

FARM MARKET SUMMARY October 12-16, 2020*

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North Carolina's egg prices were steady on small, higher on the balance when compared to last week. Supplies of extra large were light, medium fairly light, while large were fairly heavy to meet a moderate demand. The North Carolina weighted average price quoted Thursday, October 15, for small lot sales of delivered, cartoned, grade "A" eggs was 129.52 for Extra Large, 126.40 for Large, 108.53 for Medium, and 76.00 for Small eggs.

No. 2 yellow shelled corn was 8 to 18 cents higher when compared to last week. Prices ranged mostly \$4.50-\$4.71 at the feed mills and \$4.25-\$4.66 at elevators through Thursday, October 15. No. 1 yellow soybeans were 12 to 20 cents higher, and ranged \$10.43-\$11.10 at processors, mostly \$9.93-\$10.56 at elevators. No. 2 red winter wheat was 8 to 10 cents higher and ranged \$4.34-\$4.41 at the elevators. Soybean meal, f.o.b. at processing plants ranged \$384.30-\$402.10 per ton for 48 % protein. New crop prices quoted for harvest delivery soybeans ranged \$9.93-\$10.72 and wheat ranged \$4.59-\$5.72.

At the eight weekly livestock auctions covered by the Market News Service 3,349 cattle were sold. All prices are per hundredweight (cwt.). Compared to last week, slaughter cattle were 1.00 to 2.00 lower. Feeder steers were mostly 1.00 to 4.00 lower; heifers were mostly 2.00 to 5.00 lower; and feeder bulls were mostly steady to 4.00 lower. Average dressing slaughter cows brought \$44.00-\$64.00, with high dressing up to \$66.00. Average dressing slaughter bulls, 1000 lbs. & up, sold from \$78.00-\$90.00, with high dressing ranging \$91.00-\$115.00. M&L 1-2 feeder steers, 400-500 lbs. brought \$118.00-\$153.00, 500-600 lbs. ranged from \$119.00-\$156.00; feeder bulls, 400-500 lbs., brought \$119.00-\$156.00, 500-600 lbs. \$100.00-\$136.00; feeder heifers 400-500 lbs. returned \$100.00-\$133.00 and 500-600 lbs. were \$98.00-\$130.00.

A total of 128 goats and 78 sheep were sold at the regular weekly auctions. Goats and sheep are sold per head, weights estimated. Goats: Slaughter and Replacement Classes, Selection 1 and 2 – Kids: 20-80 lbs. \$50.00-\$217.00; Yearlings: 60-120 lbs. \$120.00-\$240.00; Does/Nannies: 70-100 lbs. \$220.50-\$247.00, 100-140 lbs. \$135.00-\$245.00; Bucks/Billies: 70-100 lbs. \$175.50-\$195.00, 100-150 lbs. \$172.50-\$245.00, 150-250 lbs. \$250.00-\$265.00. Sheep: Slaughter lambs – Choice & Prime 20-60 lbs. \$45.00-\$85.00, 60-100 lbs. \$85.00-\$175.00, 100-140 lbs. \$130.00-\$165.00; Ewes – Good 100-200 lbs. \$110.00-\$195.00.

Eastern Cornbelt direct sows on a live basis plant delivered: 300-449 lbs. ranged \$13.00-\$36.75; 450-499 lbs. were \$18.00-\$38.00; 500 lbs. and up \$28.25-\$42.60. Iowa/Minnesota hogs carcass basis, plant delivered, ranged \$62.57-\$65.02.

Fruit and vegetable prices (shipping point f.o.b.): Eastern North Carolina 2019 Season Sweet Potatoes, most shippers are finished with the 2019 season crop, quality variable, 40 pound cartons Orange Types U.S. No. 1 \$16.00 some \$18.00 few lower, U.S. No. 2 supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market, No Grade Marks jumbo supplies insufficient and in too

few hands to establish a market. 2020 Season Sweet Potatoes, 40 pound cartons Orange Types U.S. No. 1 \$15.50-\$16.00 some \$18.00 occasional higher and lower, U.S. No. 1 Petite \$12.00-\$13.00 some high as \$15.00 low as \$10.00, U.S. No. 2 \$9.00-\$10.00 some \$14.00 few lower, No Grade Marks jumbo \$11.00-\$12.00 some \$13.00 occasional including prior commitments lower. Western North Carolina 2020 Season Tomatoes, supply very light, some shippers are finished for the season, extra services included, 25 pound cartons loose Vine Ripes U.S. Combination or Better jumbo supplies in too few hands to establish a market, extra large \$27.95, large \$22.95-\$27.95. Grape Type Tomatoes, supply very light, most shippers are finished for the season, extra services included, flats 12 1-pint containers with lids supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market, 20 pound cartons loose supplies insufficient and in too few hands to establish a market *LAST REPORT*. Plum Type Tomatoes, supply very light, some shippers are finished for the season, extra services included, 25 pound cartons loose Roma extra large \$19.95, large \$19.95.

*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.