

Outstanding Panel Tells How to Win in the Ring

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not much left" In such instances, "Mom and Pop have to throw something into the pot" and Fought indicated he didn't think this was the way it ought to be done

Fought also said that his experience shows that some of the cheapest steers made 4-Hers the most money

Some other comments by the panelists included on handling a mean steer, Weaver emphasized that "the first thing is to teach him you're going to be his friend." Don't rough the animal up or endanger yourself by wrapping the rope around your hand Patience is probably the key word, approach the animal gently, scratch him where he likes it, don't try to lead him till he likes you.

Fought said he has had great success with an intensive program of working with an animal for four to seven days until he learns "you're not going to hurt him"

The speakers had a wide variety of comments on the type of feed program to follow. Fought said he never uses silage on show steers except for small amounts from time to time as an appetizer He said he likes the results he gets from grain, particularly oats

Wylie said, "It kind of depends on the type of steer." He said silage is a cheap food and on a big steer it can hold down growth

Nissley advised keeping down corn and increasing oats and give the animal plenty of protein He advised not much corn until the last month.

Fought said he likes barley to make cattle smooth, but he also emphasized that exercise is a big thing in making smoothness.

Weaver noted that it used to

be the policy in 4-H to put steers on a 100 per cent corn ration and get them fat as the dickens" But judges don't want fat animals anymore. He said he tries to get his animals out to get some grass, but not too much

Commenting on his worming program, Wylie said he worms twice a year "whether they need it or not."

The men also described their techniques for getting the animals hair coat into peak condition by show time

Commenting on his technique in the show ring, Wylie said, "Stay calm and cool. The steer will sense this. Make all moves in slow motion Nice and easy" Steers will become excited if the handler is excited, he indicated.

Weaver emphasized that "the first impressions are the most important Get him looking correct right from the start" Worry about brushing the hair coat

only after the animal is in the proper position, he emphasized Fought, who has judged some shows himself, said he "can always pick out kids who have worked with their steers" He likes to see someone who is calm Many kids over-show, but they should not relax to the extent of not caring, he said

In other action at the meeting, four County Council representa-

tives were chosen including Ed Donough, Ed Hess, Cindy Hess, and Karen High

The club voted to visit its counterpart in Cumberland County as an extra meeting June 21 About 75 members indicated they will attend

Kerry Boyd, Ephrata area 4-H member, gave a brief talk on some practices to follow to achieve a good beef program and members described briefly their beef projects

Omaha Cattle Weekly Review

Thursday, April 1

Compared with last weeks close — closing prices on slaughter steers and heifers 50-100 higher, cows mostly 1.00 lower Bulls fully steady Fleshy two-way feeder steers strong to 50c higher, others steady

Four day receipts 18,500 as compared 17,800 previous week and 21,700 year ago Slaughter steers approximately 41 percent, heifers 34 percent, cows 8 percent, feeders 14 percent. Fed cattle prices advanced sharply the forepart of week under combined influence of a higher carcass trade and continued moderate marketings with virtually all buying interests aggressive for numbers and trading active However, part of the early advance was lost at midweek as carcass prices declined and some plants planned to observe a non-slaughter holiday on Good Friday with late demand adjusted accordingly. The general finish of steers and heifers was more attractive than most recent weeks with an increased percentage of Choice and a moderate volume High-Choice and Prime.

Average cost slaughter steers first two days 32.10 average weight 1139 lbs. as compared 31.44 and 1133 lbs. previous week and 30.58 and 1158 lbs. a year ago

Market Steers

STEERS — Eight loads High-Choice and Prime, U.S. 3-4, 1175-1275 lbs., 33.90-34.00; 1085-1298 lbs., 33.35-33.85; Choice, U.S. 2-4, 975-1275 lbs., 32.00-33.25; Mixed Good and Choice, 950-1250 lbs., 31.25-32.00, Good,

Sweet Corn Meeting Set

The sweet corn educational meeting originally scheduled for March 4 has been rescheduled for 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in the Independence Room of the Horn and Hardart Restaurant, King of Prussia, at the Valley Forge Interchange and Route 202 South.

The program includes: Fresh Market Sweet Corn Culture by Robert Fletcher of Penn State, Ear Worm Control by Dr. Robert Tetrault of Penn State, and a panel on Fresh Market Production by local growers.

No reservation is needed to attend, reminds Arnold Lueck, associate Lancaster County agricultural agent

29.00-31.50; Standard and Low-Good, 27.50-29.00.

