

# Livestock market and auction news

## Omaha Cattle

March 15, 1979

Cattle - closing prices on slaughter steers were weak to 25 cents lower and heifers closed 25-50 cents lower, instances 75 cents off on Good and low-Choice 800-900 lbs. Cows were unevenly weak to 1.00 lower, mostly 50-1.00 off. Bulls were steady.

The fed cattle trade followed a reasonably stable course as marketings returned to a more normal pattern. Live prices were forced downward on Tuesday as the carcass trade trended sharply lower, but part of the downturn was regained on a meager midweek supply. However, most buying interests still confined numbers to immediate requirements. The overall finish was not particularly attractive with a

large share Good to average Choice, and many consignments carried considerable mud. Feeder buyers were somewhat less aggressive for two-way steers than was the case the previous week. Steers made up approximately 33 pct and heifers 30 pct. Cows comprised 12 pct and feeders 22 pct.

**STEERS:** Load and part loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1223-1307 lbs. 71.25-71.50 early. At midweek, load and part loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1200-1248 lbs. 70.50-71.00. Choice 2-4 relatively clean 1000-1275 lbs. 69.50-70.50, some mostly Choice quite muddy 68.75-69.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1225 lbs. 68.00-69.50. Good 2-3 63.50-68.50.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lbs. steers this week 69.80; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 69.92. Average weight steers for this week

1150 lbs. as compared 1136 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers for this week 979 lbs. compared 968 lbs. previous week.

**HEIFERS:** Several loads and part loads Choice and Prime 3-4 849-1096 lbs. 68.25-68.75 during week, part loads 68.00 late. Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. closed 66.00-68.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 875-1025 lbs. 65.00-66.50. Good 2-3 61.00-65.00.

**COWS:** Utility and Commercial 2-4 52.00-53.50, few high dressing 54.00-55.50. Cutter 50.00-52.00. Canner and Low-Cutter 47.00-50.00.

**BULLS:** 1-2 1400-2100 lbs. 60.00-68.00, individual 1 69.00-70.00.

**FEEDERS:** Fleshy two-way steers 50-1.00 lower. Choice 1025-1146 lbs. 69.00-70.25. Approximately 800 returned for further feeding.

Market courtesy of USDA.

## Peoria Cattle

March 15, 1979

Cattle: Receipts This Week: 3300 Last Week: 3500 Year Ago: 3700.

Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter heifers weak to 50 lower. Cows and bulls steady. Receipts about 70 percent slaughter steers, 25 percent slaughter heifers, balance mainly cows.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1375 lbs. 70.25-71.00; Choice 2-4 950-1260 lbs. 69.00-71.25, load 71.50, few 72.00; late mostly 69.00-69.75; mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1300 lbs. 67.50-69.00; Good 2-3 65.00-67.50, early few Good 2-3 halsteins 63.00-65.00.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Choice and Prime 3-4 900-1080 lbs. 68.00-69.00, couple loads 69.25 early; Choice 2-4 850-1050 lbs. 66.50-68.00; mostly 66.50-67.50; mixed Good and Choice 2-4 800-1075 lbs. 63.50-66.50; Good 2-3 61.00-63.50.

**COWS:** Utility and Commercial 1-3 51.00-55.00; high-dressing Utility 56.00-57.50; few 58.50; Cutter 1-2 48.00-51.00; Canner 43.00-48.00.

**BULLS:** Yield Grade 1-2 1100-1900 lbs. 61.00-68.00; few Yield Grade 1 69.00-70.00.

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March 14, 1979

Compared to Tuesday's 4:30 report: choice steer beef steady-1.00 higher, mostly .50-1.00 higher. Choice heifer beef steady. Cow beef steady-1.00 lower into West Coast areas. Choice primal chucks 2.00-3.50 lower, sled fores steady. Trade moderate; demand moderate to light. Interest for carcass beef remains limited as processing levels experience declining primal and fabricated cut price levels and negative or narrow margins. Sales reported on 73 1/2 loads of carcass beef.

