Omaha Cattle

February 8, 1979 Cattle - Compared Previous Week's Close

Closing prices on slaughter steers were weak to 50 cents lower and heifers closed 50-75 cents lower. Cows were weak to 1.00 iower late, and bulls firm to 1.00 higher.

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Livestock market and auction news

The fed cattle trade was characterized by a general air of caution despite modest marketings and a marked decrease in the daily rate of slaughter. Carcass trading was under downward pressure and most slaughterers opted to reduce the kill rate rather than complete aggressively for numbers in view of the unfavorable ratio between live prices and carcass realizations. The long period of severe weather appeared to be taking its toll on cattle and slaughter results were often disappointing. Mud was still a trade factor, but was somewhat less prevalent than most recent weeks. The run included a fair percentage choice steers and heifers and a few loads choice and prime. Steers made up approximately 43 per cent of the weeks total and heifers 32 per cent cows comprised 14 per cent and

feeders 9 per cent.

STEERS: At midweek, load choice and prime 3 with end 4 1164 lbs. 64.25, moderate volume 1113-1184 lbs. 63.75-64.00 during week. At close, choice 2-4 1000-1300 lbs. 63.00-64.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 62.00-63.00. Good 2-3 59.00-61.75, holsteins 58.00-58.50.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations for choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week 63.38; choice 1100-1300 lbs. 63.30. Average weight steers for this week 1140 lbs. as compared 1157 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers this week 978 lbs. as compared 997 lbs. previous

HEIFERS: Part load choice and prime 3-4 1062 lbs. 63.00, load and part loads same grade 1000-1103 lbs. 62.50-62.75. Choice 2-4 900-1075 lbs. closed 60.75-62.25. Mixed good and choice 2-3 850-1025 lbs.

59.50-61.00. Good 2-3 56.50-59.50.

COWS: Late sales highcutter, utility and commercial 2-4 48.50-50.00, few highdressing 50.50-52.00. Other cutter 45.00-48.50, canner and low-cutter 42.00-45.00, few light weight canner 40.00-42.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-2000 lbs. 55.00-62.00, individual 1 63.00-65.00.

Market courtesy of USDA.

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Tues., January 23, 1979 78 COWS. Average weight 1379 lbs.

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New Holland Horse

New Holland Sales Stables

Monday, February 5 Reported receipts of 363 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market stronger than last week's market.

Local work horses, singles 900-1300; driving horses 250-800; riding horses 275-375; better horses 400-1175; lightweight killers 225-325; heavyweight killers 375-600; mare ponies 15-55; colts 5-20; geldings 15-50; larger ponies 100-250.

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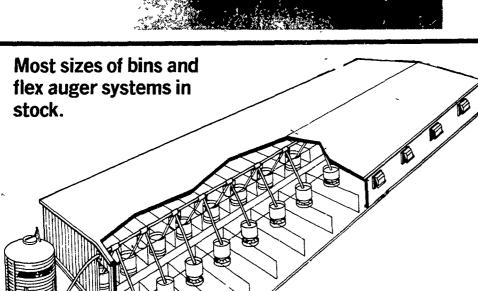
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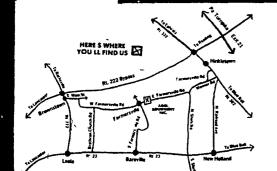


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