

Special Feeder Sales

Harrisonburg, VA
Tuesday, October 9
423 Head Sold
Steers

Choice and Fancy: 300 - 400 pounds 64.75 - 72.50; 405 - 500 64.00 - 68.50; 505 - 600 58.50 - 66.75.
Good: 300 - 400 pounds 65.00 - 67.00; 405 - 500 64.00 - 65.50; 505 - 600 57.00 - 62.00.
Medium: 350 - 450 pounds 60.50 - 63.50.

Heifers

Choice and Fancy: 300 - 400 pounds 50.00 - 52.50; 405 - 500 50.00 - 53.00.
Good: 300 - 400 pounds 48.00 - 52.00.

Abingdon, VA
Tuesday, October 9
1,003 Head Sold
Steers

Choice and Fancy: 300 - 400 pounds 64.50 - 68.00; 405 - 500 58.00 - 64.50; 505 - 600 55.00 - 58.25.
Good: 300 - 400 pounds 65.50 - 68.00; 405 - 500 57.75 - 64.00; 505 - 600 54.00 - 57.00.
Medium: 300 - 400 pounds 59.50 - 65.50; 405 - 500 50.50 - 60.50; 505 - 600 50.00 - 54.75.

Heifers

Choice and Fancy: 300 - 400 pounds 47.50 - 50.00; 405 - 500 47.00 - 52.00; 505 - 600 45.75 - 47.75.
Good: 300 - 400 pounds 46.00 - 49.75; 405 - 500 47.25 - 48.75; 505 - 600 43.00 - 45.25.
Medium: 300 - 400 pounds 45.25 - 46.25; 405 - 500 43.00 - 44.50.

Monterey, VA
Tuesday, October 9
1,810 Head Sold
Steers

Choice and Fancy: 300 - 400 pounds 68.50 - 71.50; 405 - 500 62.50 - 65.05; 505 - 600 62.00 - 64.00.
Good: 300 - 400 pounds 66.00 - 71.50; 405 - 500 61.00 - 64.25; 505 - 600 61.00 - 62.50.
Medium: 300 - 400 pounds 57.25 - 59.75; 405 - 500 54.25 - 55.75.
Short: 350 - 550 pounds 56.00 - 63.75.

Heifers

Choice and Fancy: 300 - 400 pounds 53.00 - 55.00; 405 - 500 53.00 - 55.25.
Good: 300 - 400 pounds 48.75 - 53.25.
Medium: 300 - 400 pounds 40.00 - 42.00.

True Saying:

Everyone shuns trouble as much as possible, unless of course, it comes disguised as money.

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levels until early next year. Although strong consumer demand and high red meat prices will provide support, broiler prices likely will weaken as usual this fall. Egg prices are expected to strengthen seasonally as the holiday season nears.


Local Crops — Good, But Could Have Been Better

"The corn crop throughout the county is not going to be quite as good as it was last year. We were looking forward to a better than average year, but the extreme heat in August, about 10 or 11 days of it, matured the crop much too soon," according to associate county agent Arnold Lueck. Lueck also noted that corn borer has been about as big a problem as it's ever been. Severe lodging in some parts of the county is expected to hamper harvest efforts.

The county's soybean harvest will no doubt increase this year, Lueck said, but only because more acres were planted. The hot weather which hurt the corn crop also made inroads on soybeans. "The beans just didn't size up the way they should have for an exceptional crop," Lueck commented. As to whether or not beans will stay in the county this year or

sold for cash, the extension agent wouldn't hazard a guess beyond saying that there are more processing facilities now in the county than there were two or three years ago. "If farmers want to feed their beans this year, it'll be easier for them to do so."

Hay and silage crops do look exceptional this year, Lueck said. "We've had beautiful haying weather this year, and we've already harvested a lot of good quality hay."



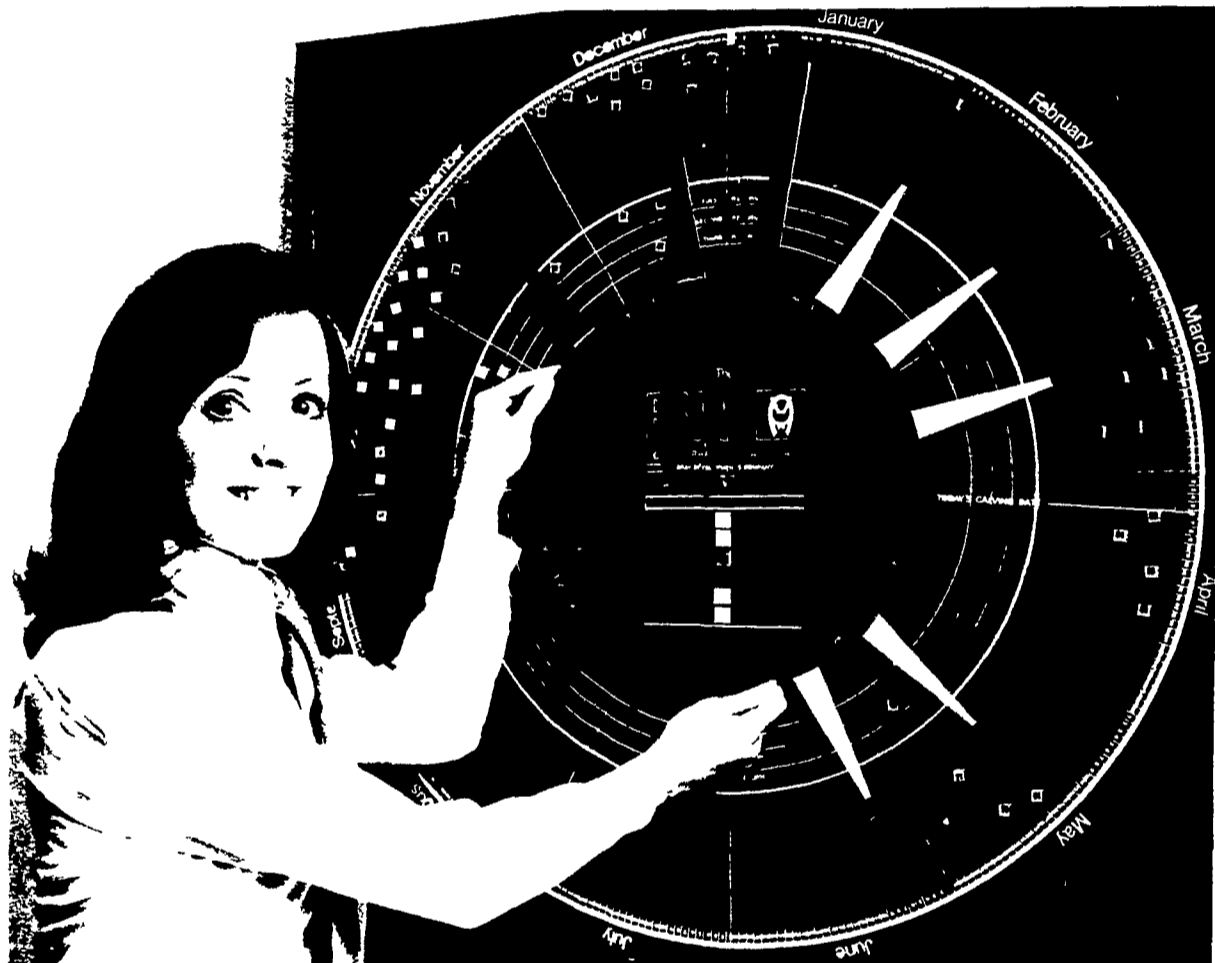
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