100.00. EAR CORN: 6 LOTS, 65.00-94.00. ORCHARDGRASS: 9 LOTS, 85.00-140.00.

OATS: 3 LOTS, 2.60, 2.95, AND 3.30

FIREWOOD: 56.00 AND 60.00 LOAD. SOYBEAN STUBBLE: 30.00. STUBBLE BEDDING: 42.00.

Vintage Hay Paradise, PA Thurs., February 13, 1997

Report Supplied by Auction ALFALA: 138.00-196.00. TIMOTHY: 60.00-143.00. MIXED HAY: 77.00-159.00. GRASS: 85.00-136.00. STRAW: 99.00-136.00. 21 LOADS TOTAL.

Middleburg Hay

Middleburg, PA Tues., February 11, 1997 Report supplied by PDA 69 LOADS OF HAY

ALFALFA: 19 LOADS, 90.00-155.00. MIXED HAY: 40 LOADS, 60.00-162.50

TIMOTHY: 8 LOADS, 77.50-125.00. ORCHARDGRASS: 2 LOTS, 112.50 AND 125.00.

STRAW: 28 LOADS, 52.50-90.00. BAR CORN: 25 LOADS, 55.00-90.00. OATS: 2.60-3.35 BU.

Westminster Hay Westminster, Md.

Tuesday, February 11, 1997 Report Supplied by Auction 155 LOTS.

ALFALFA: 72.00-110.00, .70-4.80 TIMOTHY: 74.00-102.00, 1.75-3.10

MIXED HAY: 92.50, 1.10-2.90 BALE, 15.00-22.00 LARGE ROUND.

GRASS: 80.00, 1.00-2.70 BALE., 19.00-25.00 LARGE ROUND. STRAW: 90.00, 1.05-2.30 BALE, 9.00 LARGE ROUND.

WOOD: 47.00-67.00 CORD.

North Jersey Market

Hackettstown, N.J. Report Supplied by Auction Tuesday, February 11, 1997 Hay-Straw & Grain Report

ALFALFA: 5 LOTS, 1.90-2.60 BALE. MIXED HAY: 28 LOTS, .85-2.70

TIMOTHY: 8 LOTS, 1.50-2.50 BALE. GRASS: 13 LOTS, 1.10-2.90 BALE. MULCH: 1 LOT AT 1.00. OAT STRAW: 1 LOT AT 1.70 BALE. WHEAT STRAW: 4 LOTS, 2.00-2.50. OATS: 3 LOTS, 7.25 AND 8.75 BAG.

FIREWOOD: 2 LOTS 25.00 AND 35.00 LOAD.

65 LOTS TOTAL.

Pa. Grain February 10, 1997

Report supplied by PDA COMPARED WITH LAST MON-DAY'S MARKET FOR SOUTH-EASTERN, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH CENTRAL PA: CORN UNEVEN, .10 LOWER TO .10 HIGHER, WHEAT .05 TO .15 LOWER, BARLEY STEADY TO .05 LOWER, OATS & EAR CORN STEADY, SOYBEANS STEADY TO .10 HIGHER. PRICES PAID DELIVERED TO DELIVERS DOCK: ALL PRICES PER BUSHEL, EXCEPT EAR CORN PER TON.

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORN NO. 2-Y RANGE 3.00-3.25 FEW REPORTED 2.87, AVERAGE 3.10, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST 2.64-2.92; WHEAT NO. 2 RANGE 4.00-4.40, AVERAGE 4.23, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST 3.19-3.62; BARLEY NO. 3 RANGE 3.10-3.40, AVERAGE 3.20, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST 2.00; OATS NO. 2 RANGE 2.20-2.40, AVER-AGE 2.31; SOYBEANS RANGE 7.25-7.50, AVERAGE 7.37, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST 6.51-6.70; FEW REPORTED GRAIN SORGHUM #2 RANGE 2.91, AVERAGE 2.91, CONTRACT FOR HARVEST 2.71; AVER-AGE MOISTURE EAR CORN RANGE 77.00-88.00, AVERAGE 82.16.

SOUTH CENTRAL **PENNSYLVANIA**

CORN NO. 2-Y RANGE 2.80-3.10, AVERAGE 2.95; WHEAT NO. 2 3.70-3.95 FEW REPORTED 4.20, AVER-AGE 3.91; BARLEY NO. 3 RANGE 3.00-3.40, AVERAGE 3.16; OATS NO. 2 RANGE 2.00-2.30 FEW REPORTED 2.70, AVERAGE 2.26; SOYBEANS NO. 1 RANGE 6.80-7.38. AVERAGE 7.00: AVERAGE MOISTURE EAR CORN RANGE 75.00-90.00, AVERAGE 81.43. SOUTHEASTERN, CENTRAL &

