

Pa. Auction Summary

Week Ending
January 17, 1975

CATTLE 6041. Compared with 6429 head last week, and 6255 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers mostly steady to 50c lower. Slaughter cows mostly steady. Slaughter bullocks steady to \$1 lower. Slaughter bulls steady to \$2 lower.

STEERS: High Choice & Prime 39.35-40.35, Choice 37.00-40.50, Good 32.00-36.50, Standard 27.75-32.50, Utility 21.00-27.25. **HEIFERS:** Choice 32.50-36.35, Good 28.00-33.75, Standard 23.00-27.25, Utility 17.75-23.50. **COWS:** Utility & High Dressing Cutter 18.00-21.00, Cutters 16.80-19.00, Canners 15.00-17.50, Shells down to 12.00. **BULLOCKS:** Few Choice 32.00-35.00, Good 37.00-32.85, Standard 23.60-27.75, Utility 20.50-24.50. **BULLS:** Yield Grade No. 1 1100-2000 lbs. 25.00-30.00; yield grade No. 2 900-1500 lbs. 21.00-26.00. **FEEDER CATTLE:** Good 300-800 lbs. feeder steers 22.75-28.50, Medium 17.00-25.00; Good 300-700 lbs. feeder heifers 19.75-25.50; Good & Choice 300-750 lbs. feeder bulls 23.00-26.25, Medium 16.50-24.00. **CALVES 3611.** Compared with 4164 head last week, and 3744 head a year ago.

Vealers uneven.

VEALERS: Few Prime 61.00-68.50, Choice 48.00-62.00, Good 39.00-55.00, Standard 28.00-44.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 19.50-30.00, 70-85 lbs. 15.00-21.50. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 21.00-36.00.

HOGS 6813. Compared with 6818 head last week, and 6754 head a year ago. Barrows & Gilts steady to 50c higher.

BARROWS & GILTS: Few US No. 1-2 200-230 lbs. 42.00-43.10, No. 1-3 190-240 lbs. 40.50-42.25, No. 2-3 185-250 lbs. 39.50-41.25, No. 2-4 250-300 lbs. 37.60-39.75, No. 2-4 120-180 lbs. 30.00-39.50.

SOWS: US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. 31.00-36.25, No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 29.75-33.00. Boars 19.75-28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1140. Compared with 1845 head last week, and 1197 head a year ago. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 9.00-23.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 14.00-24.00, No. 1-3 50-85 lbs. 18.50-30.50 per head.

SHEEP 403. Compared with 729 head last week, and 750 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs \$1 to \$4 lower. Choice 70-110 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 37.00-42.30, Good 60-100 lbs. 26.00-38.75, Utility 50-80 lbs. 23.00-31.00. Slaughter ewes 5.00-13.00.

Omaha Cattle

January 23, 1975

Weekly 51 - Cattle - Compared with last weeks close - Slaughter Steers 75-1.00 lower than late the previous week and Heifers 50-75 cents lower. Cows closed weak to 50 cents lower, bulls firm.

Four day receipts 22,900 as compared 19,200 previous week and 25,600 a year ago. Slaughter Steers approximately 37 percent, weeks total, Heifers 27 percent, large share both classes Good to Average-Choice and Mud quite prevalent. Cows 13 percent and Feeders for Thursday Bred Heifer and Cow sale and Friday feeder Auction approximately 20 percent.

STEERS: Several load Choice and Prime 1000-1206 lbs. yield grade 3-4 37.00 Monday. At Midweek, three loads same grade 1159-1215 lbs. yield grade 3-4 36.25-36.50 load 1226 lbs. 36.00 Thursday. Choice 950-1275 lbs. yield grade 2-4 closed 35.00-36.00, load 1400 lbs. yield grade 4 34.00 and load High-Choice and Prime 1440

lbs. yield grade 4-5 31.00 Tuesday. Mixed Good and Choice 950-1250 lbs. late 34.00-35.00. Good 30.50-34.00. Standard and low-Good Holsteins 28.00-30.00.

Average cost Slaughter Steers first three days 35.07 average weight 1115 lbs. as compared 36.38 and 1124 lbs. previous week and 47.84 and 1150 lbs a year ago.

HEIFERS: Early, three loads and part load Choice and Prime 906-1040 lbs. yield grade 3-4 36.35-36.50, several loads 36.00-36.25. Late, two loads and part load same grade 964-1050 lbs. yield grade 3-4 35.25-35.75. Choice 850-1050 lbs. yield grade 2-4 34.00-35.00. Mixed Good and Choice 750-1000 lbs. 32.75-34.00. Good 29.50-33.00. Small Lots Standard and Good 28.00-29.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 15.00-16.00, a few individuals 16.50. Canner and Cutter 11.00-15.25. Shelly Canner 9.00-10.50.

