# Livestock market and auction news

#### Lancaster Weekly

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115 lb. weights 2.00-4.00 higher.

VEALERS: Prime 265-360 lb. 95.00-103.00, couple 105.00-109.00; Choice 160.00-230 lb. 88.00-99.00, 120-160 lb. 82.00-95.00; high Good and low Choice 120-260 lb. 74.00-85.00, 90-115 lb. 67.00-76.00, 60-90 lb. 58.00-72.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Bulk 90-115 lb. Holstein bulls 74.00-92.00, several 100-120 lb. 92.00-102.00; 30 head 90-115 lb. Holstein heifers 74.00-75.00.

#### Oklahoma Cattle

December 21, 1978

Estimated receipts 2000, same day last week 4119. Moderately active; feeder cattle and calves steady to weak instances .50-1.00 lower due to small receipts and buyers unable to fill orders; majority receipts Choice 300-800 lbs. feeder steers and 300-600 lbs. feeder heifers; moderate attendance of buyers.

FEEDER STEERS: Choice 300-500 lbs. 79.50-84.75; few 280-335 lbs. 88.50-89.50; 500-600 lbs. 74.29-79.75; 600-700 lbs. 68.00-72.50; 700-800 lbs. 65.50-70.00; 800-900 lbs. 62.55-66.50, part load 801 lbs. 67.30; two part loads 981-991 lbs. 60.10-62.10; mixed Good and Choice 300-500 lbs. 75.00-82.75; 500-600 lbs. 68.50-72.00; 600-700 lbs. 64.50-66.75; 700-800 lbs. few 700-885 lbs. 57.75-58.25; small lot Good 930 lbs. holstein steers 57.30.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 300-500 lbs. 68.00-74.50; 500-600 lbs. 64.00-67.00; 600-700 lbs. 63.50-64.50; mixed Good and Choice 300-500 lbs. 65.75-70.00; small lot 578 lbs. 64.20; Good 300-500 lbs. 62.75-64.00; two small lots 622-674 lbs. 54.50-54.75.

FOR THE WEEK: Compared to late last week feeder cattle and calves closed mostly steady; slaughter cows closed firm to .50 higher late sales Utility and Commercial 2-3 43.50-47.50; Cutter 1-3 41.00-44.50; Bulls 1.00-1.50 higher week sales VG 1-2 1000-2000 lbs 50.50-57.50; salable receipts near 8000 head compared to 12,014 head last week and 4987 head the same week a year ago; cows and bulls near 21 percent of cattle receipts, feeders near 70 percent of the total.

#### Omaha Cattle

December 21, 1978

Cattle - compared with previous week's close - slaughter steers closed firm to 50 cents higher and heifers 50-75 cents higher cows 50 cents higher, instances 1.00 higher and bulls were firm.

Four day receipts this week 15,500, last week 17,800, year ago 15,100.

Fed cattle prices advance sharply on the week's opening session, but a part of the upturn was eroded in midweek trading even on small supplies. There was an aggressive early demand, but most interests were number-counscious on the late rounds, looking toward the approaching long non-

slaughter weekend. The overall finish of the steer and heifer supply was fairly attractive with a rather liberal percentage choice, but many consignments carried a substantial coating of mud; often mud and yield grade were primary price determining factors. Slaughter steers made up approximately 36 per cent and heifers 31 per cent. Cows comprised 12 per cent and feeders 8 per cent.

STEERS: Early, load and part load Choice and Prime 3-4 1194-1231 lbs. 57.50, ten loads same grade 1100-1239 lbs. 57.25. Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. closed 55.25-56.50 under rather narrow demand, load 1250 lbs. with large share 4 55.00 Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 54.25-55.00. Good 2-3 50.00-54.00.

Average of LS 214, detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week 56.12; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 56.08 Average.

Heifers this week 989 lbs. as compared 1010 lbs. previous week.

HEIFERS: Four loads and part load Choice and Prime 3-4 1000-1050 lbs. 56.00, moderate volume same grade 3-4 975-1059 lbs. 55.50-55.75. Choice 2-4 900-1075 lbs. closed 54.00-55.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1000 lbs. 52.50-53.75. Good 2-3 49.00-52.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 41.00-43.00, few 43.50-44.00. Cutter 39.50-41.50. Canner and Low-Cutter 37.50-40.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-2000 lbs. 46.00-51.0, individual 1 52.00-53.00.

## **Leesport Auction**

Leesport, Pa. December 20, 1978

CATTLE 116. Supply included 12 head feeder cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers steady to strong. Slaughter cows \$3 to \$5 higher. Few Choice slaughter steers 56.25-57.25, Good 53.75-56.50, Standard 50.00-54.00, few Utility 49.00-49.60. Few Choice 900-1275 lbs. slaughter heifers 54.00-56.50, few Standard 46.09-47.85. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 46.00-48.35, few to 49.50, one at 52.50, Cutters 46.00-47.10, Canner & Low Cutter 41.00-45.25. Few Good slaughter bullocks 53.00-58.00, one Standard 50.00. Few Yield Grade #1 1060-1720 lbs. slaughter bulls 49.25-55.25.

CALVES 126. Vealers grading Standard & Low Good steady to \$4 higher. Few Good & Choice vealers 86.00-89.50, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 72.00-83.00, 90-110 lbs. 65.00-72.00, 70-85 lbs. 55.00-71.00, Utility 90-100 lbs. 30.00-60.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 79.00-99.00; few holstein heifers 95-115 lbs. 76.00-82.50.

