# Livestock market and auction news

#### Omaha Cattle October 5, 1978

**CATTLE** - Compared with the previous week's close closed firm to 25 cents higher. Cows were firm to mostly 50 cents higher and bulls firm to 1.00 higher.

Four day receipts 14,300 as compared 12,700 previous week and 13,900 a year ago. The fed cattle trade followed much the same pattern as the previous week. Prices declined slightly on the opening session in view of a rather sluggish carcass trade, and most buying interests were rather cautious and selective. Later

however, as carcass trading improved, and most buying interests became aggressive for numbers to meet immediate requirements. Best demand centered on Choice and Prime consignments 1100-1300 lb. steers and 950-1075 lb. heifers carrying a minimal number of yield grade 4 animals the overall finish was fairly attractive with a liberal percentage Choice and a moderate volume Choice and Prime. Steers made up approximately 34 percent of the week's total and heifers 31 percent. Cows comprised 10 percent and feeders 12 percent.

STEERS: Few loads and

and Prime 3-4 1144-1292 lbs. 55.75-56.00. Choice 2-4 1000-1300 lb. ranged 54.50-55.75, bulk sales 55.00-55.50, load mostly Choice 2-3 1361 lb. Holsteins 53.00 Tuesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 975-1250 lbs. 54.25-55.00. Good 2-3 48.50-54.25, Holsteins 48.50-50.00. Standard and Good 2-3 47.00-48.50.

Average of LS-214. detailed quotations, for Choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week 54.98; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 55.02. Average weight steers first three days 1142 lbs. as compared 1140 lbs. pervious week. Average weight heifers first three days 992 lbs. as compared 978 lbs. previous week.

**HEIFERS:** Several loads and part loads Choice and Prime 3-4 975-1075 lbs.: 53.75-54.00, several loads same grade with substantial percentage 4 1025-1100 lbs. 53.25-53.50; Choice 2-4 875-1100 lbs. 52.00-53.50, occasionally 53.75. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1050 lbs. 50.50-52.00. Good 2-3 47.00-49.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 40.50-43.00, few 43.25-43.50. Cutter 38.50-41.00. Canner and Low-cutter 36.00-38.50. Heiferettes 43.50-48.50.

BULLS: 1-2 1300-2000 lbs.

44.00-48.00, individual 1 49.00-50.00.

Market courtesy of USDA.

#### St. Louis Cattle

#### **National Stockyards** October 5, 1978

Receipts this week Week ago 5600 6900 Year ago

Compared with last weeks close, slaughter steers 50-1.00 higher. Slaughter heifers firm to mostly .50 higher, however both classes not fully tested after midweek. Cows and bulls fully steady. Slaughter supply mainly choice 2-4 1000-1200 lb. steers, around 35 per cent heifers, and 15 per cent COWS.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed choice and prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 54.00-55.00. Load choice with few prime 2-4 around 1125 lbs. at 55.25 late in the week. Choice 2-4 good 203-1050-1250 lb. holsteins 46.00-49.00.

975-1275 lbs. 52.50-55.00, closing sales 53.00-55.00. Mixed good and choice 2-4 900-1225 lbs. 52.00-53.50. Couple part loads mixed good and choice 2-3 1250 and 1400 lb. holsteins 50.00. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 49.00-52.00 Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 49.00-52.00. Standard to

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed choice and prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 51.50-52.00, several 52.00, part load 52.25. Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 50.00-51.50; 800-900 lbs. 49.00-50.50. Mixed good and choice 2-3 700-975 lbs. 48,00-50.00. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 45.00-48.50.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 38.50-42.00. Boning utility 1-2 42.50-43.00. Cutter 1-2 37.00-40.50. Canner and low cutter 1-2 34.00-37.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1050-1900 lbs. 43.00-48.50. yield grade 1 1400-1800 lbs. 49.00. Individual outstanding yield grade 1 holsteins 50.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Including around 2,100 at regular Thursday Auction. Feeder steers and heifers steady to 1.00 higher. instances 2.00 higher on choice steers under 700 lbs. Demand good. Overall quality improved over recent weeks with increased percentage of choice kinds.