BULLS: Yield grade 1 & 2 1400-2000 lbs. 20.00-23.00, two individuals yield grade 1 24.00.

Leesport Livestock Auction

Leesport, Pa.
January 22, 1975

CATTLE 227. Supply included 68 head feeder cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers 50 cents to \$1 higher. Slaughter cows mostly steady. Few Choice slaughter steers 38.00-41.25, Good 33.25-37.50, Standard 28.60-33.00, couple Utility 23.00-24.25. Few Choice slaughter heifers 33.75-36.00, one at 41.10, couple Good 29.75 and 33.25, two Standard 24.00-24.25. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 18.50-20.85, one at 21.60, Cutters 17.00-18.60, Canners 15.35-16.85. Few Good slaughter bullocks 26.10-30.00, Standard 23.85-25.00. Two Yield Grade No. 1 1405 and 1415 lbs slaughter bulls 24.35 and 25.00. Good 300-750 lbs. feeder steers 24.50-30.00, one at 32.00, few Medium 400-800 lbs. 19.25-21.50; few Medium & Good 250-566 lbs. feeder heifers 19.00-22.00; Medium & Good 265-700 lbs. feeder bulls 20.00-26.00.

CALVES 128. Vealers mostly steady, spots \$2 lower on Standard & Good. Few Choice vealers 50.00-52.00, Good 39.00-50.00, Standard 28.00-40.00, Utility 90-120 lbs. 18.00-28.00, 70-85 lbs. 15.00-18.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 100-110 lbs. 24.00-37.00.

HOGS 161. Barrows & Gilts steady to 25 cents higher. US No. 1-3 195-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 41.75-42.10, No. 2-3 185-250 lbs. 41.25-41.60, one lot No. 2-4 280 lbs. 39.00, No. 2-4 150-180 lbs. 38.35-38.50. Few US No. 1-3 300-445 lbs. sows 32.00-35.50, few No. 2-3 300-620 lbs. 28.75-30.00. Boars 22.00-25.00, one at 28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 141. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 16.00-24.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 26.00-29.00, one lot No. 1-3 60-80 lbs. 32.00, few Utility 15-30 lbs. 11.00-16.00 per head.

SHEEP 3. Individual Choice 95 lbs. woolled slaughter lamb at 45.00, individual Good 85 lbs. at 32.00, one Utility 40 lbs. at 20.00.

Oklahoma City

January 23, 1975

Thursday Feeder Cattle Auction. Estimated Receipts 6,000. Same Day Last Week 8,686.

Slow, Feeder Cattle and Calves steady to 50 cents lower after opening 50 cents to 1.00 lower; majority receipts Mixed Good and Choice and Choice 400-850 lb. Steers and 400-650 lb. Heifers; fairly large attendance buyers with most interests proceeding with extreme caution.

FEEDER STEERS: Choice, few Prime 350-500 lb. 22.25-25.50; 500-800 lb. 24.25-25.90, part load 524 lb. at 23.30; 800-927 lb. 24.50-25.80; Mixed Good and Choice 350-500 lb. 20.25-22.25; 500-700 lb. 21.00-24.00; 700-900 lb. 22.75-24.00; Good 350-500 lb. 17.25-19.25; 500-960 lb. 19.00-22.00; Good 438-706 lb. Holstein Steers 12.00-15.00; few 781-928 lb. 15.50-19.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 350-500 lb. 18.00-22.00; 500-700 lb 19.25-22.00; Mixed Good and Choice 300-500 lb. 15.50-17.75; 500-660 lb. 16.50-18.00; Good 380-600 lb. 13.00-15.50.

Computer Aids Horse Registry

AMARILLO, TX. - On file here are more than one million names, but unlike the Smiths and Joneses listed in a metropolitan phone book, no two are alike.

Because names are the main identifier of registered quarter horses, the American Quarter Horse Association here uses an IBM computer to help search its files when applications are received to assure a name hasn't been assigned already to another animal, living or dead.

Also stored in the computer's vast data base is extensive information about the pedigree, show and racing performance of 1.2 million quarter horses.

That information, now available instantly from computer files at IBM 3277 display terminals, is useful to inquirers who are planning to purchase a horse, or for breeding purposes.

The computer-assisted equine registry, larger than all others in the world combined, makes it possible for the association staff to provide answers to member's questions faster than ever before, according to Don Jones, executive secretary.

"With the system, we can now keep up with the nearly 250,000 registrations and transfers we process each year, as well as over 200,000 show and racing performance record entries," he added. "Previously, we had a backlog of several weeks."