HOGS 201. Barrows & gits \$2.75 to \$3.25 higher. US No. 1-2 195-230 lbs. barrows & gilts 55.75-56.25, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 54.60-55.50, few No. 2-3 245-280 lbs. 53.25-54.50, few No. 1-3 175-180 lbs. 54.00-54.25. US No. 1-3 320-515 lbs. sows 44.00-48.00, one at 49.50, few No. 2-3 425-585 lbs. 39.75-41.50 One Bear at 38.00

41.50. One Boar at 38.00. FEEDER PIGS 160. US No. 1-3 35-45 lbs. feeder pigs 104.00-114.00 cwt., few No. 1-3 50-55 lbs.90.00-94.00, few No. 1-3 90-100 lbs. 51.00-60.00, few Utility 25-45 lbs. 75.00-87.00 cwt.

SHEEP 13. Choice 60-115 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 60.00-70.00. Few Slaughter ewes 25.00-32.50.

#### Chambersburg

Chambersburg, Pa. December 21, 1978

CATTLE 193. Compared with last Thursday's market, slaughter cows \$3.00-6.00 higher. Few Good 53.85-54.25.High Good & Choice 54.85-57.85 few standard 49,85-52.85; Choice sl. heifers individual 56.00; few Good 50.50-54.75; few Standard 48.00-50.00 few Utility 45.00-47.85. Utility & Commercial sl. cows 44.85-51.50 few to 54.75; Cutters 46.00-50.35; Canner & L. Cutter 42.85-48.50, Shells down to 38.25. Few Yield Grade #1 1000-1700 lbs. 49.85-

CALVES 317. Vealers uneven, about steady. Few Prime vealers 116.00-120.00, Choice 94.00-113.00; Good 80.00-95.00; Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 73.00-77.00; 70-85 lbs. 63.00-74.00, Utility 50-100 lbs. 40.0-60.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 75.00-104.50; few Hol. Heifers 100-120 lbs. 100.00-110.00.

HOGS 14. Barrows and gilts lot US No. 1-2 205 lbs. barrows & gilts 56.85; few US No. 1-3 300-450 lbs. sows 39.25-46.75; few Boars 33.50-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS 52. Few US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 26.00-32.00 per head, No. 1-3 40-65 lbs. 38.50-48.00; No. 1-3 1 lot No. 1-3 90 lbs. 52.50 per hundred weight.

SHEEP 11. Spring or wooled sl. lambs few Choice 60-130 lbs. 56.00-67.50, few slaughter ewes 16.00-23.00.

#### St. Louis Cattle

December 21, 1978 National Stockyards

Receipts this week 5,600: week ago 6,800: year ago 6,300 As compared to the previous weeks close, slaughter steers firm to mostly .50, instances 1.00 higher. Slaughter heifers 50-1.00 higher. Cows mostly 1.00, instances 1.50 higher. Bulls 1.00 higher. Slaughter supply mainly choice 2-4 1000-1200 lb. steers, around 30 percent heifers and 15 percent cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS:
Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4
1050-1250 lbs. 54.50-55.50,
closing mostly 54.50; scattered lots 3-4 1050-1150 lbs.
54.00. Choice 2-4 950-1275 lbs.
53.50-55.50, closing mostly
53.50-54.50. Mixed Good and
Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 52.5054.50. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs.
51.00-51.50. Standard to Good
2-3 1050-1400 lb. Holsteins
48.00-51.50.

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SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:
Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4
875-1050 lbs. 53.50-54.50,
closing 53.50-54.00; scattered
lots 3-4 950-1050 lbs. 53.00.
Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 52.0053.50. Mixed Good and
Choice 2-3 700-975 lbs. 50.0052.00. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs.
47.00-50.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 38.50-43.00. Boning Utility 1-2 42.00-45.00, closing 43.00-45.00. Cutter 1-2 36.50-42.50. Canner and low Cutter 1-2 33.50-37.50.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1800 lbs. 46.00-52.00, closing 47.00-52.00. Yield Grade 1 1350-1750 lbs. 52.00-53.00, closing mostly 53.00.

FEEDERS: (Including around 1,000 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers and heifers steady to 2.00 higher. Overall quality

not as attractive as a week ago with mixed Good and Choice kinds making up a much larger percentage of the supply. Demand continued good.

FEEDER STEERS: Choice 375-500 lbs. 72.50-81.25; 500-600 lbs. 68.00-74.00; Fleshy 800-950 lbs. 56.00-58.00. Mixed Good and Choice and some Choice compact 300-500 lbs. 68.00-75.50. Few lots Standard and Good 400-625 lb. Holsteins 55.25-59.75.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 300-500 lbs. 64.00-68.25; 500-650 lbs. 59.25-62.50. Mixed Good and Choice 500-600 lbs. 55.00-60.00.

#### New Holland Dairy

New Holland Sales Stables Wed., December 20

Reported receipts of 166 cows and 92 heifers, Market stronger than last week's market.

Load of Pa. fresh 960-1125; load of N.Y. purebreds and grades, fresh 1150-1900, springers 975-1380; load of Pa. fresh 900-1070; load of Md. fresh 850-1250, springers 780-1125; local cows 675-1525; springing heifers 675-990; open heifers 325-580; herd dispersal of 27 Guernseys in all stages of lactation 315-525; herd disperal of 36 Holsteins in all stages of lactation 520-1475.

### **CHRISTMAS**

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At this time of year when our minds are especially occupied with the thoughts of gifts, may we take time to realize that we have the greatest gift of all to share with the world, the message of Life, Peace and Joy, available to all through our Lord Jesus Christ

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