

## Chambersburg

Chambersburg, Pa.  
Oct. 9, 1975

**CATTLE 331.** Compared with last Thursday's market, slaughter steers grading Good steady to 75 cents higher. Standard \$1 to \$2 higher. Slaughter cows uneven, 50 cents lower to 50 cents higher. Couple Choice slaughter steers 47.10 and 47.60, Good 40-85-46.25, Standard 34.35-40.00, few Utility 25.00-30.00. Few Choice slaughter heifers 39.75-40.00, few Good 38.75-39.25, Utility 22.50-25.50. Utility & High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 23.00-25.10, one at 27.10, Cutters 21.25-23.35, Canners 18.75-21.35, few Shells down to 16.00. Few Standard slaughter bullocks 29.25-31.00, few Utility 25.60-27.60. Few Yiled Grade No. 1 1100-2000 lbs. slaughter bulls 23.85-30.25.

**CALVES 489.** Vealers about steady. Few Prime vealers 65.50-67.00, Choice 52.50-62.50, Good 40.00-51.00, Standard 29.00-40.00, Utility 90-110 lbs. 21.00-27.50, 70-85 lbs. 16.50-20.50. Farm calves, few holstein bulls 90-110 lbs 23.00-28.00.

**HOGS 93.** Barrows & Gilts about steady. Lot US No. 1-2 225 lbs. barrows & gilts 65.10, No. 1-3 215-230 lbs. 63.60-64.00, lot No. 2-4 315 lbs. 55.00. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows

## LANCASTER FEEDER

Tuesday  
October 14, 1975  
Feeder Pigs

Today 3109  
Two Weeks Ago 2372

**TREND:** Compared to two weeks ago feeder pigs uneven, US 1-2 50-65 lb. and US 2-3 25-50 lb. steady to 8.00 lower, US 1-2 65-85 lb. and US 2-3 50-90 lb. 10.00-20.00 lower. All prices on a per hundred weight basis.

US 1-2 49-58 lb. 122.00-131.00; 60-68 lb. 110.00-123.00, 136 Head 62-65 lb. 130.00-137.50, 51 head 71½ lb. 107.50, 78-88 lb. 86.00-88.00.

US 2 33-38 lb. 140.00-149.00, 98 head 42-56 lb. 127.00-131.00, 52-61 lb. 102.00-121.00, 60-68 lb. 88.50-98.00.

US 2-3 29 head 27-28 lb. 151.00-153.00, 30-44 lb. 131.00-143.00, 42-50 lb. 106.00-127.00, 50-55 lb. 98.00-108.00, 59 head 51-52 lb. 115.00-119.00, 60-67 lb. 92.00-98.00, 28 head 81-89 lb. 76.00-82.00.

52.00-57.25. Few Boars 41.00-43.00.

**FEEDER PIGS 129.** US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 27.00-41.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 40.50-52.50, Utility 20-35 lbs. 18.00-27.50 per head.

**SHEEP 33.** Few Good 70-85 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 31.50-34.50. Slaughter ewes 10.00-17.50.

## Existence of The Cowboy Was Limited

The cowboy of the Old West really only existed for about 40 or 50 years, from the end of the Civil War to the beginning of the 20th Century

Longhorns, or "critters," as they were called by their owners and handlers had the ability to stay alive on lands that would leave their English cousins, the Herefords and Angus, bawling for supper

At first, no one owned these animals, so the man who branded them was the man who drove them to market and sold them. Many a Texas mogul got his start "moon-shining" cattle. It took a tough breed of man to catch the wily Longhorns and lay a branding iron on them at night. And cowboys were tough.

The term "cowboy" was used for the 12-to-15-year-olds who were employed to drive the cattle to market after they were herded out of the mesquite. Young boys were used because they worked cheap, often for as little as food plus \$5 a month. The gaunt Longhorns, virtually worthless as meat animals, were valued more for their hides, horns, hooves and tallow. Few cattlemen could afford to pay grown men \$25 to \$30 a month to drive cattle to market.

## Many Different Bees, Frolics Combined Labors with Pleasure

There was little time for leisure activities when American agriculture was in its infancy. But farm families did gather for various special occasions to combine cooperative work with being neighborly.

Over a year, no less than a dozen or more different types of "frolics" or "bees" might be held. Here are a few of them.

**Raisins** — to erect new buildings, ranging from a house for newly-weds to a larger barn.

**Log-Rolling** — Teams of men armed with log hooks pulled large trees onto piles for burning after a farmer cleared a new field.

**Stump-Pulling Frolic** — Usually followed a log-rolling to remove stumps from a new field.

**Husking Bee** — Usually the most popular of such gatherings, two captains selected competing teams to see who could husk the most corn. "They set in husking with all of their might. When one side found themselves sure of victory, they picked up their captain on their shoulders and began a most frightening screaming."

**Butchering Bee** — Neighbors gathered on a farm at four in the morning to find huge log fires burning and the livestock already butchered. On a late November day, the meat was cut up, sausage made, lard rendered, scrapple made, the hams and bacon smoked. A couple of tons of meat might be so prepared



with each family taking home a good supply.

**Apple-Paring Bee** — Held in the kitchen, apples were pared, cored, cut into thin discs, strung on linen thread and hung from the rafters to dry.

**Apple Butter Bee** — Young couples of courting age usually took part, stirring the large kettle of butter with a long wood paddle.

**Spinning Bees** — The farm wife pitted her skill and endurance against the neighboring women to see who could spin the most skeins from sunup to sunset.

**Kicking Bees** — Groups of barefooted men saw in a circle on benches. Hot soap suds were poured on new woolen

cloth spread on the floor. The men kicked the cloth for three hours or more to soften and shrink the material.

**Lime Frolics** — To haul the lime from distant kilns.

**Quilting parties** — Women would gather before a roaring fire to sew the massive heavy quilts needed over long, cold winters.

**Breaking-Out Bees** — As many as fifteen head of oxen might be yoked to a massive plow to open snow-blocked roads.

**Dung Frolic** — Held only occasionally, a farmer would invite his neighbors to help remove many years of accumulated livestock manure when he found that access was completely blocked to the barn.



Cattle are counted by the head, laborers by the hands, soldiers by the arms and diners by the cover.

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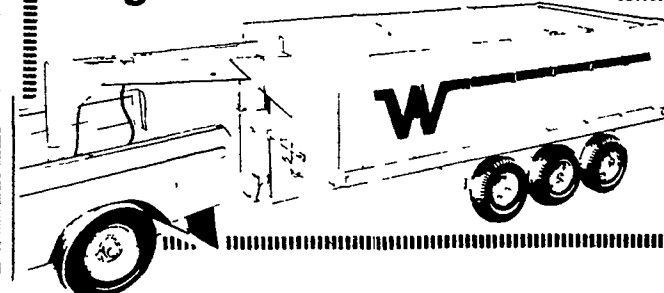
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