Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

November 30, 1978
Weekly Cattle
compared with previous
week's close

Closing prices on slaughter steers and heifers were 25-50 cents higher. Cows closed 1.00-1.50 higher and bulls were fully steady.

Weather conditions played a major role in the fed cattle market following the Thanksgiving holiday. Hazardous road conditions hampered livestock movement over the weekend, but warm temperatures deteriorated feedlot conditions and encouraged movement of market - ready cattle. Demand continued generally good as most interests came into the period with modest live inventories on hand. Prices advanced sharply on a below normal storm-curtailed Monday supply, but a substantial half of the upturn was lost on an expanded midweek run. The overall finish of the steer and heifer supply was still rather attractive with a liberal percentage choice and a moderate volume choice and prime. However, mud became an increasing problem as many animals carried at least a modest amount of grime and mud. Slaughter steers made up approximately 37 per cent of the week's total and heifers 32 per cent. Cows comprised 10 per cent and feeders 15 per cent.

STEERS: Seven loads choice and prime 3-4 1155-1270 lbs. 56.60-56.75, moderate volume same grade 3-4 1085-1328 lbs. 56.25-56.50 mostly fore part of week. Choice 2-4 1000-1350 lbs. closed 54.75-55.75, two loads 3 with few prime 1211 lbs. 56.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 975-1375 lbs. 53.75-54.50, load 1450 lb. holsteins 49.00. Good 2-3 48.50-53.50. Few standard and good 2-3 47.00-48.50.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations, for choice 900-1100 lbs. steers this week 55.38; hoice 1100-1300 lbs. 55.50. Average weight steers

first three days 1180 lbs. as compared 1172 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers first three days 1017 lbs. as compared 1014 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: Moderate volume Choice and Prime 3-4 953-1070 lbs. 54.50-54.75 forepart of week. At midweek four loads choice and prime 3-4 975-1025 lbs. 53.85-54.00. Choice 2-4 900-1075 lbs. closed 52.25-53.50, occasionally 53.75. Mixed good and choice 2-3 850-1000 lbs. 51.50-52.50. Good 2-3 48.00-51.50.

COWS: Utility and commercial 24 40.0t-42.00, few 42.50-43.00. Cutter 38.50-40.00. Canner and low-utility 37.00-38.50.

BULLS: 1-2 1.400-2000 lbs. 45.00-50.00, individual 1 51.00-52.00.



Pa. Auction Summary

Pa. Auction Summary of 10 Livestock Auction Market Reports

December 1, 1978
Compared to 3733 last
week and 6128 a year ago.

CATTLE 3774. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers mostly 25 to 75 cents higher. Sl. heifers steady to strong. Sl. cows uneven, extremes \$1.00 higher to 1.00 lower. Sl. bulls 25 cents to \$1.00 lower. High Choice & Prime YG 3-4 sl. steers 56.50-58.60. Choice YG 2-4 54.50-58.10, few 59.00. Good 51.00-55.00 few Standard 46.00-51.00; few Choice sl. heifers 50.00-54.00; Good 47.50-52.00; Standard 42.00-

48.50, Cutters 39.00-42.50; Canner & L. Cutter 35.00-39.50, Shells down to 32.50, few Choice sl. bullocks 54.50-57.00, Good 50.25-55.00, few Standard 46.00-52.00, Yield Grade #1 1000-2300 lbs. 47.75-53.85, few Yield Grade #2, 950-1600 lbs. 46.75-50.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good & Choice 300-750 lbs. steers 54.25-64.25, Good & Choice 300-700 lbs. heifers 45.00-58.00.

CALVES 3170. Compared to 2663 last week and 4629 a year ago. Vealers grading good & choice \$1.00 to \$3.00 higher. Few Prime vealers 93.00-100.00, Choice 82.00-95.00, Standard to Good steady to \$3.00 lower. Good 71.00-85.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 60.00-75.00; 65-90

lbs. 50.00-69.00; Utility 50-100 lbs. 40.00-60.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 69.00-95.00; Hol. Heifers 90-130 lbs. 80.00-128.00.

HOGS 4274. Compared to 5884 last week and 5827 a year ago. Barrows and gilts \$1.00 to 2.00 higher; US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. barrows & gilts 51.00-52.50, few 53.50, No. 1-3 200-255 lbs. 49.00-51.75; No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 48.00-51.00, few No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 43.00-49.00; SOWS: Steady to \$1.00 lower. US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. sows 40.00-45.00, No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 36.25-42.00. BOARS: 32.00-38.00.

FEEDER PIGS 777. Compared to 1247 last week and 921 a year ago. Steady to \$3.00 higher. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 18.00-38.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 33.00-48.00, No. 1-3 50-75 lbs. 42.50-49.00.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS 4691. ALL SALES CWT. Compared with 3455 head last week, and 2672 head a year ago. Feeder pigs steady to \$3.00 higher. US No. 1-2 25-40 lbs. 104.00-127.00, few 137.00; 40-55 lbs. 97.00-116.00; US No. 1-2 65-80 lbs. 83.00-97.00, US No. 2-3 25-40 lbs. 108.00-115.00, 40-50 lbs. 93.00-100.00; US No.3 30-45 lbs. 84.00-101.00; Utility 35-55 lbs. 72.00-96.00.

SHEEP 268. Compared to 453 last week and 309 a year ago. Wooled sl. lambs \$2.00-3.00 higher. Choice 65-115 lbs. 58.00-66.00, Good 50-110 lbs. 52.00-59.00; Slaughter ewes 12.00-25.00.



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