

Hog Prices

Vintage Auction

Saturday, February 17
HOGS 796: Barrows & Gilts: Strong to \$2 higher. US No. 1-2 205-245 lbs. 37.50-38.10; US No. 1-3 200-255 lbs. 36.75-37.35; US No. 2-4 250-275 lbs. 36.00-36.75; US No. 2-4 130-175 lbs. 30.00-31.75.
Sows: US No. 1-3 310-545 lbs. 27.75-31.25.
Boars: 25.00-27.75.
Tuesday, February 20
Barrows and Gilts 2.00-2.50 higher.
BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 205-240 lbs. 28.85-39.00; US 2-3 195-255 lbs. 38.25-38.75.

New Holland Auction

Monday, February 19
HOGS 1236: Barrows & Gilts: Strong to \$2.50 higher. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 38.35-39.00; US No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 38.00-38.35; US No. 2-4 230-270 lbs. 37.00-38.00; US No. 2-4 160-195 lbs. 36.50-38.00.
Sows: US No. 1-3 300-575 lbs. 28.00-30.00.
Boars: 26.00-28.50.

Lancaster Market

Monday, February 12
 No Market Lancaster report because of Washington Birthday Holiday.

Lancaster Auction

Wednesday, February 21
Barrows and Gilts 75-1.25 higher.
BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1 215-230 lbs. 39.00; US 1-3 200-250 lbs. 37.85-38.50; few 250-255 lbs. 37.60-37.75.

Peoria Auction

HOGS: 3800, active, strong to 25 higher. US 1-2 200-240 lbs. including a few down to 190 lbs. 38.00-38.50; 1-3 200-260 lbs. 37.50-38.00; 2-3 260-280 lbs. 37.00-37.50.

St. Louis Auction

HOGS: 5500, fully steady 100 head sorted US 1 200-220 lbs. 38.75; US 1-2 200-230 lbs. 38.25-38.50; 1-3 200-250 lbs. 37.75-38.25.

Lebanon Valley Auction

Tuesday, February 20
190 Head of Hogs
Barrows and Gilts \$2.25 higher.
BARROWS AND GILTS: U.S. 2-3 200-235 pounds 37.75-38.35, one lot 38.50; 185-250 (few lots) 37.25-37.60.
SOWS: U.S. 1-3 300-450 pounds 31.00-33.25; 2-3 400-550 29.00-32.25.
BOARS: (Few) 26.00-27.50.
29 Head of Feeder Pigs
U.S. 1-3 40 pounds (one lot) 26.50; 1-3 65 pounds 31.50 per head.

Indianapolis Auction

HOGS: 2500, steady to 25 higher, active US 1-2 200-240 lbs. 38.00 to mostly 38.25; 29 head 38.35; 49 head 38.50; 1-3 200-250 lbs. 37.50-38.00.

New York Dressed Meats

Thursday, February 22
 Compared with Wednesday, prices steady for all fresh meat classes.

Supplies moderate in all divisions with turnover holding slow and general lack of urgency on the part of all outlets.

Steer Beef
 Prime 600-900 pounds 68.50-70.00; Choice 600-700 68.50-70.00; 700-800 68.50-69.50; 800-900 68.00-69.00; Good 500-800 68.50-69.50.

Heifer Beef
 Choice 500-700 pounds 68.00-69.50.

Calf (Skin Off)
 150-350 Pounds
 Choice 82.00-90.00; Good 79.00-86.00; Standard 74.00-78.00.

Veal (Skin Off)
 Choice 90-150 pounds 105.00-112.00; Good 60-90 100.00-107.00; Standard 60-120 84.00-88.00.

Lamb
 Choice and Prime: 30-55 pounds 74.00-76.00; 55-65 71.00-74.00.

Choice Beef Cuts
Hinds (Steer) 145-190 pounds 76.50-79.00; Arm Chucks 90-105 66.00-69.00; Ribs (7-Rib) 34-40 75.00-80.00; Loins (Trmd) 50-70 96.00-98.00; Rounds (Steer) 70-95 78.00-82.00; Full Plates 43.50-44.00; Hinds (Heifer) 120-170 75.50-77.50.

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, February 22
 Compared to previous week's close: Closing prices slaughter steers steady after a mild early weakness recovered on later sessions. Heifers closed strong to 25c higher. Cows were steady to 50c higher after being as much as 1.00 higher at midweek. Bulls 1.00-2.00 higher. Small feeder supply strong to 50c higher.

Four day receipts 14,200 as compared 13,300 previous week and 19,100 a year ago. Slaughter steers approximately 40 percent, fairly liberal percentage Choice and a modest volume High-Choice and Prime, heifers 40 percent, cows 10 percent, feeders 7 percent. Steer prices weakened slightly on the opening session as early demand tempered by a Monday non-slaughter holiday in many plants but this fully recovered in later trading. Moderate supplies well distributed over the trading period. Mud continued to pose a major problem and many cattle were discounted 50-1.25 because of the expected lower dressing percentages and the average cost of all slaughter steers and heifers were estimated to be lowered at a minimum 50c per hundred weight by these discount.

STEERS: Four loads High-Choice and Prime 1067-1121 pounds predominantly 3 44.90-45.00 and twenty loads same grade 1042-1298 3-4 44.35-44.75. Choice 975-1325 2-4 relatively clean 43.00-44.25, mostly Choice but muddy unevenly 41.75-42.75. Mixed Good and Choice 950-1250 2-4 42.25-43.00. Good 39.00-42.25, 2-3 1150-1300 Holsteins 39.00-40.00, load 1350 pounds 41.00. Standard and Low-Good 37.50-39.00.