HEIFERS — Eight loads High-Choice and Prime, U.S. 3-4, 950-1061 lbs., 33.00-33.10; 925-1025 lbs., 32.65-32.85; Choice U.S. 2-4, 825-1050 lbs., 31.50-32.50; Mixed Good and Choice, 800-1000 lbs., 30.50-31.50; Good, 27.50-30.50; Standard and Low-Good, 26.00-27.50.

COWS — Utility and Commercial, 20.00-21.50; Canner and Cutter, 17.50-20.00; Mixed Cutter and Low-Utility, 20.25-20.75.

BULLS — Utility, Commercial and Good, 25.50-28.00; Commercial, 28.25-29.00; Cutter and Low-Utility 24.00-26.00.

Feeder Steers

Outshipments approximately 2300 head as compared to 1300 previous week. Supplies largely High-Good and Choice Fleshy steers

STEERS — Choice and Prime load, 563 lbs., 38.00; Choice and Prime, 834-897 lbs., 33.25;

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22.00-23.50. Cutter, 20.85-22.00; Canner, 19.00-21.00; Shells down to 17.50

Bulls Choice (individual), 32.00 and 32.75. Good, 28.25-31.50; Utility and Commercial, 25.50-29.00

200 Head of Veal Calves Good, 48.00-51.00; Standard, 44.00-47.00. Utility, 37.50-43.00; Cull 90-120 pounds, 29.50-36.00; Cull 70-85 pounds, 27.00-28.50.

Farm Calves Bulls 80-110 pounds, 30.00-40.00; Heifers 85-120 pounds (few), 43.00-51.50.

335 Head of Hogs

Barrows and Gilts: U.S. 1-2 200-240 pounds, 17.75-17.85; U.S. 2-3 190-240 pounds, 17.25-17.60; U.S. 2-4 190-260 pounds, 17.00-17.25.

Sows: U.S. 1-3 300-500 pounds (few), 12.00-13.50; U.S. 2-3 300-700 pounds, 10.00-11.50

Boars: (few) 10.00-12.00.

11 Head of Feeder Pigs

U.S. 1-3 20-35 pounds, (few) 7.75

34 Head of Sheep and Lambs Spring: Choice 50-85 pounds, 32.00-38.00.

Wooled: Ewes (few), 5.00-7.00.

New Holland Dairy Cattle

Wednesday, April 7

Reported receipts of 179 head of cattle, 5 heifers, 5 bulls; market lower on all kinds.

Two loads Canadian cows, purebred and grades, fresh, 460-650; springers, 425-550.

One load Canadian springers, 455-560.

One load Canadian cows, fresh, 385-520; springers, 590-630.

Two loads New York state cows, fresh, 365-485; springers, 360-500.

One load Canadian springers, 380-450.

One load New York state springers, 315-415.

Locally consigned cows, 275-475.

Heifers, 245-315.
Bulls, 135-350.

Choice, 525-682 lbs., 33.00-36.25; High-Good and Choice, 821-1064 lbs., 31.00-32.50.

HEIFERS — Choice and Prime, 503-508 lbs., 34.50-34.75; Choice, 525-641 lbs. 31.00-33.50; 817-826 lbs. 29.25-30.50.

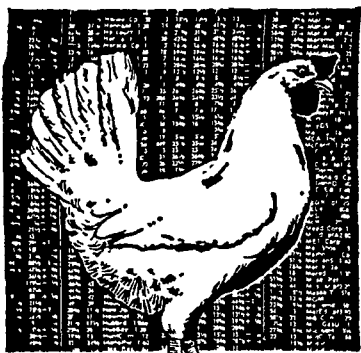
Farm Water To Be Topic

The Garden Spot High School Young and Adult Farmers will hold a panel discussion on farm water supplies at a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 12 in the agriculture classroom at the high school, New Holland.

Panelists will include: Dr. Sam Guss, Penn State Extension veterinarian, James Humphreville, Lancaster consulting geologist; Robert Graham, Lancaster Laboratories microbiologist, and Robert Herr, Eastern Lancaster County vo-ag teacher. Donald Robinson, adult farmer advisor, will be moderator.

The panel discussion will explore What is drinking water pollution, and how does it get into water systems? Why is it harmful? How can it be eliminated or prevented?

Any interested persons can attend. Free refreshments will be served.



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