FEEDER STEERS: Choice 325-500 lbs. 66.00-73.25; 500-600 lbs. 64.00-69.00; 600-700 lbs. 62.75-67.50; few lots 750-900 lbs. 58.00-59.50. Mixed good and choice 400-600 lbs. 60.00-66.75. Few good 450-700 lbs. 56.25-60.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 300-500 lbs. 57.75-60.50; 500-600 lbs. 55.00-60.25. Mixed good and choice 400-600 lbs. 54.00-57.00.

#### Chambersburg Auction

Chambersburg, Pa. October 5, 1978

CATTLE 311. Compared with last Thursday's market, slaughter cows 50 cents to 1.50 lower. Slaughter steers 1 Choice at 55.00, couple good 50.75-51.75, couple standard 46.25-47.25, few choice slaughter heifers 50.50-52.75, few yield grade 5 down to 45.25, few good 48.25-50.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 39.50-44.85, few 45.85. Cutters 39.50-43.50. Canner & L. Cutter 36.10-40.75, shells down to 33.00. Slaughter bullocks 1 good at 52.50, few utility 45.00-47.10. Few Yield Grade #1, 1050-1600 lbs. 45.00-53.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: Few Good 250-400 lbs. Holstein heifers at 75.00.

CALVES 529. Vealers grading good and choice \$3 to \$9 lower, standard and good 70-110 lb. 50 cents to 2.00 lower. Few prime vealers 95.00-99.00, choice 78.00-93.00, good 66.00-77.00. Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 72.00-77.50, 70-85 lbs. 66.00-72.50, utility 50-90 lbs. 35.00-65.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 75.00-93.00, couple to 96.00. Holstein Heifers 85-140 lbs. 85.00-110.00, one at 118.00.

HOGS 42. Barrows and gilts \$1.50 lower. US No. 1-2 200-250 lbs. barrows & gilts 52.50. US No. 1-3 350-500 lbs. 42.00-44.75, few BOARS 35.90-35.75.

FEEDER PIGS 42. US No. 1-3 30-50 lbs. feeder pigs 35.00-45.50 per head.

SHEEP 49. Woolded slaughter lambs high good and low choice 75-100 lbs. 53.50-60.00.

### **Special Market**

**September 28, 1978** Special Feeder Calf Sale Marshall, Va.

There were 1115 head sold. All calves were graded by Representatives of the VDACS's Division of Markets, Livestock Section on VDACS standards and sold by the hundredweight.

Steers Choice and Fancy: 300-400 lbs. 77.00-78.00; 400-500 lbs. 75.00-78.00; 500-600 lbs. 72.00-76.50; 600-700 lbs. 66.00-70.00.

Good: 300-400 lbs. 78.00-79.00; 400-500 lbs. 74.00-78.00; 500-600 lbs. 73.50-76.00; 600-700 lb. 65.50-68.50.

Medium: 300-400 lbs. 69.00-72.00; 400-500 lbs. 65.00-68.50; 500-600 lbs. 57.00-65.50; 600-700 lbs. 62.50-64.50.

Short: All weights 64.50-69.00.

Heifers

Choice and Fancy: 300-400 lbs. 58.00-64.00; 400-500 lbs. 63.00-65.50; 500-600 lbs. 61.50-66.00; 600-700 lb. 56.50-58.50.

Good: 300-400 lbs. 58.00-61.50; 400-500 lbs. 60.00-64.00; 500-600 lbs. 60.00-62.00; 600-

700 lbs. 50.00-57.50. Medium: 300-400 lbs. 51.00-61.00; 400-500 lbs. 53.00-61.00; 500-600 lbs. 49.00-54.00.

Short: All weight 45.00-



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