

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

February 9, 1978

CATTLE - Compared with the previous week's close—

Closing prices on slaughter steers were 50-1.00 higher, the greatest advance usually on Choice; Heifers closed 50-75 cents higher, instances 1.00 up. Cows were mostly 50 cents higher and bulls firm.

Four day receipts 12,600 as compared 13,100 previous week and 14,300 a year ago. Fed cattle prices advanced under the bullish effects of moderate marketings even in the face of severe transportation problems resulting from another brutal snowstorm which paralyzed much of the eastern part of the country. Much of the price upturn locally was registered at midweek in a forced trade on meager supplies. Demand was fairly good during the period, however, as most interests came into the week with modest live inventories on hand. The overall finish of the steer and heifer supply was not particularly attractive with a predominance of good to average choice, and mud was a continuing problem. Steers made up ap-

proximately 37 pct and heifers 37 pct. cows comprised 12 pct. and feeders 13 pct.

STEERS: Load choice with end prime predominantly 3 1080 lbs. 46.00, highest locally since April 1976. Choice 2-4 975-1300 lbs. relatively clean closed 44.50-45.00, some mostly choice but carrying considerable mud 44.00-44.25. Mixed Good and choice 2-3 950-1250 lbs. 43.50-44.50. Good 2-3 39.00-43.25, load 1286 lb. holsteins 40.00. Standard and Good 2-3 37.50-39.00.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations, for choice 900-1100 lb steers this week 44.68; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 44.85. Average weight steers first three days 1144 lbs. as compared 1139 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers first three days 992 lbs. as compared 992 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: Late, part load Choice and Prime 3-4 1021 lbs. and load Choice 3 1008 lbs. 44.00. Modest volume choice and prime 3-4 982-1061 lbs. 43.50-43.85, during week. Choice 2-4 850-1050 lbs. closed 42.00-43.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1050 lbs. 41.50-42.50. Good 2-3 37.00-41.00. Standard and Good 2-3 35.00-36.50.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 29.00-31.00, few

31.25-31.50. Canner and cutter 26.00-29.00, Mixed cutter and utility 29.25-29.50.

BULLS: 1-2 1300-1800 lbs. 32.50-36.50, individual 1 37.00-38.00.

St. Louis Cattle

National Stockyards
February 9, 1978

Receipts this week 7,900
Week Ago 7,700
Year Ago 9,200

Compared to the previous weeks close, mixed choice and prime steers fully .50-75 higher, instances 1.00-1.25 higher. Choice and below grades steady to .50 higher. Slaughter heifers fully .50-75 higher. Cows 1.00-1.50 higher. Bulls fully 1.00 higher. Supply mainly choice 2-4 1025-1200 steers, with several loads choice and prime on Monday; around 25 per cent heifers and 15 per cent cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed choice and prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 44.50-45.25, mostly 45.00-45.25, load 45.50 and load 46.00 on Monday. Choice 2-4 950-1250 lbs. 42.50-45.00, closing sales 42.50-44.00. Mixed good and choice 2-4 900-1225 lbs. 41.50-43.50, closing mostly 41.50-43.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 1125-1275 lb. holsteins 38.50-39.00. Load 1175 lbs. at 39.35. Good 2-3 900-1200 lbs. 38.50-42.00. Standard to good 2-3 1050-1325 lb. holsteins 35.00-38.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed choice and prime 2-4 900-1025 lbs. 43.00-43.50. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 41.00-43.00. Mixed good and choice 2-4 700-975 lbs. 39.50-41.50. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 35.50-39.50.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 29.00-32.00,

closing 30.00-32.00. Boning utility 1-2 31.00-33.00, closing 32.50-33.00. Cutter 1-2 27.50-31.00, closing 28.50-31.50. Canner and low cutter 1-2 25.00-28.50.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1050-1700 lbs. 31.00-37.00, closing 32.00-37.00; yield grade 1 1300-1900 lbs. 37.00-38.00, closing at 38.00.

FEEDERS: (Including around 2,000 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers 1.00-2.00 lower, feeder heifers uneven, generally weak to 2.00 lower except limited volume choice over 600 lbs. firm to 1.00 higher. Demand light to moderate. Supply mainly choice and mixed good and choice 400-800 lb. steer and 350-600 lb. heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Choice 375-500 lbs. 47.00-50.25, lot high choice thin 354 lbs. 53.50. Choice 500-600 lbs. 45.00-47.50; 600-700 lbs. 43.75-45.25; 700-800 lbs. 42.00-44.00, few lots 850-975 lbs. 42.25-42.75 mixed good and choice and some choice compact 350-550 lbs. 43.50-46.75. Few good 375-550 lbs. 40.00-44.25. Couple lots standard and good 750-900 lb. holsteins 37.25-38.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 300-600 lbs. 38.00-41.25; 650-750 lbs. 38.75-40.75. Mixed good and choice and some choice compact 300-500 lbs. 35.00-38.00. Few lots good 375-500 lbs. 33.00-36.00.

Lively Story

The city editor has just been informed that a wire had fallen across Main Street in a storm. He assigned two reporters to the story. "No one knows whether the wire is live or not," the editor explained. "So one of you is to touch it and the other write the story."

Cod liver oil good for chickens

UNIVERSITY PARK - Small flocks of egg laying chickens have a tendency to go through a Winter slump in egg production. This can be prevented by keeping them in a warm, insulated chicken house, giving them 14 to 16 hours of light each day and feeding them cod liver oil in addition to laying mash.

Cod liver oil was used by early settlers in America to keep layers producing sound-shelled eggs all Winter.

Cod liver oil or any fish oil has several advantages for layers. First, it gives them a shot of energy from the oil. This oil is metabolized like fats and helps keep the birds producing eggs all Winter.

Second, the oil contains Vitamin A used by birds to build and repair tissue inside the gut where the layer must be healthy to produce eggs. Oil also contains Vitamin D3

which is needed for healthy bone formation and egg shell formation.

Third, the fish oil lubricates the gut and the egg depositing organ at the lower end of the oviduct which makes laying eggs easier for the bird.

Some poultrymen feel cod liver oil has small quantities of other nutrients like iodine and some unidentified factors that also help egg production. Oil in feed causes birds to eat more feed also.

One pint of cod liver oil should be fed to each 100 layers once a week by mixing it into a two day supply of feed or pouring it on top of laying mash in the feed hopper in one thin line. Some poultrymen with small flocks find a pressure squirt oil can works well in laying a thin line of cod liver oil on top of feed.

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Babcock B-300V	6.07	6.74	256.1	275.7	3.1	1.0	2.36	2.33
Shaver 288	5.52	6.27	245.5	273.1	5.2	3.0	2.44	2.44
DeKalb XL	5.85	5.96	253.3	275.7	2.1	3.0	2.43	2.59
Hisex	6.04	6.43	258.8	268.3	4.2	7.0	2.43	2.36



IMPORTANT NOTICE: We have received several questions concerning Babcock's showing in European Egg Laying tests as advertised in this paper. The Babcock B-300V was not entered in the recently completed Wissinkenke and Putten Laying Tests.

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