Average cost slaughter steers first three days 43.02 average weight 1128 pounds as compared 42.40 and 1120 pounds previous week and 35.90 and 1118 pounds a year ago.

HEIFERS: Six loads High-Choice and Prime 911-1027 pounds 3-4 44.00-44.25, moderate volume same grade 873-1078 2-4 43.25-43.85. Choice 850-1050 clean closed 42.00-43.25. Mixed Good and Choice 800-975 41.00-42.00. Good 36.50-41.00. Standard and Low-Good 34.50-36.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 31.00-33.50, a few Utility Dairybreds 34.00. Canner and Cutter 27.00-31.00, Mixed Cutter and Low-Utility 31.25-32.00. Shelly Canner 24.00-26.50.

Fresh Pork Cuts

Loins (Regular) 8-14 pounds 82.00-85.00; 14-17 81.00-83.00; Picnics (Regular) 4-8 51.00-52.50; Boston Butts 4-8 68.00-71.00; Spareribs 3 pounds down 79.00-82.00; Hams (Skinned) 14-17 61.00-63.00; 17-20 61.00-63.00.

Kosher Market

Kosher Steer Beef and Lamb: Mid-week prices strong for both classes.

Futures Trading

Closing bids as of Thursday, February 22

	Chicago Cattle	Chicago Hogs	New York Maine Potatoes	Chicago Fresh Eggs
February				
March			6.75	41.90
April	44.00	35.00	7.25	47.90
May			8.00	44.55
June	44.45	35.70		45.25
July		35.85		46.20
August	43.60	33.25		47.35
September				51.90
October	42.45	35.10		
November			3.55	50.50
December	42.35	29.85		51.50
February '74	42.40	29.45		
April		27.55		

Trend — Cattle are lower, Hogs are stronger, Potatoes are stronger and Eggs are higher.

Peoria Cattle

Thursday, February 22
 Slaughter steer and heifer prices showed moderate increases during the week ending February 24. As compared to last weeks close, slaughter steers and heifers ended fully 50-75 higher. Cows 2.00-3.00 higher. Bulls 1.50-2.00 higher. Supply mainly Choice slaughter steers and heifers, with several loads Choice to Prime steers. Receipts about 80 percent steers, 15 percent heifers, and 5 percent cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: (On Wednesday) High Choice and Prime 1150-1225 pounds 3-4, 44.75-45.50. Choice 975-1150 2-4, 44.75-45.50; 1150-1350 44.25-45.50. Mixed Good and Choice 950-1225 43.75-44.50. Good 41.25-43.75.

BULLS: Utility, Commercial and Good 35.00-38.00, Commercial and Good 1-2 38.50-40.00, an individual 41.00. Cutter and Low-Utility 32.00-35.00.

FEEDERS: Prices strong to 50c higher, outshipments approximately 1,000 head from regular market trading Little change from previous week.

STEERS: Few loads Choice 462-581 pounds 54.00-58.50, load Choice 640 pound 51.25. Load Choice 868 pounds 45.00. Choice 906-1050 42.50-43.00, High-Good and Choice 900-1050 41.50-42.50.

HEIFERS: Two loads Choice 526-599 pounds 46.50-47.00. High-Good and Choice 781-951 39.00-40.00, load 1045 pounds 38.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 800-1025 pounds 2-4, 43.50-44.75. Three loads at latter price. Mixed Good and Choice 750-950 41.25-43.50. Good 39.75-41.25 (on Wednesday).

COWS: (On Wednesday) Commercial 28.50-32.50. Utility 32.00-35.00. High Yielding Utility 35.00-36.00. Couple 37.00 and 37.25. Canner 24.00-28.00. Cutter 28.00-32.50.

BULLS: (On Wednesday) Utility and Commercial 33.00-37.00. Couple High Yielding Utility at 40.00. Individual 40.50.

Oklahoma City

Thursday, February 22
 Estimated Receipts 9,500
 Same Day Last Week 11,144
 Same Day Last Year 9,725

Fairly active, compared to late last week, feeder cattle under 500 pound 1.00-2.00 higher; feeder cattle over 500 pound steady; majority receipts High Good and Choice 375-800 pound steers and 350-650 pound heifers; fairly large attendance buyers; demand broad for all weights and grades with best action centering on thin fleshed offerings suitable for grazing.

Sales as of 12:30 P.M.
FEEDER STEERS: Choice, few Prime 300-400 pound 62.00-70.00, part load 317 pound at 71.30, 400-500 58.00-66.00, small lot 487 pound at 54.30; 500-600 53.50-58.75, few small lots and part loads 500-504 60.00-63.40; 600-700 50.75-56.75; 700-800 50.00-55.00 few 800-850 45.00-50.40, shipment 135 head thin 837 pound steers 51.40, Mixed Good and Choice 300-500 54.00-61.00, 500-660 47.50-54.00

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Good 665-846 pound 42.00-44.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 300-400 pound 51.50-59.00, small lot 300 pound at 63.00; 400-500 48.00-54.75, few part loads 405-436 55.00-56.50; 500-600 45.00-50.00, part load 548 pound at 50.30, few 600-757 44.80-48.00; Mixed Good and Choice 400-500 44.75-49.00.

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Estimated Daily Livestock Under Federal Inspection

	CATTLE	HOGS	SHEEP
Week to date	428,000	1,025,000	124,000
Same period last week	460,000	1,147,000	139,000
Same period last year	434,000	1,156,000	132,000

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