

Chambersburg

Chambersburg, Pa.
Oct. 16, 1975

CATTLE 296. Compared with last Thursday's market, slaughter steers grading Standard and Good about steady. Slaughter cows strong to 75 cents higher. One Choice slaughter steer at 46.85, Good 41.00-45.50, Standard 33.50-40.75, few Utility 27.25-32.75. Couple Good slaughter heifers at 40.50, few Standard 34.50-35.50, few Utility 25.00-29.00. Utility and High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 23.50-25.85, couple to 26.50, Cutters 21.60-23.85, Canners 18.85-21.60, Shells down to 16.00. Individual Good slaughter bullock at 31.25, few Standard 28.35-31.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1150-1550 lbs. slaughter bulls 25.50-30.00.

CALVES 426. Vealers \$2.50 to \$5 higher. Few Prime vealers 65.00-70.00, Choice 55.00-67.00, Good 45.00-55.00, Standard 35.50-45.00, Utility 90-110 lbs. 24.50-29.00, 70-85 lbs. 20.00-24.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 100-110 lbs. 25.50-28.00.

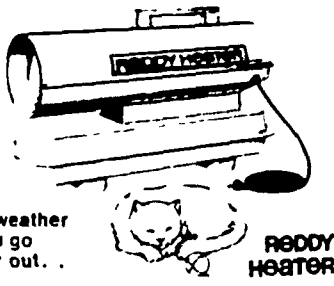
HOGS 92. Barrows and gilts \$6 to \$7 lower. US No. 1-3 210-225 lbs. barrows and gilts 56.35-57.50, few No. 2-3 230-240 lbs. 55.75-56.00. US No. 1-3 300-575 lbs. sows 50.00-54.00.

FEEDER PIGS 83. US No. 1-3 (lot) 15 lbs. feeder pigs at 19.00 per head, No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. 29.50-38.50, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 38.00-47.00 per head.

SHEEP 38. Good 70-95 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 33.00-38.50. Few Slaughter ewes 10.50-13.50.

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Heifers - High Choice and Prime 40.00-42.75; Good to Choice 38.00-39.50; Good 35.00-37.50; Standard Good 30.00-34.00; Holsteins Good 28.00-29.50; Standard Good 24.00-27.00.

Feeder Steers - Good and Choice 37.00-39.25; Standard Good 34.00-35.75; Utility 24.00-30.00.

Bulls - Good and Choice Commercial 32.00-35.00; Standard to Good 30.00-31.50; Utility to Standard 22.00-28.00.

Cows - High Yearling Commercial 25.00-26.50; Cutters 24.00-24.75; Canners Low Cutters 22.00-23.50; Shells 12.00-20.00.

CALVES 192 Calves - Choice and Prime 60.00-63.50; Good and Choice 55.00-58.50; Standard and Good 48.00-54.00; Utility to Good 110-140 lbs. 35.00-44.00; Utility 90-110 lbs. 28.00-34.00; Culls 5.00-20.00.

HOGS 147 Hogs - U.S. No. 1 and 2, 190-220 lbs. 59.50-60.00; U.S. No. 1 and 3, 190-230 lbs. 59.00-59.25; U.S. No. 1 and 3, 180-250 lbs. 58.50-58.75.

Sows - 250-375 lbs. 48.00-50.00; 400-500 lbs. 45.00-47.00. Boars - 300-500 lbs. 40.00-44.00.

SHEEP 8 Lambs - Good to Choice 40.00-45.00; Medium and Good 30.00-38.00. Ewes - 6.00-18.00.

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Even into the mid-1800's, cradling was still the general method of grain harvesting. A skilled cradler averaged about 2 to 2½ acres a day. But a champion Pennsylvania cradler was put to the test. From sunup to sunset one day, he cradled 12½ acres, harvesting 1,380 sheaves of wheat. When flailed, it yielded 262 bushels of grain. The one man kept four other men busy binding the sheaves behind him.

Some large farmers used horses to thresh grain. On one farm, 24 horses were hitched in four spans of six each and were trotted over wheat sheaves in a circle 400 feet in circumference. A total of 416 bushels of wheat were so threshed in a single day. It seems the threshing overseer had a bet with a neighboring farmer.

Sickles were used in the 1700's to cut wheat. Upwards of 100 people might be found working in a single field. One day, 20 acres of wheat were cut and sheaved by noon.

Rum or 'schnaps' - pure rye whiskey - was served as refreshment throughout a har-

vesting day. One farmer accustomed to the tradition made a bet in a Philadelphia tavern that he could drink a gallon of Cyder Royall within an hour and a half. He did and after exclaiming, 'I finished it,' fell down and expired.

While most early livestock was seriously neglected, a fat cattle craze developed between 1790 and 1830. Animals were force fed year-round with Indian corn meal, ground oats, potatoes, pumpkins and hay just to see how large a specimen could be raised. About 1800, one farmer exhibited an ox six feet high weighing more than 3,000 pounds. Another had a six-year-old steer weighing 2,387 pounds.

After metal plows became perfected, contests were held. One noteworthy accomplishment was the 'ploughing' of three sixteenths of an acre of herd and timothy sward seven inches deep in 24 minutes.

Even the size of family gatherings became somewhat competitive. Large families were practical to provide the labor needed on a farm and families of 16 to 18 children were common. Some gatherings included 150 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

One farmer proclaimed his good fortune to have his wife have twins, his cow two calves and his ewe two lambs all in one night in the month of March.



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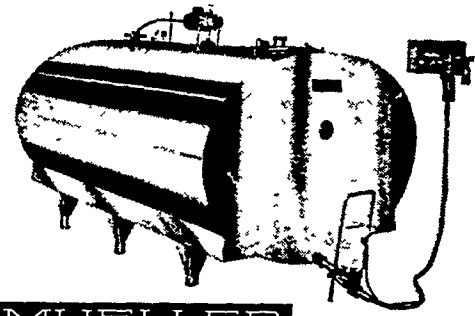
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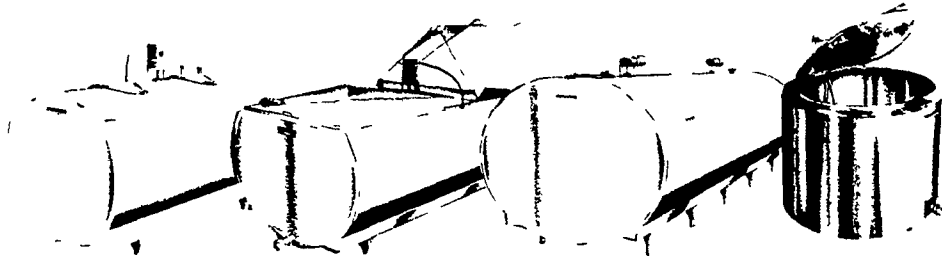
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