Mr. Jones also pointed out that all the information about a particular horse can be relayed by telephone when association members and others request it. Headquarters personnel handling the calls sit in front of display terminals and

retrieve desired data from computer files instantly.

The registration process begins when owners of quarter horse dams send in application forms after foaling. Besides indicating a suggested name and alternates, the owner lists the horse's color, sex, when and where foaling took place, as well as the registration numbers of the sire and dam.

Association employees enter all this data into an IBM System-370 Model 135. "While this action establishes a file on the newly-registered horse, it also updates information on others," Mr. Jones said. "For example, the breeding record of the owner, sire and dam will be changed to reflect the new data."

The association also uses the computer to keep track of show and racing records earned by each registered quarter horse.

The AQHA racing department here obtains information on the official results at tracks around the country where quarter horses are entered. Last year, this involved almost 10,000 races and nearly 14,000 starters, and those numbers are increasing annually.

After entering the racing data in the computer, past performance charts are generated by the system with not only current data for use at tracks still having meetings, but monthly and annual charts as well.

Another way the computer is used is to check on all performance claims made when advertisements on quarter horses are submitted to the Quarter Horse Journal.

"That way, we can assure the ad claims coincide with the information in our system to make sure our readers are getting the correct data," Mr. Jones said.

Tomato Standards Amended

United States Standards for Grades of Fresh Tomatoes will be amended to include a reference to newly developed visual aids for color requirements, according to an announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

Officials of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) said that the new visual aid consists of a chart containing the color classification section of the grade standards and twelve color photographs illustrating shade and percentage of surface color for tomatoes described as green, breaker, turning, pink, light red, and red. The new visual aid is now available to members of the tomato industry.

Up to now official USDA photographs showing the color requirements of fresh tomatoes, have been available only to Federal and Federal-State inspectors for use in grading tomatoes.

Now fresh tomato shippers, wholesalers, and others can have official USDA visual aids too. The visual aids depicting tomato color standards, developed by The John Henry Co., Lansing, Mich., in cooperation with the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association and with USDA, are made available under USDA license.

The visual aids may be purchased from The John Henry Co., P.O. Box 1410, Lansing, Mich., 48904 for \$4.00 per set. They are not available from USDA.

Copies of the visual aids

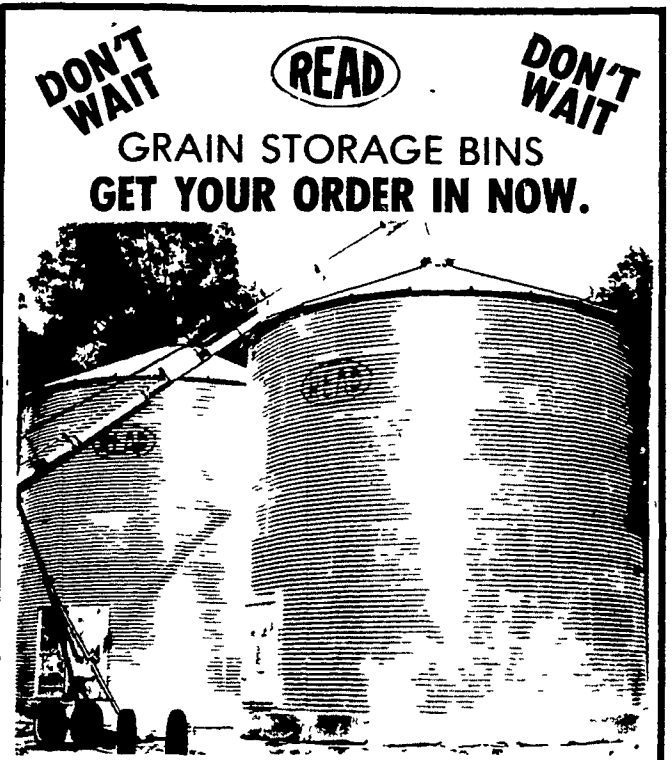
For the Week: Compared to late last week, Feeder Cattle and Calves 2.50-3.50 lower; Slaughter cows in relative good demand and 75 cents to 1.00 higher; demand narrowed on the close for slaughter bulls and these were 1.00-2.00 lower. Salable receipts near 16,500 head compared to 18,842 last week and 17,486 the comparable period a year ago. Cows 17 percent cattle receipts, feeders 80 percent of the total

may be examined in the offices of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, South Building, Washington, D.C., 20250 or in any field office of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grading Service.

AMS establishes grade standards for fruits and vegetables and administers a voluntary grading program on a fee-for-service basis.

The amendment to the grade standards is scheduled to be published in the Jan. 16 Federal Register.

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