North Carolina’s egg prices were higher on small, lower on the balance when compared to last week. Supplies were fairly light to meet a moderate demand. The North Carolina weighted average price quoted Thursday, August 18, for small lot sales of delivered, cartoned, grade “A” eggs was 240.61 for Extra Large, 227.06 for Large, 181.64 for Medium, and 155.00 for Small eggs.

No. 2 yellow shelled corn was 3 to 14 cents higher when compared to last week. Prices ranged mostly $6.40-$7.27 at the feed mills and $6.70-$7.39$\frac{3}{4}$ at the elevators through Thursday, August 18. No. 1 yellow soybeans were mixed, 89 cents lower to 53 cents higher, and ranged $15.66$-$16.39$ at processors, mostly $13.81$-$15.24 at elevators. No. 2 red winter wheat was 4 to 29 cents lower and ranged $5.97$-$7.46 at the elevators. Soybean meal, f.o.b. at processing plants ranged $569.90$-$584.70 per ton for 46.5-48% protein. New crop prices quoted for harvest (2022 season) delivery corn ranged $6.25$-$7.69$ and soybeans ranged $13.16$-$15.04$.

At the eight weekly livestock auctions covered by the Market News Service 3,843 cattle were sold. All prices are per hundredweight (cwt.). Compared to last week, breaking type slaughter cows were $4.00 to $5.00 higher, while boning type slaughter cows and slaughter bulls were $1.00 to $2.00 higher. Feeder cattle were steady to $3.00 higher. Average dressing slaughter cows brought $69.00$-$102.00, with high dressing up to $115.00. Average dressing slaughter bulls, 1000 lbs. & up, sold from $91.00$-$111.00, with high dressing ranging $105.00$-$127.00. M&L 1-2 feeder steers, 400-500 lbs. brought $132.00$-$205.00, 500-600 lbs. ranged from $130.00$-$188.00; feeder bulls, 400-500 lbs., brought $132.00$-$188.00, 500-600 lbs. $120.00$-$181.00; feeder heifers 400-500 lbs. returned $120.00$-$167.50 and 500-600 lbs. were $120.00$-$161.00.

At the bi-monthly video auction at Mid Atlantic Cattle Sales, an estimated 3,240 cattle were sold. All lots are current delivery unless noted otherwise. Feeder Steers: M&L 1-2 averaging 730 lbs. brought $183.25 per hundredweight (split loads); M 1-2 775 lbs. $180.00 (natural), 820 lbs. $170.75 (Aug-Sep), 880 lbs. $165.00; M 1-2 510 lbs. $201.00 (natural), 640 lbs. $192.50 (natural), 650 lbs. $191.25, 650 lbs. $186.25 (Sept, split loads), 650 lbs. $171.00 (Sept-Oct), 663 lbs. $179.36 (split loads), 669 lbs. $191.75 (natural), 720 lbs. $165.50 (Sept, natural), 720 lbs. $184.50 (Sept, split loads), 725 lbs. $168.50 (split loads), 727 lbs. $188.01 (Sept, value added), 735 lbs. $177.50 (natural), 750 lbs. $179.00 (natural), 750 lbs. $164.00 (Sept-Oct), 750 lbs. $185.25 (Nov, natural), 760 lbs. $168.75 (split loads), 770 lbs. $185.25 (value added), 775 lbs. $183.00 (Oct, value added), 800 lbs. $178.25 (Nov, value added), 800 lbs. $181.00 (Nov, natural), 800 lbs. $169.75 (Nov, 825 lbs. $170.00 (natural), 850 lbs. $175.00 (natural), 875 lbs. $175.00 (Nov, value added), 880 lbs. $178.50 (Sept, split loads). Feeder Heifers: M&L 1-2 680 lbs. $175.25 (Sept, split loads); M 1-2 550 lbs. $166.25 (Sept), 565 lbs. $178.25 (natural), 565 lbs. $178.25 (split loads), 606 lbs. $169.11, 620 lbs. $176.25 (Sept, split loads), 625 lbs. $160.25 (split loads), 628 lbs. $176.87 (natural), 650 lbs. $162.50 (Sept, natural), 675 lbs. $180.00 (Sept, value added), 675 lbs. $172.50 (Nov, value added), 700 lbs. $174.50 (Sept, split loads), 715 lbs. $159.46 (split loads), 725 lbs.
$160.00 (natural), 740 lbs. $175.50 (Nov, value added), 750 lbs. $152.75 (Sept), 760 lbs. $166.00 (Sept, natural), 775 lbs. $169.25 (Nov, value added), 815 lbs. $172.50 (Sept, split loads).