### STEER BEEF

45 Loads

Choice 3: 600-900 lbs. 101.50-102.50 incld 50-1.00 hgr packer/packer; 600-800 lbs. 102.75-103.25 (west coast).

CHOICE 2: 550-650 lbs. 106.00 trmd & slctd.

CHOICE 3: 550-650 lbs. 105.00 trmd & slctd.

CHOICE 2: 600-700 lbs. 104.05 slctd steady.

CHOICE 4: 600-800 lbs. 98.25-98.50 (west coast).

GOOD 2-3: 600-900 lbs. 100.00 (hols type).

### HEIFER BEEF

15 1/2 Loads

CHOICE 3: 500-700 lbs. 99.50 steady; 550-700 lbs. 100.00;

550-700 lbs. 100.75 (west coast).

CHOICE 4: 500-700 lbs. 95.50.

GOOD 2-3: 500-700 lbs. 98.50-99.00.

### COW BEEF

13 Loads

UTILITY: 450 & up lbs. 92.25 (west coast) steady (brkg/3-4); 400 & up lbs. 95.25-96.25 (west coast) stdy-1.00 lwr (hng/2-3).

CANNER/CUTTER 350&up 105.50 (Texas/1-2).

CHOICE 3 PRIMAL BEEF CUTS

6 Loads

FORES: 130-210 lbs. 91.50 slctd steady.

ARM CHUCKS: 75-120 lbs. 87.00-88.50 2.00-3.50 lwr.

ROUNDS: 60-85 lbs. 112.00 (heifer).

## BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF/BEEF

### TRIMMINGS 1 1/2 LOADS

50 pct chem lean fresh 59.50-60.00; 50 pct chem lean frozen 60.00-61.50; 90 pct chem lean fresh 142.25 (west coast).

Compared to Tuesday's 2:15 report: fresh pork loins steady-1.50 lower except 17&dn lbs. for late week shipment steady-1.25 higher.

Boston butts 1.25-1.50 lower than Monday. Spareribs steady-4.00 higher. Skinned hams mostly .75-2.00 higher.

Bellies steady-2.00 higher. 42 pct pork trmgs 1.75 lower, 72 pct trmgs 1.00-3.50 lower. Trading moderate to fairly active; demand moderate to good. Sales reported on 93 loads, including 15 loads of trimmings.

### FRESH PORK CUTS

LOINS: 14/DN lbs. 95.00 late week shipment; 14-17 lbs. 94.00-95.75 unevenly steady to 1.25 higher; 14-17 lbs. 92.50 immediate shipment 1.00 lower; 14-17 lbs. 98.50-99.00 clear channel; 17-20 lbs. 90.00-91.50, mostly steady-1.50 lwr 91.50; 20 & up lbs. 83.00-85.50 4.00-6.50 lwr than Friday.

BOSTON BUTTS: 4-8 lbs. 82.00-83.25 1.25-1.50 lower; 4-8 lbs. 84.50 frozen.

SPARERIBS: 2-3 lbs. 118.00 frozen steady; 3-5 lbs. 101.00 frozen 4.00 higher.

SKINNED HAMS: 14-17 lbs. 90.50 25-50 hgr than Monday; 17-20 lbs. 86.75-88.00, late 88.00 1.00-2.00 hgr; 30-36 lbs. 83.00-84.00, late 84.00 50-1.50 higher; 26 & up lbs. 77.00.

BELLIES, sdls: 12-14 lbs. 55.50-57.00, late 57.00, late 57.00 1.00 2.00 hgr; 14-16 lbs. 55.50-57.00, late 57.00 75-1.50 higher; 18-20 lbs. 51.00-51.50 stdy-50 higher; 18-20 lbs. 5.150 frozen.

CHEEK MEAT: frozen 109.50.

BLADE MEAT: frozen 117.00.

PORK TRIMMINGS /BONELESS PROCESSING PORK (chemical lean) 42 pct trmgs 43.50 fresh/bags 1.75 lower than Friday; 42 pct trmgs 41.00 frozen/bags; 72 pct trmgs 87.00

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