

**DELMARVA BROILER/
FRYER MARKET
FEDERAL-STATE**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally light to moderate. Seller offerings were fully sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed and irregular. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, breast items, particularly boneless skinless were in generally good balance. Legs, leg quarters and thighs were ample and slow to clear. Wings were adequate to fully adequate.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER/FRYERS IN DELMARVA (000).

ESTIMATED ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT ACTUAL AVG. WEIGHT 03/11 03/09 03/09 03/04 03/02 2,397 2,078 4.93 2,363 5.00

*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 48-69 WEIGHTED AVERAGE 54.57 NO. OF BOXES 6,315

*7 of 9 plants reporting. SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH

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NATIONAL EGG MARKET - AT A GLANCE

ATLANTA, GA MARCH 11, 1998

Prices were unchanged to higher east of the Rockies, and unchanged on the West Coast. The market tone remained steady to firm. Demand covered the full range and was mostly moderate. Retail specials provided the best cartoned egg movement, and winter storm conditions in the Midwest

continued to restrict egg movement where mobility was hampered. Supplies were generally adequate to tight with extra eggs held with confidence. Breaking stock supplies were tight to adequate and heavy nest runs were often sold into more lucrative grading channels; prices were unchanged to higher under a steady to firm trade sentiment. USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH

**NORTHEAST BROILER/
FRYER PARTS**

- PART I FEDERAL-STATE ATLANTA, GA. MARCH 11, 1998

Trucklot buying activity was mixed as traders closely watched for further market developments. Offerings were in better balance on white meat, fully adequate to ample on dark meat. Demand through both retail and distributive channels was expected to improve for the weekend. The market tone was unsettled with dark meat remaining in a weakened position. 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 155 BREAST - WITH RIBS 79-80 BREAST - LINE RUN 79 LEGS 40-41 LEG QUARTERS (BULK) 27-28 DRUMSTICKS 34-35 THIGHS 33-34 WINGS (WHOLE) 73-74 BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED) 12-14 LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS) 20-25 GIZZARDS (HEARTS) 45-50 INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.

**EASTERN REGION
FROZEN EGGS**

MARCH 06, 1998 FEDERAL-STATE

Prices were unchanged to higher. The market tone was steady to firm. Demand remained mixed and was mostly moderate. Supplies were adequate. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending February 28, 1998 were unchanged from the prior week and 2% greater than the same week last year.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB. CONTAINERS)

TRUCKLOTS LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) RANGE MOSTLY RANGE WHOLE 50-51 51 52-62 BLENDS (J) TFEWR 63-75 WHITES 36-40 37-38 40-50 SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 78-81 79-80 81-89 SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) 74-77 76 77-86

(J) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER, GENERALLY 28-32% EGG SOLIDS.

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NEW YORK EGGS

MARCH 11, 1998 FEDERAL-STATE ATLANTA, GA.

Prices were one cent higher. The market tone remained fully steady to firm. Demand was mixed and ranged light to good, best where featured. Supplies were generally adequate with the larger sizes confidently held.

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 83-85 LARGE 80-83 MEDIUM 64-67 SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL (404) 562-5850.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY
LIVE HEN
REPORT**

MARCH 9, 1998.

FEDERAL-STATE Prices were irregular although majorities were unchanged to lower. Demand was moderate but buyers were usually unaggressive for adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 09-MAR-98 RANGE MAJORITY WTD AVG AT FARM BUYER LOADING 14.5-23 CENTS/LB. 19-21 19.34 AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

Westminster Hay

Westminster, Md.

Tuesday, March 10, 1998 Report Supplied by Auction

240 LOTS. ALFALFA: 1.70-5.50 BALE, 45.00 LARGE ROUND.

TIMOTHY: 120.00, 1.60-4.80 BALE, 30.00-40.00 LARGE ROUND.

MIXED HAY: 1.60-5.10 BALE.

GRASS: 77.00-90.00, 1.45-3.80 BALE, 33.00-38.00 LARGE ROUND. STRAW: .75-2.05 BALE. CORN FODDER: .50 BALE. BEAN STUBBLE .75 BALE. MULCH: .75 BALE. FIREWOOD: 45.00-50.00 CORD.

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52 LOADS. ALFALFA HAY: 140.00-200.00. TIMOTHY HAY: 120.00-150.00. GRASS HAY: 102.00-178.00. MIXED HAY: 96.00-205.00. LARGE ROUND BALES: 40.00. WHEAT STRAW: 70.00-90.00. OAT STRAW: 68.00-88.00. MIXED LOADS STRAW: 80.00-84.00. LARGE ROUND BALES 8.00.

Kirkwood Hay Auction

Kirkwood, Pa.

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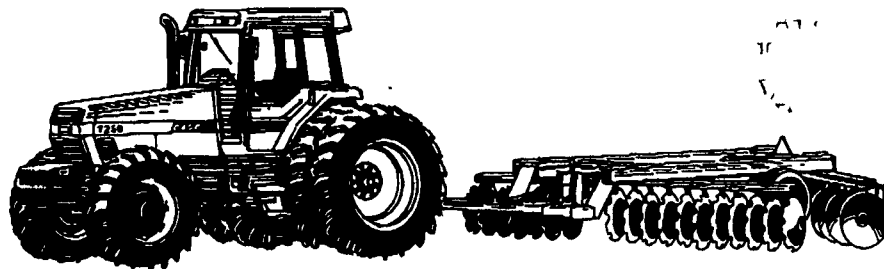
114 LOADS OF HAY. MIXED HAY: 1ST CUTTING 130.00-192.00, 2ND 147.00-199.00. TIMOTHY: 133.00-190.00. ALFALFA: 1ST CUTTING 139.00-213.00, 2ND CUTTING 173.00-206.00, 3RD CUTTING 157.00-220.00, 4TH 136.00-212.00. CLOVER: 142.00-157.00. GRASS: 102.00-165.00. WHEAT STRAW: 110.00-115.00. BARLEY STRAW: 96.00-112.00. OAT STRAW: 107.00-108.00. SALE DAYS, TUESDAYS, 11 A.M.

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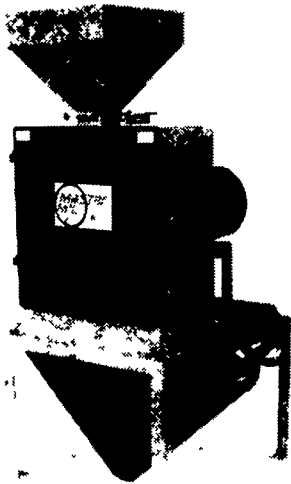
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