

DECREASE IN EGGS BRINGS FIRMER TONE

Portland, Feb. 27 (AP)—Decreased offerings of eggs in practically all Pacific slope sectors are creating more or less strength in the trade at a time when values are usually receding.

Prices are holding firm in the city but still firmer in the country where competition of private firms for their needs is becoming more or less acute.

Indicating the strength of the trade is the fact that large retail buyers who usually obtain their supplies at a discount of 1 to 2 cents from regular quotations, are today gladly paying the full price to get their needs.

There was a general steady trade for butter for the weekend. On both the produce exchange and on the open market cubes held former prices for the various classifications. Butterfat is steady.

Some of the f. o. b. buyers have again reduced the price of chickens 1 cent pound despite the fact that demand is good for all offerings with the possible exception of extremely heavy hens.

Once again the unusual has happened. One leading buyer appeared with an offer of 22 cents pound for fancy dressed hen turkeys, a rise of at least 2 cents from former values and 4 cents higher than is offered for toms. The latter are quite flabby as a rule.

There continues a gaining movement in oranges. Demand is naturally keenest for the place and pack offerings because these are to be eliminated generally from the trade after the turn of the month.

Extreme strength is continued in the market for country killed old crop lambs. Spring stuff is in call but there appears a dearth of offerings after the initial supply about a week ago. Hogs and veal weak.

Further gain in strength is indicated in the market for onions. Locally there remains a general scramble for No. 2 stock and for boilers, a condition general throughout the Pacific northwest.

Portland, Feb. 27 (AP)—Cattle 221, calves 178 for week. Sheers and sheers 142, around 25c for the period with extreme top steers 62.25, but most desirable sorts scaling 55.50 and better, nothing over 1100 lbs. sold above 45.50; low grade around 44; top heifers 45.75 with bulk 45.50 and less, while cows generally sold at a spread of \$1.50-\$1.75, with a few selections at \$4.90-\$5; medium to good bulk were \$3-\$3.75. Vealers ranged \$3.50-\$4.75 for week. Top in killer stuff was quoted at a loss around 25c with a similar showing in pigs. Light butchers, medium around 16.50-\$16.65 generally with several choice hitting \$4.70-\$4.75; top after Monday was \$4.25 with bulk \$4.50-\$4.75; strong and heavy weight sorts were \$3.75-\$4.40 with packing sorts \$3-\$3.50 and bulk \$3.50-\$4.00. Top after Monday with bulk \$3.75-\$4; top and bulk movement of feeder pigs were around \$3.75, with a few around \$3.50.

Sheep 2047 for week. Market reflected strength for the entire period with a closing advance. Choice lambs and wethers steady to the better for ewes; strictly choice 80-lb. shorn lambs sold Friday at \$6, a new high mark, and the current movement with bulk around a top of \$6.50, with only thin stuff of poor quality down to \$4.75, medium choice 70-lb. wethers were quotable \$5.50-\$6.50, with cull to choice ewes \$1-\$2.00 and even better.

Portland, Feb. 27 (AP)—The produce market was quiet for the week. Prices were named to be effective today. Butter quotations for shipment to the coast are 24c for standard, 25c for extra, creameries less 1c for commission.

Butter, cubes extra 23c; standards 22c; prints 21c; 24c for 80-lb. cases. Pacific poultry products' selling prices: Fresh extras 17c; standards 16c; medium 15c.

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Butter, prints 9c score or better 24-70; standards 24-25; extra 25-30.

Butterfat, direct to shippers: station 20c; Portland delivery 21c lb.

Cheese, selling prices to jobbers: Tillamook county triplets 15c, loaf 16c; f. o. b. Tillamook; selling prices to Portland: triplets 17c, loaf 18c.

Live poultry, net buying prices: Heavy hens, colored 4 1/2 lbs. up 14-15; med. 11-12; light 8-9; Broilers 17-18; C. Hens, colored over 2 lbs. 16-17c; Springs 16-17c; Old roosters 8c, Pekin ducks 15c, 10-12; Capons 10-12; Dressed turkeys, selling price to retailers: Hens 20-22c; young toms 18c; old toms 15-16c.

Oranges, Calif. navela wrapped \$2.90 to \$3.00; piece packed \$2.50 box. Lemons, California \$3.25-\$3.75 case, lemons, California \$4.50-\$5.25. Lemons, 5-doz. cartons Bananas, bunches 5c, hands 5 1/2 c.

Cranberries, northwest \$4 bushel, eastern 3-50 half barrel.

FRESH VEGETABLES

New potatoes, Florida 12-14c; Calif. 12-15c.

Rhubarb, house fancy \$1.10, choice 85c for 15-lb. box. Cabbage, 10-12c; 25-30c for new crop Texas 4 1/2c, California 4 1/2c.

Potatoes, local 9c-\$1.15; Parkdale 8c; Idaho, 12-14c; eastern Washington 7c-\$1.15.

Seed potatoes, Certified Earliest of All 1 1/2c lb. Early Rose 1 1/2c lb. Spaulding, 1 1/2c lb. Best butchers: Oregon \$4.50-\$4.75 cental.

Celery, house fancy \$2-\$2.75 doz. Spaulding, 1 1/2c lb. 11-15c; Oregon \$1.60; Walla Walla \$1.35-\$1.50. Celery, California 85c crate; \$1.50-\$1.75 dozen; 25c dozen bunches. Mushrooms, house fancy 6c lb. Bell peppers, Florida 18c lb. Mexican chile 22c lb.

Sweet potatoes, Calif. 80c \$1.60; southern yams \$1.75 bushel crate; 10-12c; 11-15c; 12-15c; 13-15c; 14-15c; 15-18c; 18-20c; 20-25c; 25-30c; 30-35c; 35-40c; 40-45c; 45-50c; 50-55c; 55-60c; 60-65c; 65-70c; 70-75c; 75-80c; 80-85c; 85-90c; 90-95c; 95-100c; 100-110c; 110-120c; 120-130c; 130-140c; 140-150c; 150-160c; 160-170c; 170-180c; 180-190c; 190-200c; 200-210c; 210-220c; 220-230c; 230-240c; 240-250c; 250-260c; 260-270c; 270-280c; 280-290c; 290-300c; 300-310c; 310-320c; 320-330c; 330-340c; 340-350c; 350-360c; 360-370c; 370-380c; 380-390c; 390-400c; 400-410c; 410-420c; 420-430c; 430-440c; 440-450c; 450-460c; 460-470c; 470-480c; 480-490c; 490-500c; 500-510c; 510-520c; 520-530c; 530-540c; 540-550c; 550-560c; 560-570c; 570-580c; 580-590c; 590-600c; 600-610c; 610-620c; 620-630c; 630-640c; 640-650c; 650-660c; 660-670c; 670-680c; 680-690c; 690-700c; 700-710c; 710-720c; 720-730c; 730-740c; 740-750c; 750-760c; 760-770c; 770-780c; 780-790c; 790-800c; 800-810c; 810-820c; 820-830c; 830-840c; 840-850c; 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