

Livestock market and auction news

Belknap Auction

Dayton, Pa.
April 25, 1979

CATTLE 114. Compared with the market two weeks ago: Couple Choice slaughter steers 72.75 and 74.25, few Good 67.75-72.50, few Standard 64.00-67.50. Few Choice slaughter heifers 67.75-73.25, couple Good 64.50 and 66.00, few Standard 58.50-64.00. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 56.00-61.25, one at 64.00, Cutters 53.00-57.00, Canner and Low Cutters 47.25-53.25, Shells down to 39.00. Couple Choice slaughter bullocks 73.50 and 74.75, few Good 67.75-70.25. Yield Grade No. 1, individual's 1350 and 1680 lbs. slaughter bulls 70.25 and 74.25. Few Good and Choice 600-750 lbs. feeder steers 72.00-78.00. Medium and Good 400-685 lbs. feeder heifers 66.00-83.00, one at 88.00. Good and Choice 400-675 lbs. feeder bulls 81.00-93.00.

CALVES 93. Few Choice vealers 110.00-113.00, Good 90.00-109.00, Standard and Good 85-100 lbs. 80.00-98.00, few Utility 60-80 lbs. 39.00-50.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 95-130 lbs. 100.00-130.00; one Holstein heifer at 115 lbs. 170.00.

HOGS 384. US No. 1-2 210-235 lbs. barrows and gilts 47.00-47.70, No. 1-3 205-260 lbs. 45.00-47.00, No. 2-3 225-270 lbs. 43.00-45.00. US No. 1-3

270-565 lbs. sows 41.00-43.75. Boars 30.00-37.50.

FEEDER PIGS 125. US No. 1-2 25-35 lbs. feeder pigs 38.00-46.00 per head, one lot 1-2, 50 lbs. 48.00 per head, No. 1-3 25-35 lbs. 36.00-39.00 per head.

SHEEP 3. Couple Choice 97 lbs. spring slaughter lambs at 81.00.

St. Louis Cattle

National Stockyards
April 26, 1979

Receipts this week 6,400; week ago 7,500; year ago 7,900.

Compared to last weeks close, slaughter steers unevenly .50-1.50 lower, most decline on average choice to prime. Slaughter heifers 11.50-2.00 lower. Cows 1.00-2.00 lower. Bulls mostly 1.00 higher. Slaughter supply mainly choice 2-4 1000-1200 lb. steers, around 40 percent heifers and 15 percent cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed choice and prime 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 75.50-76.50, closing 75.50-76.00. Choice 2-4 950-1275 lbs. 74.00-76.00, closing week sales 74.00-75.50. Mixed good and choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 73.00-75.50. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 70.00-73.50. Standard to good, few choice 2-3 1050-1325 lb. holsteins 66.00-71.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed choice and prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 73.00-75.00, closing sales 73.00-73.50.

Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 71.50-74.00, closing 71.50-73.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 700-975 lbs. 69.00-72.50. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 67.00-70.00.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 54.00-59.00, closing 54.00-58.00. Boning utility 1-2 58.00-61.00, closing sales 58.00-60.00. Cutter 1-2 52.00-58.00, closing 52.00-57.00. Canner and low cutter 1-2 47.00-53.00, closing sales 47.00-52.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1050-1800 lbs. 64.00-72.00. Yield grade 1 1350-2300 lbs. 72.0-73.00.

FEEDERS: (Including around 2,500 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers very uneven, choice 500-600 lbs. firm to 4.00 higher, other weights and grades unevenly 2.00-4.00 lower. Feeder heifers 1.00-5.00 lower. Supply mainly choice and mixed good and choice 300-700 lb. steers and 300-600 lb. heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Lot high choice and prime 517 lbs. 123.00. Choice 260-400 lbs. 105.00-126.00, mostly 110.00-119.00; 400-500 lbs. 104.00-119.00; 500-600 lbs. 92.50-113.50, mostly 98.50-107.75; 600-700 lbs. 83.25-92.50; 700-800 lbs. 80.25-85.50. Mixed good and choice and some choice compact 350-500 lbs. 90.00-102.00; 500-600 lbs. 80.50-89.50. Several lots good and choice 450-525 lb. holsteins 85.00-92.00; 600-875 lbs. 72.25-78.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS:

Choice 275-400 lbs. 94.50-98.50; 400-500 lbs. 84.50-94.50; 500-600 lbs. 79.00-89.75; 600-750 lbs. 73.00-83.00. Mixed good and choice and some choice compact 300-500 lbs. 81.00-92.00.

