

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

April 5, 1979

Closing prices on slaughter steers and heifers were 2.00-2.50 higher. Cows were .50-1.00 lower, and bulls weak to 1.00 lower. Fleshy two-way feeder steers were 2.00-2.50 higher.

Fed cattle prices advanced sharply the fore part of the week in somewhat of a forced trade as yet another weekend storm curtailed livestock movement. Most slaughterers came into the period in need of cattle to meet immediate minimum slaughter requirements; however, most interests were rather selective and were not aggressive for numbers beyond immediate needs in view of the unfavorable cut-out ratio. Slaughter under federal inspection was still of moderate proportions, but demand was still reported light to moderate. Slaughter steers made up approximately 39 pct. and heifers 35 percent. Cows comprised 11 percent and feeders 14 percent.

STEERS: Three loads Choice with end Prime predominately 3 1250-1262 lbs. 74.50, load 3-4 1267 lbs. 73.50 early. Choice 2-4 1000-1275 lbs. ranged 72.00-73.50, many sales 72.50-73.00, two loads 1075-1200 lbs. with few Prime 73.75. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs.

71.00-72.25. Good 2-3 67.00-70.00. Load Good and Choice 2-3 1197 lbs. 68.00, load Good 66.00.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations on Choice 900-1100 lbs. steers this week 72.65; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 72.92. Average weight steers this week 1142 lbs. as compared 1127 lbs. the previous week. Average weight heifers this week 980 lbs. as compared 989 lbs. the previous week.

HEIFERS: Few loads Choice and Prime 3-4 969-1069 lbs. 72.25-73.00 during week. Choice 2-4 900-1075 lbs. 70.00-72.00, some at outside price 3-4 with end Prime. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 875-1050 lbs. 69.00-70.50. Good 2-3 64.00-68.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 late 53.50-55.75. Cutter 51.50-54.00. Canner and Low-Cutter 48.50-51.50. Shelly low-dressing 43.00-45.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-2100 lbs. 62.00-68.00, individual 1 69.00-70.00.

FEEDERS: Fleshy two-way steers 966-1075 lbs. 71.50-72.50.

Market courtesy of USDA.

St. Louis Cattle

April 5, 1979

Receipts this week 5,600; week ago 6,300; year ago 10,300. Compared with last weeks close, slaughter steers fully .50-1.00 higher.

Slaughter heifers 1.50-2.00 higher. Cows weak to .50 lower. Bulls fully steady. Slaughter supply mainly Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1025-1200 lbs. steers, around 35 percent heifers and 15 percent cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 72.50-74.00, closing 72.50-73.00, load high Choice and Prime mostly 4's 1406 lbs. 73.00. Choice 2-4 71.00-73.50, most closing sales 71.50-72.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 69.50-72.00. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 67.00-70.00. Standard to Good 2-3, holsteins 63.00-66.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 69.50-70.50, most closing sales 70.00-70.50. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 67.50-70.00, closing 68.00-70.00. Mixed Good and Choice 700-975 lbs. 66.00-68.00. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 63.00-66.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 51.50-56.00. Bonding Utility 1-2 55.50-57.50. Cutter 1-2 50.00-55.50. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 45.50-50.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1900 lbs. 63.00-68.00. Yield Grade 1 1700-1850 lbs. 69.00-70.00.

FEEDERS: (including around 2,000 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers and heifers 3.00-5.00 higher, instances 6.00-8.00 higher on feeder steers weighing under 600 lbs. Demand very good for bulk of

offerings. Supply mainly choice and mixed good and choice 400-800 lb. steers and 400-700 lb. heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Lot Choice 282 lbs. 118.50; 350-500 lbs. 96.50; 114 00; 500-600 lbs. 90.00-99.00; 625-700 lbs. 84.00-86.75; 700-800 lbs. 77.00-84.00; 800-1000 lbs. 73.25-81.25. Mixed Good and Choice and some Choice compact 400-550 lbs. 86.00-95.00. Scattered lots Good 400-500 lbs., including some holsteins 84.00-87.50; 600-700 lbs. 72.25-75.50

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 300-400 lbs. 85.00-89.00; 400-500 lbs. 83.00-87.00; 500-600 lbs. 76.00-83.00; 600-700 lbs. 72.50-79.50; few lots 700-800 lbs. 68.75-73.00. Mixed good and choice and some choice compact 325-500 lbs. 76.00-82.75.

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Joliet Cattle


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CATTLE: Friday through Wednesday salable receipts 3,200; five days last week 4,367, same period last year 6,653. Trading slow for the week. Slaughter steers closed the week 1.00-1.50 higher than Wednesday of last week. Slaughter heifers closed the week 1.00-1.50, instances 2.00 higher. Cows steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed high Choice and Prime 3-4, few 5, 1150-1430 74.00, with two loads 75.00 on

Monday; 72.50-73.00, load 1000-1050 two load string 73.50 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 72.50 Wednesday. Choice 1050-1300 71.50-74.00 Monday 71.00-72.50 on Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1050 70.00-71.50 Monday and Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 70.00-71.50 Monday; 68.50-71.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 68.50-70.00 on Monday and Wednesday. **SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Mixed Choice and Prime 3-4

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