

E. PA & NJ Poultry

MARCH 31, 1997

Final majority prices were slightly higher but the weighted average was slightly lower compared to previous week. The market tone was at least steady. Demand was moderate to good. Offerings were about adequate to adequate for this week's slaughter requirements. Finished sales remained strong at close to unchanged values.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) * FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-MAR-97 RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG AT FARM BUYER LOADING 14.5-20.5 CENTS/LB. 16-17.5 16.57 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

APRIL 2, 1997

Prices to retailers were lower. The market tone was weak. Demand ranged light to moderate. Supplies were adequate.

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

RANGE EXTRA LARGE 87-89 LARGE 84-87 MEDIUM 69-72

North Atlantic Shell Eggs

April 3, 1997
Atlanta, Ga.

PRICES TO RETAILERS IN PHILADELPHIA AND BOSTON WERE UNCHANGED TO LOWER, AND PRICES TO PRODUCERS IN NEW ENGLAND WERE LOWER. THE MARKET TONE WAS WEAK. DEMAND WAS GENERALLY NO BETTER THAN MODERATE, OCCASIONALLY BETTER WHERE POST HOLIDAY RESTOCKING CONTINUED. SUPPLIES WERE AT LEAST ADEQUATE AND AVAILABLE. BREAKING STOCK SUPPLIES WERE ADEQUATE. PHILADELPHIA, PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, EXTRA LARGE .79-.98, LARGE .77-.96, MEDIUM .64-.74.

North Jersey Market

Hackettstown, N.J.

Report Supplied by Auction

Tuesday, April 1, 1997

Hay—Straw & Grain Report

ALFALFA: 7 LOTS, 1.25-2.20 BALE. MIXED HAY: 2 LOTS, 1.70 AND 2.10 BALE. GRASS: 3 LOTS, 1.50-2.00 BALE. WHEAT STRAW: 2 LOTS, 2.10-2.30 BALE. RYE STRAW: 1 LOT, 2.10 BALE. TOTAL: 15.

National Grain Market

ST. JOSEPH, MO
APRIL 2, 1997

Wheat bids continued lower, today, pressured by lack of export sales, good crop conditions in winter wheat areas, and

favorable growing weather. Corn bids fell moderately lower after five consecutive days of higher trends. Profit taking on the board and technical corrections were the major declining factors. Soybean bids continued to climb sharply higher due to news of a reduction in Brazil's crop size and some concerns over a Brazilian stevedore port strike. Wheat 2 to 8 cents lower. Corn 1 to 6 cents lower. Sorghum 8 to 10 cents lower. Soybeans 6 to 10 cents higher. U.S. Export Sales: Purchaser Commodity Tonnage Del date Japan Corn 111,760 Aug Totals: Corn 111,760 tonnes. Date Change Year ago Truck Bids: 04/02/97 04/01/97 04/03/96 Wheat: Kansas City (HRW, ORD) 4.46-4.49 dn 8-5 5.88-5.90 Minneapolis (DNS, 14%) 4.31 dn 4 1/2 5.73 3/4 Portland (SW) 4.32-4.36 dn 2-4 5.60-5.65 St. Louis (SRW) 3.67-3.71 dn 6 5.01-5.08 Corn, US 2 Yellow: Kansas City 2.99-3.01 dn 6-4 4.34-4.36 Minneapolis 2.88 1/2 dn 5 1/2 4.14 1/4 Southern Iowa 2.99-3.01 dn 1-5 4.21-4.27 Omaha 2.85-2.88 dn 5-4 4.15-4.17 Soybeans, US 1 Yellow: Kansas City 8.69-8.71 up 6-8 7.63-7.65 Minneapolis 8.61 1/2 up 10 7.46 3/4 Southern Iowa 8.68-8.75 up 10-8 7.53-7.61 Cent IL Processors 8.73 1/2-8.83 1/2 up 9-8 7.60 3/4-7.69 3/4 Futures: Kansas City (May) Wheat 4.14 dn 4 3/4 5.39 3/4 Kansas City (July) Wheat 3.90 1/4 dn 6 1/2 Minneapolis (May) Wheat 4.05 dn 4 1/2 5.18 3/4 Minneapolis (July) Wheat 3.97 1/4 dn 5 3/4 Chicago (May) Wheat 3.88 1/2 dn 5 1/4 5.23 Chicago (July) Wheat 3.86 dn 4 3/4 Chicago (May) Corn 3.08 1/2 dn 4 1/2 4.24 1/4 Chicago (Dec) Corn 2.91 3/4 unch Chicago (May) Soybeans 8.83 1/2 up 8 7.64 3/4 Chicago (Nov) Soybeans 7.00 3/4 up 5 3/4 Export Bids: Barge or rail, Port of New Orleans or North Texas Gulf. US 1 HRW Wheat, Ord. Protein: 4.64 dn 9 3/4 6.21 3/4-6.23 3/4 US 2 SRW Wheat: 4.16 1/2-4.18 1/2 dn 3 1/4 5.98-6.03 US 2 Yellow Corn: 3.23-3.23 1/2 dn 6-6 1/2 4.57 1/4-4.59 1/4 US 2 Yellow Sorghum: Rail 5.51 dn 10 8.08 Barge 5.62-5.65 dn 8 8.15 US 1 Yellow Soybeans: 8.99 1/2-9.00 1/2 up 8-6 7.96 3/4-7.97 3/4

