

Livestock market

Carlisle Auction

January 4, 1977

CATTLE 255. Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter steers \$1 to \$3 higher. Slaughter cows 50 cents to \$1.50 lower. Choice slaughter steers 39.75-40.75, Good 36.10-39.75, Standard 31.50-35.50, Utility 26.25-29.50. Choice slaughter heifers 36.85-38.50, Good 34.35-35.25, Utility and

Standard 25.50-28.25. Utility and High Dressing Cutter slaughter cows 25.50-26.75, one at 27.35, Cutters 22.85-25.25, Canners 20.10-22.60, Shells down to 18.85. Few Good slaughter bullocks 33.10-33.75, few Standard 30.25-31.25.

CALVES 172. Vealers weak to \$3 lower. Prime vealers 65.00-69.00, Choice 49.50-56.00, Good 36.00-47.25, Standard and Good 110-130 lbs. 34.00-39.00, 90-110 lbs. 26.00-33.00, Utility and Standard 65-90 lbs. 18.00-27.00.

HOGS 233. Barrows and

gilts \$1 to \$3 lower. US no. 1-2, 200-235 lbs. barrows and gilts 38.25-39.00, No. 1-3 200-245 lbs. 37.60-38.25, No. 2-3 200-260 lbs. 33.75-36.00. US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. sows 32.50-35.00, No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 22.00-29.50. Boars at 18.50.

FEEDER PIGS 234. US No. 1-3 20-30 lbs. feeder pigs 14.00-19.00 per head, No. 1-3 30-40 lbs. 20.00-23.00, No. 1-3 50-60 lbs. 25.00-27.50 per head.

SHEEP 10. Individual Choice woolled slaughter lamb at 52.00, Good 70-95 lbs. 42.50-45.50.



Now is the time

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from any County Agent's office. Both the salt and mineral containers should be under roof in order to keep them from getting wet and then harden. Don't impede efficiency because of the lack of either salt or minerals.

TO MARKET CATTLE BY FINISH - NOT WEIGHT

Some feeders are keeping their cattle too long and end up with cattle carrying too much excess fat. Under present grading standards cattle values are determined upon the carcass grade as well as the yield grade; this means that some cattle only weighing around 1,000 pounds could be finished enough to grade Choice and give a Yield Grade of No. 2 or No.3. To keep this kind of

cattle until they weigh several hundred pounds more, means higher cost of gains and worth less per pound on the market. Large, framey cattle may need to be fed until they weigh at least 1200 pounds in order to grade properly; therefore, we suggest that feeders sort and market cattle according to their amount of finish, rather than by weight alone.

TO CONTROL WEEDS

IN ALFALFA

Winter-time weeds may be hurting some alfalfa fields in this part of the state; even under the snow we can get growth of such weeds as chickweed. When temperatures are below freezing it is not possible to spray work; however, growers should be alert to the fact that some fields may be getting hurt because of the weed growth. Fall and early winter is the best time to spray for winter weeds in alfalfa. With the high values of alfalfa hay (\$70 to \$90 per ton) it is worthwhile to make every effort to produce maximum tons per acre. Too many weeds on the field next spring will surely reduce yields. We suggest that growers refer to the Agronomy Guide for additional information, or contact their local custom spray applicator.

TO BENEFIT FROM STATE FARM SHOW
The big event in Penn-

sylvia agriculture this month is the State Farm Show; there are many reasons for attending this huge display besides eating baked potatoes and hoagies. I realize that many farmers attend to see the new machinery, or to see their favored specie of livestock judged; this is quite acceptable and makes the day worthwhile. In addition, I'd suggest that active farmers attend and participate in some of the state-wide meetings and banquets that are held during the week. Many of these are quite educational and promote various farm products. Also, to the non-farm family we recommend taking the youngsters to the show in order to see the many kinds of animals and farm products. It can be a real educational visit for any family, and all under one roof in the dead of winter.



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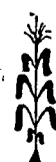
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