

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

March 29, 1979
51 Cattle

Midweek prices on slaughter steers were 2.50-3.00 lower, instances 3.50 off. Heifers closed 1.00-2.00 lower. Cows were 50-1.00 higher and bulls firm to 1.00 higher. Fleshy two-way feeder steers sold 3.00-4.00 lower.

Fed cattle prices registered the most severe downturn since last October in reflection of a sharply declining carcass trade at the wholesale level under a relatively light demand. Most of the decline in live prices came at midweek as some slaughterers reduced hours because of unfavorable cut-out results and slow movement and other were not aggressive for maximum numbers. One major buyer was out of operation for the week with continuing labor problems. On most days a large share of the supply was good to average - choice and mud was a rather prevalent condition. Slaughter steers made up approximately 40 per cent and heifers 26 per cent. Cows comprised 10 per cent and feeders 23 per cent.

STEERS: Early, five loads choice with end prime 3-4 1082-1309 lbs. 73.50-74.25. At midweek, three loads choice with end prime 3-4 1152-1287 lbs. 72.00. Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. closed

69.50-71.00, mostly choice muddy 69.00-69.50. Mixed good and choice 2-3 975-1250 lbs. 68.00-69.50. Good 2-3 65.00-69.00.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations for choice 900-1100 lbs. steers this week 71.35; choice 1100-1300 lbs. 71.58. Average weight steers for the first three days this week 1126 lbs. as compared 1160 lbs. previous week. Average weight heifers for the first three days this week 988 lbs as compared 981 lbs. the previous week.

HEIFERS: Several loads choice and prime 3-4 911-1125 lbs. 71.50-72.60 fore part of week. At midweek, part loads same grade 967-1017 lbs. 70.50 choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. closed 68.00-70.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 875-1025 lbs. 66.50-68.00. Good 2-3 62.00-66.50.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 54.00-56.50, few high-dressing 57.00. Cutter 52.00-55.00. Canner and Low-Cutter 49.00-53.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-2100 lbs. 61.00-68.00, individual 1 69.00-71.00.

FEEDERS: Choice 975-1100 lb. steers 72.50-73.25 early, late sales 69.00-70.00.

Chambersburg Auction

March 29, 1979

CATTLE 377. Compared with last Thursday market, slaughter steers \$1 to \$2.50 lower. Sl. cows mostly

strong to 50 cents higher, spots \$1.50 higher on canner. Low to average Choice 1000-1200 lbs. sl. steers 67-69.50, one at 70.85; Good 64.00-68.00; Standard 62.00-66.00; sl. heifers 65.50-69.50, few Good 63.00-64.00. Utility & Commercial sl. cows 54.25-59.00, few 59.85; Cutters 53.50-57.60; Canner & L. Cutter 51.50-53.85, Shells down to 48.25, few Choice sl. bullocks 69.25-71.85, few Good 66.00-69.50. Yield Grade #1-2 1150-1975 lbs. 61.25-69.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Good 325-600 lbs. heifers 77-89.

CALVES: 416. Vealers \$5-\$10 lower. Couple Prime vealers 123.00. Choice 108.00-118.00, Good 95.00-105.00; Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 90.00-95.00; 70-90 lbs. 84.00-90.00, Utility 50-100 lbs. 60.00-80.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 90.00-129.00; Hol. Heifers 100-200 lbs. 125.00-176.00, few to 218.00.

HOGS 110. Barrows and gilts 5.00-5.50 lower. US No. 1-3 200-230 lbs. 43.00-44.00, 1 lot No. 2-3 265 lbs. 39.50, No. 2-3 450-600 lbs. 32.75-35.50; No. 1-3 350-500 lbs. 36.00-38.00. few BOARS 33.75-34.50.

FEEDER PIGS 19. Few US No. 1-3 40-50 lbs. feeder pigs 42.00-55.50 per head.

SHEEP 11. Spring sl. lambs one lot Choice 95 lbs. 75.00. One lot yearling ewes 49.00.

Western Maryland Market

Westminster, Md.

March 27, 1979

BUTCHER CATTLE - Good run, prices higher. Fat Steers - Strong demand, Top \$71.25; Good-Choice 65.00-71.25; Standard 62.00-65.00; Heifers, Top 72.00; Cows, very active, \$1.00 higher, Good Cows, to \$58.50; Standard & Utility 55.00-57.00; Canners 53.00-55.00, Shelly 53.00 Down; Bulls mostly steady; Good \$64.00-66.60.

Farm Bureau Cows sold up to \$59.75, Average 54.79.

BUTCHER HOGS: Good run, prices \$3.00 under last week. Top Hogs \$44.85; Bulk 200-225 lbs. 44.00-44.85; 230-260 lbs. 43.50-44.25; 170-190 lbs. 42.00-43.50; Heavy Weights to 40.25; Sows to 37.75, bulk 33.00-36.85.

VEAL CALVES: Good run, very active, Tops to \$116.50, Good-Choice 100.00-116.50, Standard 90.00-105.00; Light calves 80.00-100.00; Weak & Rough 79.00-Down; Farm Bulls to 118.00; Heifers to 150.00.

LAMBS: Few offered, Good & Choice to 66.00; medium to 61.00.

