Delmarva **Broiler**

APRIL 16, 1997

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was good. Seller offerings were in generally good balance and were clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were moderate to heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were higher at 59 to 72 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, buyer interest had tapered. Supplies were generally in a range of adequate to closely cleared.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS IN DELMARVA (000) ESTIMATED ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT 04/16 04/14 04/14 04/09 04/07 2,391 2,375 4.88 2,412 4.87 *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 52-72 WEIGHTED AVERAGE 60.72 NO. OF BOXES 9,106 *8 of 9 plants

NE Chicken Pts 1&2

APRIL 16, 1997

Trucklot buying activity was irregular with dealers cautious and attempting to limit purchases to immediate needs. Offerings were in instances becoming a bit more available and buyers were usually not aggressive. Retail and distributive movement was about moderate. The market tone

was about steady and cautious.
PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE
PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIV- TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUAN-TITIES. ITEM CURRENT NEGO-TIATED TRADING* BREAST - B/S (W & W/O TENDERS) 170 BREAST - WITH RIBS 89-90 BREAST - LINE RUN 89 LEGS 45-46 LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 32-33 DRUMSTICKS 44-45 THIGHS 40-41 WINGS (WHOLE) 55-56 BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 12-14 LIV-ERS (5 POUND TUBS) 20 GIZZARDS (HEARTS) 40 INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSA-CHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

North Atlantic Shell Eggs April 17, 1997

Atlanta, Ga.
PRICES WERE UNCHANGED TO LOWER FOR THE LARGE SIZES IN PHILADELPHIA, AND THE BALANCE OF PRICES WERE UNCHANGED. THE MARKET TONE WAS BARELY STEADY TO WEAK FOR LARGE WHITE EGGS, STEADY TO FIRM FOR WHITE MEDIUMS, AND GENERALLY STEADY FOR BROWN EGGS. DEMAND WAS MIXED AND MOSTLY FAIR. SUPPLIES OF GRADED LARGE WHITE EGGS WERE FULLY ADEQU-ATE TO AMPLE, MEDIUM WHITE EGGS WERE SHORT TO ADEQUATE, AND OTHER CATEGORIES WERE GENERALLY ADEQUATE OR AVAIL-ABLE. BREAKING STOCK SUPPLIES WERE AT LEAST ADEQUATE FOR THE UNAGGRESSIVE DEMAND.

PHILADELPHIA, PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, EXTRA LARGE .72-.77%, LARGE .70-.75%, MEDIUM .59-.62.

NY Phil Frozen Eggs **APRIL 11, 1997**

Prices were unchanged to lower for all products except whites which were generally unchanged. The market tone was mixed from about steady to weak. Demand was light, and buyers purchased for immediate needs only. Floor stocks were adequate. Breaking stock and other shell egg offerings were at least adequate, and prices were generally lower. Liquid and frozen eggs processed under federal inspection in the East for the week ending April 5, 1997 were 20% more than last week, and 24%

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 52-56 53-54 57-67 BLENDS (/) TFEWR 68-78 WHITES 38-42 39-40 42-53 SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 80-86 81-83 87-90 SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 77-83 78-81 84-89 (/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

Belleville Poultry

Belleville, Pa. Wednesday, April 16, 1997 Report supplied by Auction

Geese: 4.00-10.00 ea. Turkeys: none. Roosters: 4.00-9.00 ea. Bantams: 2.75-3.75 ea. Heavy hens: none. Guineas: 5.25 ca. Silkies: 2.75 ca. Muscovy hens: 6.00-9.00 ca. Muscovy drakes: 9.00 ca. Mixed ducks: none Barn pigeons: 1.25 ca. White birds: 6.00 ca. Fancy birds: none.

Peacocks: none Pheasants: none. Doves: none. Ouail: none. Rabbits: under 4 lbs. 2.00-4.00 ea., 4-6 lbs. 5.25-7.50 ea., over 6 lbs. 7.00-11.00 ea.

North Jersey Market

Hackettstown, N.J. Report Supplied by Auction Tuesday, April 15, 1997 Hay-Straw & Grain Report

ALFALFA: 5 LOTS, 1.30-2.00 BALE. MIXED HAY: 17 LOTS, .90-2.35

TIMOTHY: 13 LOTS, 1.30-2.50 BALE. GRASS: 7 LOTS, 1 25-2.50 BALE. MULCH: 2 LOTS, .75-.85. OAT STRAW: 1 LOT AT 1.40. RYE STRAW: 1 LOT AT 2.90. SHELLED EAR CORN: 7.25 BAG. **GROUND CORN: 2 LOTS, 6.00 AND**

TOTAL LOTS: 49.

Indiana Hogs

SPRINGFIELD, IL **APRIL 17, 1997**

Barrows and Gilts: 1.50 higher. Demand good for a light to moderate run. Country Plants US 1-2 230-260 lbs. 54.00-55.00 few 53.50 & 55.50 54.50-56.50 US 2-3 230-260 lbs. 49.00-53.50 210-230 lbs. 44.50-49.00

Sows: firm US 1-3 300-450 lbs. 40.00-42.00 450-500 lbs. 43.00-44.00 500-600 lbs. 44.00-46.50 few over 600 lbs. 47.00-47.50

Boars: 38.00-40.00 Preliminary estimate: 26,000 *Receipts have changed due to change in reporting base.

Regional Hay April 14, 1997

HAY & STRAW MARKET FOR EASTERN PA - (ALL HAY NO. 2 AND BETTER. PRICES PAID BY DEALERS AT THE FARM & PER TON.) HAY AND

STRAW STEADY TO STRONG. ALFALFA 90.00-150.00 FEW REPORTED 170.00; MIXED HAY 75.00-135.00 FEW REPORTED 160.00; TIMOTHY 75.00-120.00 FEW REPORTED 140.00; STRAW 60.00-90.00; MULCH 25.00-40.00.

SUMMARY OF LANCASTER CO. HAY AUCTIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 04/11/97. PRICES PER TON: LOADS: 386 HAY, 46 STRAW & 16 EAR CORN.

ALFALFA 125.00-230.00; MIXED HAY 100.00-225.00; TIMOTHY 105.00-185.00; STRAW 105.00-155.00; EAR CORN 90.00-104.00

SUMMARY OF CENTRAL PA HAY AUCTIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 04/11/97. PRICES PER TON: LOADS: 279 HAY, 19 STRAW & 31 EAR CORN. ALFALFA 85.00-190.00; MIXED HAY 80.00-165.00; TIMOTHY 75.00-132.00; STRAW 67.00-95.00; EAR CORN 75.00-90.00.

Lancaster Hogs

Lancaster Stockyards Wednesday, April 16, 1997 Report supplied by USDA

HOG MARKET TODAY 744 HEAD; LAST WEDNESDAY 764; LAST YEAR

BARROWS AND GILTS: COM-PARED TO LAST WED. .50-1.00 HIGH-ER. US#1-2 220-255 LBS. 53.50-54.50; US#1-3 215-265 LBS. 52.50-53.50.

SOWS AND BOARS NOT TESTED.

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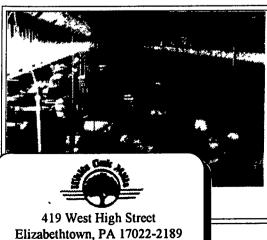
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