SOUTH CENTRAL SUMMARY CORN NO. 2-Y RANGE 2.90-3.25, AVERAGE 3.07; WHEAT NO. 2 RANGE 3.90-4.40, AVERAGE 4.11; BARLEY NO. 3 RANGE 3.00-3.40, AVERAGE 3.22; OATS NO. 2 RANGE 2.00-2.50, AVERAGE 2.27; SOYBEANS NO. 1 RANGE 7.00-7.50, AVERAGE 7.24; AVERAGE MOISTURE EAR CORN RANGE 75.00-90.00, AVERAGE 82.12.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORN NO. 2-Y RANGE 2.95-3.16 FEW REPORTED 3.25, AVERAGE 3.08; WHEAT NO. 2 RANGE 3.90-4.20, AVERAGE 4.03; BARLEY NO. 3° RANGE 3.00-3.30 FEW REPORTED 3.80, AVERAGE 3.30; OATS NO. 2 RANGE 2.00-2.30 FEW REPORTED 2.60, AVERAGE 2.25; SOYBEANS RANGE 7.00-7.50 FEW REPORTED 6.80, AVERAGE 7.15; AVERAGE MOIS-TURE EAR CORN RANGE 75.00-90.00, AVERAGE 83.00.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CORN NO. 2-Y RANGE 2.95-3.25 FEW REPORTED 2.66, AVERAGE 3.02; WHEAT NO. 2 RANGE 3.61-4.20, AVERAGE 3.93; BARLEY NO. 3 RANGE 2.85-3.19, AVERAGE 3.02; OATS NO. 2 RANGE 2.00-2.35 FEW REPORTED 2.50, AVERAGE 2.25; SOY-BEANS RANGE 7.10-7.25, AVERAGE MONTH AGO

CORN NO. 2-Y 2.91; WHEAT NO. 2 4.45; BARLEY NO. 3 3.23; OATS NO. 2 2.26; SOYBEANS NO. 1 6.72; AVERAGE MOISTURE EAR CORN 75.16.

YEAR AGO CORN NO. 2-Y 3.77; WHEAT NO. 2 4.98; BARLEY NO. 3 2.71; OATS NO. 2 2.09; SOYBEANS NO. 17.06; AVERAGE

MOISTURE EAR CORN 99.45.

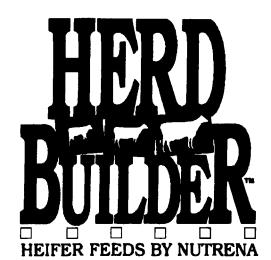
National Grain Market

ST. JOSEPH, MO **FEBRUARY 12, 1997**

Wheat bids were under pressure, today, in reaction to USDA's higher estimate for 96/97 soft red winter wheat ending stocks and a larger Australian crop estimate. Corn bids were slightly higher with no big sur-prises reported. Soybean bids moved sharply higher again after the supply/ demand report quoted the 96/97 carryout down 15 million bushels from the previous estimate. Wheat steady to 5 cents lower. Corn steady to 2 cents higher. Sorghum 2 to 4 cents higher. Soybeans 12 to 16 cents higher. USDA increased estimates for 96/97 ending stocks for soft red winter wheat. The world wheat ending stocks were slightly lower but this years Australian crop was raised by 1.6 million tonnes. Export sales have been nil so far this week for all commodities but an increase in wheat exports are forecast at 16.5 million tonnes, up 2.3 million tonnes. Com bids were slightly higher with very little changes at all this week. The USDA supply and demand report helped support corn bids with an unchanged carryout. Soybean bids climbed sharply higher for the fourth consecutive day, supported by a lower USDA carryout figure for 96/97. U.S. Export Sales: Nothing new to report. Date Change Year ago Truck Bids: 02/12/97 02/11/97 02/14/96 Wheat: Kansas City (HRW, ORD) 4.52 dn 2-5 5.67-5.68 Minneapolis (DNS, 14%) 4.16 unch 5.54 Portland (SW) 4.10-4.12 up 1-unch 5.74-5.79 St. Louis (SRW) 3.46 dn 4-5 4.88-4.96 Com, US 2 Yellow: Kansas City 2.73-2.75 up 2-1 3.89-3.91 Minneapolis 2.54 3/4 up 1 1/4 3.44 1/2 Southern Iowa 2.68-2.69 up 1-2 3.80-3.84 Omaha 2.58-2.60 unch 3.66-3.69 Soybeans, US 1 Yellow: Kansas City 7.59-7.64 up 14-16 7.32 Minneapolis 7.36 1/4 up 12 1/2 7.00 1/4 Southern Iowa 7.59 up 14-13 7.30-7.35 Cent IL Processors 7.69 1/4-7.74 1/4 up 15 1/2- 7.33 1/4-7.39 1/4 12 1/2 Futures: Kansas City (Mar) Wheat 4.20 3/4 dn 2 3/4 5.41 3/4 Kansas City (May) Wheat 3.82 3/4 dn 1/4 Minneapolis (Mar) Wheat 3.89 1/4 up 1 5.27 3/4 Chicago (Mar) Wheat 3.57 1/4 dn 4 3/4 5.28 Chicago (Mar) Com 2.73 3/4 up 1 1/4 3.78 1/2 Chicago (Mar) Soybeans 7.64 1/4 up 14 1/2 7.34 1/4 Export Bids: Barge or rail, Port of New Orleans or North Texas Gulf. US 1 HRW Wheat, Ord. Protein: 4.69 3/4 dn 8 3/4 6.01 3/4-6.02 3/4 US 2 SRW Wheat: 3.84 1/4-3.87 1/4 dn 5 3/4-4 3/4 5.68-5.70 US 2 Yellow Com: 3.00 3/4-3.02 3/4 up 1 1/4 4.22 1/2-4.24 1/2 US 2 Yellow Sorghum: Rail 4.91 up 3 7.31-7.33 Barge 5.16 up 4-3 7.54-7.58 US 1 Yellow Soybeans: 8.00 1/4-8.01 1/4 up 15 1/2-14 1/2 7 77 1/4-7.79 1/4

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