STOCK CATTLE: Good run, prices higher; Stock Steers \$75.00-110.00; Stock Heifers 60.00-87.50; Stock Bulls 65.00-99.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: Good run, active bidding; By the head \$20.00-45.00, Shoats to

51.50; By the lb. 133 lb. \$49.00 55 lb. to \$97.00.

Results of Farm Bureau's Cull Cow Sale for March 27, 1979.

68 cows, Utility and Commercial \$53.00-57.50; Several High Yielding 58.00-59.75; Cutters 52.00-56.00; Canners & Low Cutters 48.00-52.00.

Belknap Auction

Dayton, Pa.
March 28, 1979

CATTLE 122. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows \$2-\$3 lower. Few Choice slaughter steers 68.00-68.50, Good 63.50-68.00, few Standard 60.25-60.75. Choice slaughter heifers 62.00-65.25, individual 68.25, few Good 59.00-62.00, Standard 51.50-56.75. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 52.00-58.00, few 58.00-59.25, Cutters 49.50-52.75, Canner and Low Cutters 44.00-49.50. Yield Grade No. 1 & 2, 1160-2100 lbs. slaughter bulls 60.75-68.50, individual 71.25. Good and Choice 280-540 lbs. feeder steers 73.00-86.00. Good and Choice 300-530 lbs. feeder heifers 66.50-75.00.

CALVES 143. Vealers weak to \$5 lower. Choice vealers 104.00-117.00, Good 90.50-106.00, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs. 84.00-100.00, 55-85 lbs. 64.00-84.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 88.00-115.00; Beef cross bulls & heifers 65-100 lbs. 76.50-103.00.

HOGS 474- Barrows and gilts \$7-\$8 lower. US No. 1-2 205-235 lbs. barrows and gilts 43.50-44.60, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 42.10-43.50, No. 2-3 200-270 lbs. 41.00-42.40, No. 1-3 150-175 lbs. 36.00-40.50. Sows \$5 lower. US No. 1-3 300-660 lbs. sows 38.00-42.00. Boars 32.00-38.50.

FEEDER PIGS 118. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 20.00-35.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 35.00-45.00 per head.

SHEEP 20. Few Mixed Good and Choice 85-100 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 62.00-71.00, lot Good 50 lbs. spring lambs at 75.50.

Indiana Livestock Auction

Indiana, Pa.
March 29, 1979

CATTLE 134. Compared with last Thursday market, Sl. cows mostly 1-2 higher. Sl. steers 62.50-65.25; sl. heifers few Good & Choice 62.25-64.50; few Standard 55.00-56.25. Utility & Commercial sl. cows 53.50-57.50; few 58.75-60.00, Cutters 52.00-54.50; Canner & L. Cutter 46.75-52.25, few Choice sl. bullocks few Standard 52.00-58.00, few Yield Grade #1 1150-1815 lbs. 58.25-64.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: Choice & Good 310-455 lbs. steers 89.00-99.00, few 630-850 lbs. 63.00-66.00, few Good & Choice 520-585 lbs. heifers 71.00-86.00; 485-720 lbs. 56.50-58.50.

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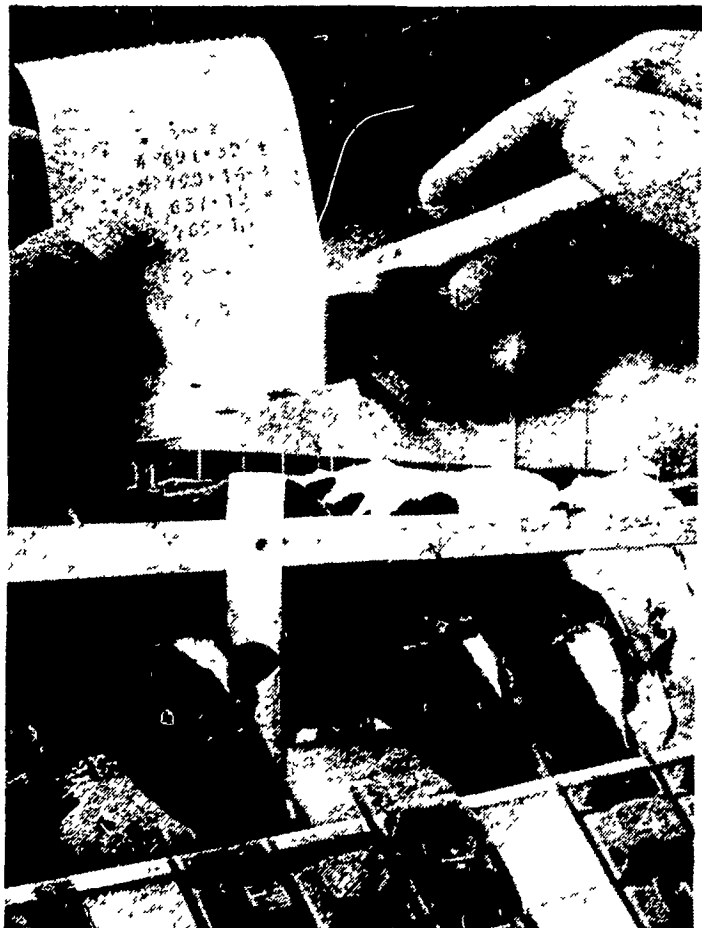


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