

Livestock market and auction news

Pa. Auction Summary

January 27, 1978

CATTLE 6500. Compared with 6081 head last week, and 7524 head a year ago. Compared with last Friday's market, slaughter steers grading High Choice & Prime steady to \$1 lower, Standard and Good steady to \$2 higher; slaughter heifers 50c-\$2 lower; slaughter cows mostly weak to \$1 lower; slaughter bullocks steady to strong; slaughter bulls uneven. **STEERS:** High Choice and Prime 45.75-48.50, Choice 2-4, 42.00-47.85, Good 38.00-43.00, Standard 34.00-38.00, few Utility 29.00-35.00. **HEIFERS:** Choice 37.00-42.00, Good 33.00-38.00, Standard 28.00-33.00, few Utility 26.00-30.00. **COWS:** Utility & Commercial 28.50-32.85, few 33.50, Cutters 27.00-31.25, Canner and Low Cutter 24.00-28.50, few Shells 18.00-24.00. **BULLOCKS:** Few Choice 38.50-42.50, Good 36.00-40.00, few Standard 31.00-36.00. **BULLS:** Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2200 lbs. 35.00-39.50, few 41.75; Yield Grade No. 2, 900-1600 lbs. 32.00-35.50. **FEEDER**

CATTLE: Good & Choice 300-700 lbs. steers 32.00-40.00, medium & Good 400-900 lbs. 28.00-37.00; Good & Choice 300-700 lbs. heifers 25.00-33.50; Good & Choice 400-700 lbs. bulls 27.00-38.00.

CALVES 4215. Compared with 3759 head last week, and 4987 head a year ago. Vealers mostly \$2-\$3 lower.

VEALERS: Few Prime 74.00-88.50, Choice 65.00-75.00, few 83.00, Good 52.00-68.00, Standard & Good 110-

130 lbs. 43.00-60.00, 90-110 lbs. 39.00-47.00, Standard 70-90 lbs. 30.00-41.00, few 45.00, Utility 50-95 lbs. 19.00-30.00. **FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 42.00-58.00; few Holstein heifers 85-115 lbs. 42.00-50.00.

HOGS 7585. Compared with 7175 head last week and 6656 head a year ago. Barrows & gilts mostly 25c-\$1 lower. **BARROWS & GILTS:** US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 47.50-49.00, few 50.00, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 46.00-47.75, No. 2-3 190-260 lbs. 43.00-46.00, few No. 2-4 260-325 lbs. 38.00-43.00, No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 36.00-42.00. **SOWS MOSTLY STEADY.** US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. 35.00-42.00, No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 29.00-37.00. **BOARS** 22.00-30.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1383. Compared with 1508 head last week, and 1394 head a year ago. Feeder pigs mostly steady to \$1 higher. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 13.00-26.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 24.00-32.00, No. 1-3 50-85 lbs. 29.00-34.50, Utility 25-75 lbs. 10.00-23.00 per head. **GRADED FEEDER PIGS** 1634. Compared with 1508 head last week. **ALL SALES PER HUNDREDWEIGHT.** Feeder pigs were uneven, extremes \$7 higher to \$4 lower. US No. 1-2 30-50 lbs. 77.50-93, lot 95.00, 50-65 lbs. 67.50-90, lot 99.00, 65-95 lbs. 56.00-68; No. 2-3 30-45 lbs. 63.00-79, 45-60 lbs. 46.00-78; Utility 25-50 lbs. 45.00-50.00.

SHEEP 316. Compared with 274 head last week, and 453 head a year ago. Woolled slaughter lambs mostly steady. **LAMBS:** Choice 70-115 lbs. 57.00-65.00, Good 60-100 lbs. 50.00-60.50. Slaughter ewes 15.00-25.00.

200-250 lbs. 45.00-45.50, No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 42.50-44.50. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 36.00-38.00. **BOARS** 26.00-27.00.

FEEDER PIGS 27. Few lots US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 16.00-20.00 per head.

SHEEP 5. Few Choice 60-100 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 47.50-60.50.

Omaha Cattle

February 2, 1978

CATTLE: Compared with the previous week's close.

Closing prices on slaughter steers were unevenly firm to 50c higher, and heifers closed 25-50c higher. Cows were firm to 50c higher, and bulls firm, instances 50-1.00 higher.

Four day receipts 13,000 as compared 14,100 previous week and 12,300 a year ago. Weather was a dominating factor in the livestock trade during the week under review. Paralyzing snow storms in the midwest and eastern sections of the country virtually halted movement of carcass beef into eastern terminals for a time, and the resulting shortage of rolling stock slowed kill rates early. Local slaughter supplies were still of modest proportions, but the overall finish was not particularly attractive most days. There was a predominance of good to average - choice and a modest showing choice and prime. Slaughter steers made up approximately 40 per cent and heifers 39 per cent. Cows comprised 11 per cent and feeders 8 per cent.

STEERS: Three loads

choice with few prime 2-3 1293-1530 lbs. 45.25-45.50, highest locally since late December. Eight loads choice and prime 3-4 some with moderate amount of mud 44.25-44.75, load mostly 4 with end 5 1293 lbs. 44.50. Choice 2-4 975-1350 lbs. closed 43.50-44.50, those at 43.50-43.75 often carrying considerable mud. Mixed good and choice 2-4 975-1250 lbs. 42.50-43.50. Good 2-3 38.50-42.50. Standard and good 2-3 37.00-38.00.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations, for choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week 43.78; choice 1100-1300 lbs. 44.02. Average weight first three days 1139 lbs. as compared 1137 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers first three days 992 lbs. as compared 982 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: Eight loads and part loads choice and prime 3-4 975-1112 lbs. 43.25-43.35, a few head 43.50.

Choice 2-4 875-1100 lbs. closed 41.50-43.00. Mixed good and choice 850-1000 lbs. 40.50-41.75. Good 2-3 36.50-40.00. Standard and good 2-3 34.00-35.50.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 28.50-30.00, few 30.50-31.00. Canner and cutter 25.00-28.50, some mixed cutter and utility 28.75-29.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1300-2000 lbs. 32.00-36.00, several individual 137.00-38.00.

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