

Livestock market and auction news

Letters to the Editor

Oklahoma Cattle

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68.90; 600-700 lb. 58.00-62.50, two part loads 614-627 lb. 63.00-63.20; 700-800 lb. 57.00-60.75; 800-960 lb. 56.50-59.50; mixed good and choice 300-500 lb. 63.00-64.00; 500-600 lb. 54.00-58.50; 600-800 lb. 54.50-56.75; package 863 lb. 55.70; few good 300-500 lb. 56.00-

59.25; package 696 lb. 50.25; few good 700-940 lb. holstein steers 52.75-53.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 400-500 lb. 56.00-60.00; 500-700 lb. 54.00-56.25; three part loads 554-610 lb. 56.75-57.00; few 700-870 lb. 54.00-55.75; mixed good and choice 400-600 lb. 54.00-55.50; part load 685 lb. at 50.90; good 400-750 lb. 47.00-49.25.

FOR THE WEEK: Compared to late last week feeder cattle and calves

closed 1.00-2.00 higher; slaughter cows closed .50-1.00 higher, late sales utility and commercial 2-3 37.25-41.50, cutter 1-3 33.75-37.50; bulls mostly 1.00 higher, late sales yield grade 1-2 1000-1700 lb. 44.00-48.00; salable receipts near 29,400 head, compared to 23,605 head last week and 22,243 head the same week a year ago. Cows and bulls near 8 per cent of cattle receipts, feeders near 92 per cent of the total.

Steers good and choice 350-800 lbs. 48.00-55.75, Med. 325-850 lbs. 43.00-48.00. Good and choice 300-700 lbs. heifers 45.00-52.00.

CALVES 168. Vealers grading good and choice unevenly steady, standard \$1.00-3.00 higher. Choice 73.00-86.00, Good 68.00-75.00, a few standard & good 110-130 lbs. 61.00-70.00, 90-110 lbs. 54.00-63.00, 70-90 lbs. 50.00-57.50, Utility 55-135 lbs. 39.00-50.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 66.00-90.00. Holstein heifers 80-100 lbs. 63.50-75.00, beef cross bulls and heifers, 80-120 lbs. 55.00-75.00.

HOGS 150. Barrows and gilts 1.25-1.75 higher. No. 1-3 200-235 lbs. 50.00-51.75. No. 2-3 200-245 lbs. 47.75-49.75, a few No. 2-4 250-295 lbs. 44.00-46.50, a few No. 1-3 150-170 lbs. 42.00-43.75. **SOWS** US No. 1-3 300-540 lbs. sows 41.00-43.50. **BOARS** 30.00-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0. **SHEEP** 17. Spring/wooled slaughter lambs. 1 lot of choice 90 lbs. 72.50, good 35-40 lbs. 50.00-56.00. Slaughter ewes 18.00-19.00.

Indiana Livestock

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CATTLE 210. Compared with last Thursday's market. Slaughter cows \$1.50-2.50 higher. Slaughter Steers a few good 51.00-43.75, a few standard 47.25-49.00. A few choice slaughter heifers 51.50-54.00, a few good 47.25-50.75, one standard 42.50, one Utility 37.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 40.00-44.25, a few 57.25. Cutters 38.50-42.00, Canner & L. Cutter 36.00-40.00, shells down to 30. Slaughter bullocks, a few good 46.00-49.50, standard 44.50.

FEEDER CATTLE:

(Continued from Page 10) many privileges we have. The will and determination of our ancestors to succeed in life has been handed down

to us today. Let us appreciate our heritage.

Sincerely,
Stephen Stoltzfus
Bird-in-Hand

Prices are shocking

Dear Editor:

In the past few weeks I was shocked at the prices people are willing to pay for food at a "health" food store. The first example was an eight ounce package of wheat sold for \$1.33.

Being a farm wife I was interested to know how much that was per bushel. Figuring 60 pounds per bushel, you come up with a whopping \$159.60 per bushel. The farmer receives \$3.49 for that same bushel of wheat.

Another friend bought one ounce of soybeans for 25 cents an ounce. Figuring 60 pounds per bushel, it brings the price of soybeans to \$240 per bushel.

Now, I realize those soybeans must be roasted, packaged, and the middleman must get his fair share, but doesn't \$240 per bushel sound a little high when the farmer receives \$5.60 for that same bushel of soybeans?

Sincerely,
Adeline W. Gehman
Coopersburg

Shelhamer warns farmers of corn and grain sales

HARRISBURG - Farmers should be very careful when promised abnormally high prices by grain brokers and buyers, according to the State Agriculture Secretary Kent Shelhamer.

Shelhamer said that the Department of Agriculture has been receiving numerous complaints about brokers and buyers with "pie in the sky promises" of high prices who are failing to deliver. The Agriculture Secretary noted that one farmer lost more than \$12,000 to a buyer who failed to deliver after taking grain for sale.

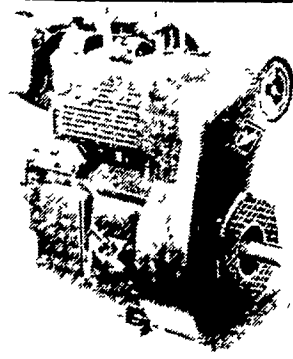

But he stressed that farmers, as consumers could help protect themselves against such fraudulent operators in two ways.

"When you sell your grain to someone else, be sure your grain is transported to the elevator or loading dock in your name, not that of the buyer or broker.

"Before contracting with a broker you are unfamiliar

with, check his financial standing to be sure he is reputable. The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will work with farmers, and will do our best to provide good financial data on any such individual."

Shelhamer added that "our farmers are honest men and women, and we want to make sure that they are dealt with by people of integrity. Farmers cannot afford losses to unscrupulous buyers and brokers when it is already tough enough to keep afloat financially on the farm."

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4-H meets

SEVEN VALLEYS - The Jefferson 4-H Club of Seven Valleys held a meeting on May 9 at the Jefferson Firehall. The program consisted of a bike rodeo. The group also had a demonstration on bike repair by Jon Miller, Jon Janney, and Bill Wise.

The winners in the bike rodeo were as follows: 13-years-and-older, Dave Wise, first; Michelle Bankert, second; and Jon Miller, third. 12-years-and-under, Jennifer DePalmer, first; Denise DePalmer, second; and Mike Krebs, third.

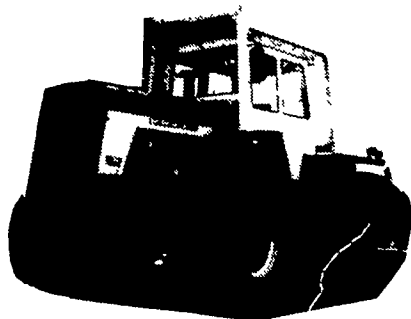
The deadline date for Chicken barbecue tickets is June 8.

The next meeting will be held on June 13 at the home of Ann, Jon, and Kelly Miller. At that time the group will observe dairy month and practice for the 4-H Olympics.

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