Hog Prices

New Holland Auction Monday, April 24

Hogs 1236: Barrows & Gilts mostly steady. US No. 1-2 200-230 lbs. 24.50-25.50; US No. 1-3 200-240 lbs. 24.00-24.50; US No. 2-4 240-260 lbs. 23.75-24.25; US No. 2-4 170-190 lbs. 22.50-23.50.

Sows: US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. 19.00-21.50

Boars: 19.00-20.50.

Lancaster Auction

Wednesday, April 26

HOGS: Barrows and Gilts 50-75 higher.

BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1 215-225 lbs. 26.10-26.50; US 1-3 200-250 lbs. 25.00-25.35; US 2-3 250-260 lbs. 24.50-24.60.

St. Louis Auction

St. Louis Hogs: 6500. steady to 25 lower. US 1-2 200-230 lbs. 24.75-25.00; 1-3 200-240 lbs. 24.25-24.75; 2-3 230-260 lbs. 23.50-24.25.

Vintage Auction

Saturday, April 22 Hogs 1027: Barrows & Gilts weak to 25c lower. US No. 1-2 195-245 lbs. 24.35-25.10, one lot 25.50; US No. 1-3 195-240 lbs. 23.50-24.10: US No. 2-4 245-280 lbs. 23.00-24.10;

US No. 2-4 125-185 lbs. 20.00-22.85. Sows: US No. 1-3 275-545 lbs. 19.25-21.00.

Few Boars: 18.25-20.00.

Tuesday, April 25

Hogs: Barrows and Gilts strong to 50 higher.

Barrows and Gilts: 12 head US 1 210-235 lbs. 25.35-25.60; US 1-2 200-245 lbs. 24.85-25.25; US 2-3 195-245 lbs. 24.35-24.75.

Lancaster Market

Monday, April 24 HOGS: Barrows and Gilts

mostly steady. BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1 200-240 lbs. 25.00-25.50; US 1-3 200-250 lbs. 24.00-24.75; US 2-3 245-270 lbs. 23.50-24.00; US 2 190-200 lbs. 23.75-24.00; US 2 170-185 lbs. 22.50-23.50.

U. S. Inspected Livestock Slaughter

Estimated Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

	CATTLE	HOGS	SHEEP
Thurs., April 27	117,000	331,000	37,000
Week ago	122,000	348,000	40,000
Year ago	120,000	335,000	40,000
Week to date	473,000	1,269,000	148,000
Same period last week	486,000	1,374,000	154,000
Same period last year	470,000	1,371,000	157,000
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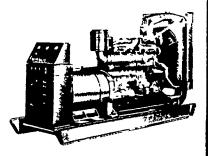
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Indianapolis Auction

HOGS: 3000. steady to 25 higher, rather slow. US 1-2 200-240 lbs. 24.75-25.00; around 100 head 25.25; 1-3 200-240 lbs. 24.50-24.75; 240-260 lbs. 23.75-24.50.

Peoria Auction

HOGS: 4000. Fairly active. Opening 25 to mostly 50 lower on wts. under 240 lbs.; heavier wts. not yet established. US 1-2 200-230 lbs. 24.50-25.00, 50 head 25.25, 40 head 25.50; 1-3 200-240 lbs. 23.75-

Nottingham Auction

Monday, April 24 Sows: 18-23.

> Feeder Pig Sale Courtland, Va. Thursday, April 20

There were 1,392 head sold. No. 1's — 40-60 pounds 56.25 -62.50; 60 - 90 41.00 - 42.50; 90 - 130 30.50 - 35.00.

No. 2's - 40 - 60 pounds 59.25 -63.25; 60 - 90 39.00 - 43.50; 90 - 130 30.25 - 36.00.

Medium — 40 - 75 pounds 41.00; 90 - 110 23.00.

No. 3's — 40 - 50 pounds 52.25; 55 100 27.00.

Regional Hay Prices

For Southeastern and South Central Pennsylvania Monday, April 24

(All hay No. 2 and better, prices paid by dealers at the farm price per ton).

Hay and straw steady, except for Timothy and Mulch which is slow, steady to weak.

Alialia	35.00-48.00
Fimothy hay	20.00-35.00
Mixed Hay	23.00-40.00
Straw	25.00-28.00
Mulch	12.00-20.00

Futures Trading

	Chicago Cattle	Chicago Hogs	New York Maine Potatoes	Chicago Fresh Eggs
May			2.62	26.70
June	35.35	27.82	<u>.</u>	28.90
July		28.22		32.60
August	34.60	27.77		35.05
September				39.25
October	33.45	26.40		
November				
December	33.20	26.65		40.30
February '73	33.40	26.45		
March '73			3.00	<u> </u>
April	33.20		3.20	·····
May '73	•		3.78	

Trend - Cattle are stronger, Hogs are weaker, Potatoes are weaker, and eggs are weaker.

a-asked b-bid n-normal Markets provided by Commodity Dept., Reynolds Securities, Inc.

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, April 27 Compared with last weeks close, closing prices on Average Good to Prime slaughter steers were fully steady, Standard and Low-Good weak to 25c lower. **Average-Choice to Prime Heifers** steady to 25c higher, others steady. Cows steady to 25c higher. Bulls strong to 50c higher. Small feeder supply fully steady.

Four day receipts 17,500 as compared 19,400 previous week and 23,300 a year ago. Slaughter steers approximately 40 per cent, heifers short 40 per cent, large showing Choice and moderate volume High-Choice and Prime. Cows 10 per cent, feeders 8 per cent. Feed cattle prices bent downward only slightly on Monday despite an unresponsive early carcass trade and the continued absence on the market of one major packer because of labor difficulties. However, there was a good demand for cattle to be slaughtered at points outside the immediate Omaha area. Marketings were poorly distributed over the trading period with near 45 per cent of the four day total arriving on Mon-

Slaughter Steers: Three loads High-Choice and Prime 1231-1310 pounds 3-4 35.50-35.60, moderate volume same grade 1072-1300 3-4 35.00-35.25. Choice 975-1275 3-4 34.25-35.00 during week. Mixed Good and Choice 950-1250 33.50-34.25, occasionally 34.50 late. Good 31.25-33.50. Standard and Low-Good 30.00-31.25, Holsteins 2-3 30.50-31.25.

Average cost of slaughter steers first three days 34.24 average weight 1145 pounds as compared 34.53 and 1150 pounds previous week and 31.78 and 1124 pounds a year ago.

Slaughter Heifers: Three loads High-Choice and Prime 975-1050 pounds 3-4 34.85-34.90, numerous loads 909-1092 3-4 34.35-34.75, mainly 34.50. Choice 825-1050 late 33.50-34.50. Mixed Good and Choice 750-975 32.50-33.50. Good 28.50-32.50. Standard and Low-Good 27.00-28.50.

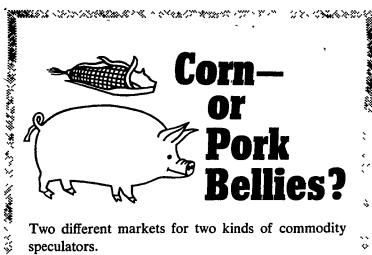
Cows: Utility and Commercial 24.00-26.00, Canner and Cutter 21.00-24.00. Mixed Cutter and Low-Utility 24.25-24.50. Shelly Canner 19.00-21.00.

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