

Omaha Cattle

Wednesday, December 28
Compared last weeks close, slaughter steers mostly 25c lower, heifers weak to 25c lower. Cows 50 - 75c higher, bulls steady to 50c higher. Meager supply of feeders steady.

Three day receipts 14,100 compared with 18,700 previous week and 18,700 a year ago.

Slaughter steers approximately 50 per cent, heifers 38 per cent, cows 9 per cent and feeder supply hardly adequate to test trade. The fed cattle trade in the holiday week held steady early but declined moderately by mid-week under the influence of lower prices on carcass beef. Most buyers operated cautiously late. Many cattle continued to carry considerable mud which was a price determining factor.

Average cost slaughter steers first two days 34.20 average weight 1,117 pounds as compared with 34.40 and 1,111 pounds previous week and 27.20 and 1,141 pounds a year ago.

Market Steers

Steers — High-Choice and Prime U.S. 3-4, 1000 - 1315 pounds, 35.00 - 35.75; Choice 2-4, 975 - 1325, 34.00 - 35.10; Mixed Good and Choice, 975 - 1250, 33.50 - 34.00; Good, 30.00 - 33.50; Standard and Good, 28.50 - 30.00.

Heifers — High-Choice and Prime U.S. 3-4, 902 - 1064 pounds, 34.50 - 34.90; Choice 2-4, 850 - 1050, 33.00 - 34.50; Choice, 825 - 1000, 32.25 - 33.25; Good 27.50 - 32.25; Standard and Good, 26.00 - 27.50.

Cows — Utility and Commercial and Good, 21.75 - 23.00; Canner and Cutter, 18.50 - 21.75; Cutter and Low-Utility, 22.00 - 22.25.

Bulls — Utility, Commercial and Good, 25.25 - 27.50; Commercial, 27.50 - 28.00; Cutter and Low-Utility, 24.00 - 26.00.

Feeder Steers

Small supply moderately active, steady, mainly High-Good and Choice fleshy two-way steers and small offerings of heifers. Outshipments approximately 400 head compared 800 previous week.

Steers — High-Good and Choice, 950 - 984 pounds, 32.00 - 33.25; load Standard and Good Holsteins, 800 pounds, 29.50.

Heifers — Good and Choice, 607 - 889 pounds, 31.50 - 32.50.

Birds' Sight

Birds have developed powers of sight to a remarkable degree. Probably they surpass all other creatures in excellence of vision. Most birds can see clearly both at shorter and longer distances than man.

14 Attend ABS School

Fourteen local farmers attended the American Breeders Service AI Management School in Quarryville December 13 - 17.

At the school they learned the skills necessary to successfully inseminate their own herds under the ABS Direct Herd Program. The men studied anatomy and physiology of reproduction, herd health management, frozen semen storage and use, herd record keeping, correct insemination procedures, and sire selection principles.

Joining over 20,000 dairy and beef men across the United States who have been trained by ABS to breed their own cows are: Ken Weaver, Glenmoore; Murl Aument, Quarryville; Douglas Sheetz, Peach Bottom; Vernon Umble, Christiana; Joe Rahll, Forest Hill, Md.; Benueel Lapp, New Holland; Raymond Witmer, Willow Street; Melvin Hershey, Lancaster; Bill Holloway, West Chester, and Bill Ulrich, Quarryville.

Instructor was ABS District Sales Manager, Gary Willier. Local ABS Representatives, Paul Herr, Holtwood, and Maurice Stump, West Grove, along with several previous graduates helped with the practice instruction.

Schools in Rising Sun, Md., and in Campelltown, Pa., are planned for the near future. Interested persons should contact their local ABS representative or the ABS District Office at 545 Spring Avenue, Lititz.

Bargaining Conference Is Scheduled

The 16th National Cooperative Bargaining Conference will be held January 9-10 at Phoenix, Ariz.

Speakers will include Oren Lee Staley, president of the National Farmers Organization; T. K. Cowden, assistant secretary of the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA); and C. E. Mighton, an authority on Canadian marketing boards.

The conference is sponsored jointly by USDA's Farmer Cooperative Service and the National Committee of Cooperative Agricultural Bargaining and Marketing Associations. It precedes the annual meeting of the National

FUTURES TRADING

(Closing bids as of Wednesday, December 29)

	Chicago Cattle	Chicago Hogs	New York Maine Potatoes	Chicago Fresh Eggs
January '72				28.15
February	34.20	24.80		31.25
March			3.04	33.75
April	32.90	24.05	3.25	
May			3.74	32.20
June	32.50	26.50		
July		26.90		34.25
August	32.10	26.85		34.20
October	31.50	24.45		
December	31.50	25.32		

Trend — Cattle are lower, hogs are lower, potatoes are higher, and eggs are steady

a-asked b-bid n-normal
Markets provided by Commodity Dept., Reynolds & Company

Pa. Ag Hearing Set

A public hearing has been called for taking testimony on proposed regulations affecting feed, fertilizer and pet food within the Commonwealth.

Secretary of Agriculture Jim McHale has set the hearing for 2 p.m. January 5, 1972, Room 309, Department of Agriculture

Building, 2301 N Cameron St., Harrisburg

Two actions have been proposed, adopting rules and regulations under the Pennsylvania Commercial Feed Law and adopting pet food rules and regulations under the same law. All previous rules and regulations will be rescinded when these are adopted.

The proposed regulations follow model regulations suggested for adoption by all states.

Oral testimony at the public hearing should be accompanied by a written statement to be retained by the hearing clerk in lieu of oral testimony, statements postmarked no later than December 31, 1971, will be received at the hearing address and will be given equal weight with oral testimony given at the hearing.

Mike Martin Named Beef Club President

The first meeting of the new season was held by the New

Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club Tuesday at the home of Linda High, Bareville.

In an election of officers, Mike Martin, New Holland RD1, was named president.

Other officers are Ken Groff, Leola, vice president, Cindy Yoder, Elverson, secretary, Tim Hooper, New Holland RD1, treasurer.

Rick and Larry Good, Bareville, game leaders, Joe Weaver, Gap, song leader, Jeff Martin, New Holland RD1, reporter.

Elected club leaders were Lester Weaver, New Holland RD1, Harvey High, Bareville, Mark Yoder, Elverson, Robert Martin, New Holland RD1, and John Groff, Leola.

Safe Electrical Appliances

Are you getting a "tingle" from an electrical appliance? This is a danger signal you shouldn't ignore. Extension agriculture engineers at The Pennsylvania State University suggest you inspect the faulty appliance for electrical leaks such as worn insulation on the cord. The best way to eliminate a shock hazard is to ground the frame of the appliance. The simplest way is to connect a 3-wire cord to the appliance and wall outlet.

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U. S. Inspected Livestock Slaughter

For the week ending Thursday, December 30

	CATTLE	HOGS	SHEEP
First three days	348,000	906,000	108,000
Same last week	333,000	1,005,000	94,000
Same last year	339,000	1,027,000	124,000

Estimated daily livestock slaughter under Federal Inspection



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