Westminster Hay

Westminster, Md.

Tuesday, April 1, 1997

Report Supplied by Auction

124 LOTS. ALFALFA: 112.00, 1.60-4.10 BALE. TIMOTHY: 87.50, 1.90-3.30 BALE. MIXED HAY: 77.00-80.00, .85-3.20 BALE, 17.00-21.00 LARGE ROUND. GRASS: 1.40-2.90, 16.00-24.00 LARGE ROUND. STRAW: 1.85-2.70 PER BALE.

Green Dragon Hay

Ephrata, Pa.

Friday, March 28, 1997

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44 TOTAL LOADS. MIXED HAY: 15 LOTS, 60.00-200.00. ALFALFA: 4 LOTS, 65.00-160.00. TIMOTHY: 7 LOTS, 80.00-142.00. STRAW: 13 LOTS, 69.00-94.00. EAR CORN: 2 LOTS, 91.00 AND 92.00. ORCHARD GRASS: 50.00. OATS: 2.80 BU.

Valley Stockyards

Athens, Pa.

March 31, 1997

Report supplied by auction

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES TO 132.50. VEAL CALVES TO 59.00. VEALER BULL CALVES TO 77.50. SLAUGHTER CALVES 33.00 AND DOWN. GRASSERS AND FEEDERS 22.00-59.00. LAMBS TO 90.00. SHEEP 20.00-25.00. HOGS, 200-250, TO 46.50. SOWS TO 37.50. BOARS TO 28.00. PIGS, NONE. HEIFERS, FAT, TO 44.00. STEERS, NO GOOD ONES. STEERS, FEEDER, TO 60.00. BULLS TO 48.00. COWS, GOOD, 34.75-43.75. COWS, MEDIUM, 28.50-33.50. COWS, POOR OR SMALL, 27.25 AND DOWN. HORSES, NONE. PONIES, NONE. GOATS TO 65.00.



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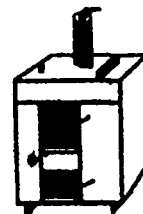


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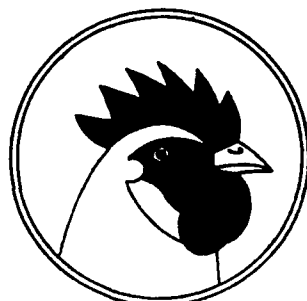
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