

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

April 6, 1978

CATTLE: Compared with

previous week's close - closing prices on average - good to prime slaughter steers were weak to 25 cents lower. Holsteins steady. Heifers closed mostly steady

to firm, instances 25 cents higher, aside from a 25 cents lower peak on choice and prime. Cows were steady to weak, bulls firm, instances 1.00 higher. A modest volume fleshy two-way steers sold 50-1.00 lower early.

Four Day Receipts 14,300 as compared 14,800 Previous Week and 12,600 a year ago. Fed cattle prices turned rather sharply downward on the initial session in reflection of a bearish carcass trade late the previous week, but most of the early decline was recovered later as strong seller resistance developed and marketings were curtailed. Most buying interests were aggressive for numbers at midweek to meet immediate requirements as early inventories became used up. The overall finish of the steer and heifer supply has shown some slight improvement over the past few weeks and mud has become somewhat less of a trade factor. Slaughter steers

made up approximately 43 per cent of the week's total and heifers 30 per cent. Cows comprised 11 per cent and feeders 14 per cent.

STEERS: Two loads and part loads choice and prime 3-4 1104-1188 lbs. 52.75-53.00 at midweek. Choice 2-4 975-1250 lbs. 51.25-52.75. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1250 lbs. 49.50-51.50. Good 2-3 46.00-49.50. Standard and Good 2-3 43.50-45.00. Several loads good and choice 2-3 1200-1350 lb. holsteins 45.50-47.50 forepart of week.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations, for choice 900-1100 lbs. steers this week 51.55; choice 1100-1300 lbs. 51.88. Average weight steers first three days 1142 lbs. as compared 1125 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers first three days 972 lbs. as compared 967 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: Three loads and part loads choice and prime 3-4 984-1072 lbs. 51.00. Choice 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 48.50-50.50. Mixed good and choice

2-3 850-1000 lbs. 47.00-48.50. Good 2-3 42.00-46.50. Small lots standard and good 2-3 40.00-42.00.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 35.00-37.50, few 38.00. Cutter 33.50-35.50, Canner and cutter (low) 31.50-34.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1300-2000 lbs. 39.00-43.50, individual 1 44.00-45.00.

FEEDERS: Few loads choice 950-1025 lbs. two way steers 49.00-50.00.

41.75, few standard 37.25-38.25. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 35.75-39.00, few to 42.50, Cutters 34.00-37.00, Canners & low cutters 29.25-34.00, Shells down to 25.75. 1 Good slaughter bullock 43.00, few Utility 36.25-36.50. Yield Grade No. 1 1200-2180 lbs. slaughter bulls 43.40-46.10, 1 at 47.90 few Yield Grade No. 2 1300-1500 lbs. 39.25-42.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good & Choice 600-900 lbs. steers 43.75 43.75-47.00, Good & Choice 400-600 lbs. heifers 39.50-41.50, Med. 300-650 lbs. 35.50-40.00.

CALVES 470. Vealers \$3-10 higher. Few Prime vealers 79.00-86.50, Choice 70.00-80.00, Good 60.00-76.00, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 49.00-62.00, 90-110 lbs. 45.00-50.00, Standard 70-90 lbs. 43.00-47.00, Utility 60-80 lbs. 35.00-41.00.

FARM CALVES: 90-120 lbs. 48.00-64.50, Holstein heifers 90-115 lbs. 48.00-58.00, 115-200 lbs. 68.00-84.00.

HOGS 109. Barrows and

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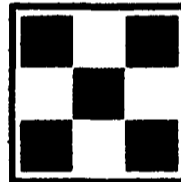
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CATTLE 545. Compared with last Thursday's market, slaughter steers \$1 to \$2.50 lower. Slaughter cows steady to \$1 lower. Slaughter bulls fully \$1 higher. Choice YG 950-1300 lbs. 47.00-51.10, 1 at 51.90. Good 41.00-47.25, Standard 37.00-41.30, Utility 35.00-37.00. Few Choice YG 750-1000 lbs. slaughter heifers 43.25-45.00, few Good 40.00-



STAYING COMPETITIVE WILL BE THE ANSWER.

REPEAT — STAY COMPETITIVE. ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THINGS WILL BE TIGHT THE NEXT 24 MONTHS, WITH EGG PRICES HOVERING AROUND THE BREAK EVEN POINT FOR PRODUCERS.



1. Good sanitation, insect control, treatment of infection and disease, worming and rodent control all have to be carried on continuously for healthy birds and healthy profits.
2. Simply stated, good pullets peak high; poor ones do not.
3. The move from the pullet house to the layer house can be in some cases a severe stress and depress that potential.
4. A few chickens saved or lost certainly influences the potential return of the house.
5. Since feed intake is a poor guide for pre-peak layers we must seek a substitute and the best substitute is in house temperature.
6. Feed intake and performance fortification levels - The Purina Laying Chow Bio-Rating gives the relative fortification of amino acid, vitamins and minerals. Bio Layena 100 is the base product. For example, Bio Layena 114 contains 7% more

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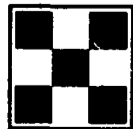
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7. Failure to reach the highest level of production and to maintain high levels many times is due to disease. Therefore it is essential that prior to this time the flocks should have received sufficient vaccination properly administered to provide full and complete resistance.

CONCLUSION:

Nutritional programs and management practices during housing through 36 weeks of age can have considerable effect on peak and subsequent performance. It is our challenge to start with a quality pullet and do nothing that harms its "performance potential". But too we must be concerned about not feeding excesses of nutrients that are costly and hurt income potential.

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