A total of 129 goats and 58 sheep were sold at the regular weekly livestock auctions. Goats and sheep are sold per head, weights estimated. Goats: Slaughter and Replacement Classes, Selection 1 and 2 – Kids: 20-80 lbs. $45.00-$180.00; Yearlings: 60-120 lbs. $160.00; Does/Nannies: 50-100 lbs. $100.00-$135.00, 100-140 lbs. $120.00-$175.00; Bucks/Billies: 100-150 lbs. $130.00-$235.00, 150-250 lbs. $180.00-$330.00. Sheep: Slaughter lambs – Choice & Prime 20-60 lbs. $85.00-$125.00, 60-100 lbs. $130.00-$215.00; Ewes – Good 100-200 lbs. $115.00-$180.00.

In Smithfield, at the bi-monthly sale, a total of 134 goats and 49 sheep were sold. Goats and sheep are sold per head, weights estimated. Goats: Slaughter and Replacement Classes, Selection 1 and 2 – Kids: 20-80 lbs. $90.00-$320.00; Does/Nannies: 50-100 lbs. $155.00-$280.00, 100-140 lbs. $230.00-$320.00; Bucks/Billies: 70-100 lbs. $200.00-$220.00, 100-150 lbs. $280.00-$380.00, 150-250 lbs. $410.00-$450.00. Sheep: Slaughter lambs – Choice & Prime 20-60 lbs. $97.50-$165.00, 60-100 lbs. $167.50-$270.00.

Eastern Cornbelt direct sows on a live basis plant delivered weighing 300-449 lbs. ranged $63.00-$96.00 per hundredweight; 450-499 lbs. were $69.00-$97.00; 500 lbs. and up $83.00-$95.90. Iowa/Minnesota hogs carcass basis, plant delivered, ranged $119.60-$133.64.

Fruit and vegetable prices, shipping point f.o.b., for Eastern North Carolina 2021 Season Sweet Potatoes, 40 pound cartons Orange Types U.S. No. 1 $15.50-$17.00 some low as $11.50 occasional higher, U.S. No. 1 Petite $13.00 some high as $15.00 low as $10.00, U.S. No. 2 $9.00-$12.00 mostly $9.00-$11.00 some high as $15.00 few lower. No Grade Marks jumbo $10.00-$11.00 mostly $10.00 some low as $9.00 occasional higher. Western North Carolina 2022 Season, Peppers, Bell Type, 1 1/9 bushel cartons Green jumbo $14.00 some low as $12.00; extra large $14.00 some low as $12.00, fair quality $12.00 some low as $10.00; large $12.00 some low as $10.00. Squash, 1/2 and 5/9 bushel cartons Zucchini small and medium supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market; Yellow Straightneck small and medium supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market. Tomatoes, extra services included, 25 pound cartons loose Vine Ripes U.S. Combination or Better jumbo $17.95-$22.95 mostly $17.95 some low as $16.95, extra large $17.95-$22.95 mostly $17.95 some low as $16.95, large $16.00-$21.95 mostly $17.95. Tomatoes, Grape Type, extra services included, flats 12 1-pint containers with lids $8.95-$9.95 mostly $8.95, 20 pound cartons loose $12.95-$17.95. Tomatoes, Plum Type, extra services included, 25 pound cartons loose Roma extra large $13.95-$16.95, large $13.95-$16.95.

*M&L-1=Medium and Large No. 1; L 2=Large No. 2; S-1=Small No. 1.

**Prices and trends reflect a holiday shortened week.