

# COMMODITY YEAR BOOK 1941



*Prepared and Published by*  
COMMODITY RESEARCH BUREAU, INC.  
82 BEAVER ST., NEW YORK, N. Y.

©1941

ports are outstanding. The government has also established a system of grades and inspection service whereby certificates of quality may be obtained. Educational programs are constantly used to help the farmer improve the quality of his eggs, and to teach the consumer to buy by grade.

Congress has taken an interest in price supporting measures in the past few years and government agencies have bought large surpluses for relief distribution. Federal agencies have bought both in the open markets and privately on offers submitted competitively.

*The editors wish to thank the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for valuable suggestions and source material for the preceding article.*

**EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS OF EGG PRICES**  
IN CENTS PER DOZEN

YEARLY AVERAGE PRICE OF													
FRESH EGGS IN BOSTON <sup>1</sup>						FRESH EGGS <sup>2</sup> IN NEW YORK							
YEAR	Price	YEAR	Price	YEAR	Price	YEAR	Price	YEAR	Price	YEAR	Price	YEAR	Price
1856..	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	1868..	32 $\frac{1}{8}$	1879..	18	1890..	18	1901..	18	1911..	22	1921..	41
1857..	16 $\frac{7}{8}$	1869..	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	1880..	14 $\frac{3}{8}$	1891..	21	1902..	22	1912..	25	1922..	35
1858..	16	1870..	31 $\frac{1}{4}$	1881..	22 $\frac{1}{4}$	1892..	20	1903..	21	1913..	25	1923..	35
1859..	20 $\frac{7}{8}$	1871..	25	1882..	22 $\frac{7}{8}$	1893..	21	1904..	23	1914..	27	1924..	36
1860..	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	1872..	26 $\frac{1}{4}$	1883..	23 $\frac{1}{8}$	1894..	17	1905..	22	1915..	26	1925..	40
1861..	14 $\frac{5}{8}$	1873..	28	1884..	22 $\frac{7}{8}$	1895..	18	1906..	21	1916..	30	1926..	36
1862..	15 $\frac{3}{4}$	1874..	28	1885..	19 $\frac{1}{4}$	1896..	15	1907..	21	1917..	40	1927..	32
1863..	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	1875..	25 $\frac{3}{4}$	1886..	19 $\frac{1}{4}$	1897..	15	1908..	22	1918..	49	1928..	33
1864..	26 $\frac{1}{8}$	1876..	22 $\frac{7}{8}$	1887..	21	1898..	16	1909..	25	1919..	53	1929..	37
1865..	29 $\frac{3}{8}$	1877..	21 $\frac{1}{8}$	1888..	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	1899..	19	1910..	25	1920..	57	1930..	28
1866..	28 $\frac{3}{8}$	1878..	16 $\frac{7}{8}$	1889..	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	1900..	17						
1867..	27 $\frac{3}{8}$												

<sup>1</sup> Based on quarterly quotations.  
<sup>2</sup> 1890-99, western fresh; 1900-01, best fresh; 1902-26, fresh firsts.

MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICE OF FRESH FIRSTS IN NEW YORK												
MONTH	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	
January.....	23.4	18.8	23.3	22.3	29.8	24.5	24.9	22.2	19.4	21.9	19.4	
February.....	17.7	16.9	13.5	19.2	30.3	31.0	22.6	18.0	17.7	24.3	17.7	
March.....	20.9	13.9	13.7	17.7	21.5	21.2	23.4	18.0	17.4	17.8	19.3	
April.....	18.9	14.2	13.7	16.8	23.9	20.1	22.5	18.3	17.1	17.4	....	
May.....	18.0	14.8	14.2	16.4	25.3	21.5	20.9	20.9	16.4	17.4	....	
June.....	17.0	14.1	13.4	16.1	24.3	22.3	20.5	20.5	16.2	16.6	....	
July.....	19.1	15.1	15.1	16.6	24.3	22.8	21.4	21.5	16.2	16.5	....	
August.....	19.6	17.3	14.2	20.6	25.9	23.6	21.2	22.1	16.3	17.2	....	
September.....	21.1	20.9	18.0	22.1	27.1	24.7	23.1	25.3	19.0	20.8	....	
October.....	23.9	24.0	19.9	23.6	27.0	26.9	23.6	26.8	20.6	22.4	....	
November.....	29.2	30.6	24.1	27.6	29.1	33.3	26.4	28.8	23.7	24.1	....	
December.....	25.6	31.4	20.7	27.3	27.5	31.5	25.3	27.7	20.7	26.4	....	
YEARLY AVERAGE	21.2	19.3	17.0	20.5	26.3	25.3	22.9	22.5	18.3	20.2	....	

Sources: Aldrich Report, Dept. of Agriculture, N. Y. Produce Review.