Few lot good stock cows made up approximately 44 pct and heifers 28 pct cows comprised 11 pct and feeders 13 pct.

Omaha Cattle

April 26, 1979

Through midweek, prices on slaughter steers were 1.25-2.00 lower. Heifers were 2.00-2.50 lower. Late supplies were insufficient to reflect the effects of an improved carcass trade. Cows closed 2.00-3.00 lower, bulls firm to 1.00 higher. Fleshy two-way feeder steers were 1.00-1.50 lower.

Four day receipts 13,400 last week, 11,300, a year ago 16,400.

The fed cattle trade followed an erratic pattern as prices declined for the first time in four weeks. The steer trade was a two-way affair throughout the week as the large share of choice 2-4 1050-1200 lbs. suitable to meet contract futures specifications were taken by commodity buyers. Slaughter buyers were generally bearish in reflection of the unfavorable cut-out ratio, and several chose to further reduce the rate of slaughter rather than

compete aggressively for numbers during such an unsettled period. Feeder buyers were still competitive for two-way steers suitable for a short term in the feedlot. Slaughter steers made up approximately 44 pct and heifers 28 pct cows comprised 11 pct and feeders 13 pct.

STEERS: Early, choice 2-4 1050-1200 lbs. suitable for futures contracts 77.00-78.00, couple loads 78.50. At midweek, these kinds 76.25-77.00, load 1091 lbs. 77.25. On slaughter account load choice and prime 3-4 1394 lbs. 78.00 early. At midweek, choice 2-4 1000-1275 lbs. mainly 75.00-76.00, two loads and part load choice and prime 1196-1229 lbs. 77.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 74.00-75.00. Good 2-3 69.00-73.00.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations for choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week 75.95; choice 1100-1300 lbs. 76.05. Average weight steers this week 1142 lbs. as compared 1158 lbs. the previous week. Average weight heifers this week 983 lbs. as compared 983 lbs. the previous week.

HEIFERS: Early, several loads choice and prime 3-4 1007-1146 lbs. 74.75-75.00. At midweek two loads and part load same grade 994-1037 lbs. 73.75-74.00, few head 74.50. Choice 2-4 900-1075 lbs. 72.00-73.50. Mixed Good and

Choice 2-3 875-1025 lbs. 71.00-72.50. Good 2-3 66.00-71.00.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 57.00-60.00. Cutter 54.00-57.00. Canner and low-cutter 51.00-55.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-2200 lbs. 64.00-70.00, few individual 1 high-dressing 71.00-75.00.

FEEDERS: Choice 925-1035 lbs. 74.50-75.50, load 894 lbs. 76.00. Load good and choice 971 lbs. 73.50.

Thomasville Market

Thomasville, Pa.

Wednesday, April 25

Cattle, 155 head. Steers, prime 74.85-76.00; choice 72.00-74.00; good 68.00-71.00; Holstein steers, good 67.00-70.00; standard 63.00-65.00; Heifers: prime 74.85-75.35; choice 70.00-72.00; good 64.00-68.00; Cows: utility and high cutter slaughter 60.10-62.50; cutters 56.00-58.00; canners 52.00-55.00; bullocks, 72.75-74.00; Bulls: yield grade 1 76.75-77.50; standard 65.25-68.75; Calves, 46 head, choice 116.00-123.00; good 113.00-115.00; standard and good; 80 to 90 lbs. 85.00-95.00; Holstein bull calves, 100 to 120 lbs. 111.00-117.00; Holstein heifer calves 100 to 135 pounds 135.00-142.00; Hogs: 251 head; US 1 to 3, private treaty, 200-230 lbs. 44.50; sows U. S. 1-3 200-230 lbs. 39.00-41.00; boars, 300 lbs. 38.00-39.10.



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