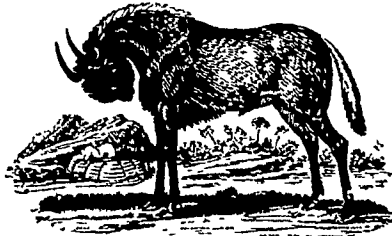




MAY 14-20, 1979

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Fruit trees in bloom now Lewis and Clark left St. Louis May 14, 1804 Last quarter of the moon May 18 Average length of days for the week, 14 hours, 40 minutes First Kentucky Derby May 17, 1875 Chicago stockyards fire May 19, 1934 Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, and half shut afterward



Ask the Old Farmer: What is an "Irish bull"? I came across this the other day Is it a figure of speech? R V, Cleveland An Irish bull refers to a disarrangement of words, such as "A virgin forest is a place where the hand of man has never set foot"

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OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Partly sunny and warm to start, rainy and cold last of week

Greater New York-New Jersey: Clearing and very hot to mid-week, then sunny and warm, cool with heavy rain for weekend

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Week begins sunny and hot, showery last part of week

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Hot all week, some showers west at week's end

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Omaha Cattle

May 10, 1979

Closing prices on slaughter steers were 75-1.00 lower, and heifers closed 50-75 cents lower. Cows were 50-1.00 higher, and bulls firm. Four day receipts 12,500, last week 13,600, a year ago 16,200.

Fed cattle prices were forced downward early in reflection of a bearish carcass trade and only a token recovery was made on a sharply curtailed midweek supply. Most interest were not competitive for maximum numbers in view of continued unfavorable cut-out ratios, and yield grade was often a major price-determining factor. In addition to the seller resistance to lower prices, pressing field works often claimed first priority over marketing cattle. The run included a fairly liberal percentage choice steers and heifers although many were mixed yield grade 3 and 4. Steers made up approximately 46 pct and heifers 34 pct. Cows comprised 10 pct and feeders 9 pct.

STEERS: Two loads and part load Choice and Prime 3-4 1202-1338 lbs. 76.75-77.00, few loads same grade with large percentage 4 1279-1407 lbs. 74.00-75.50. Choice 2-4 1000-1275 lbs. closed 75.00-76.25, part load 3 1150 lbs. 76.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 74.00-75.00, load 1400 lb. holsteins 71.00. Good 2-3 71.00-73.50, holsteins 68.50-70.00.

Average of LS-214, detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lbs. steers this week 75.65; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 75.65. Average weight steers this week 1162 lbs. as compared 1165 lbs. the previous week. Average weight heifers this week 992 lbs. as compared 992 lbs. the previous week.

HEIFERS: Part load Choice and Prime 3-4 1059 lbs. 75.00 late, moderate volume same grade 3-4 975-1067 lbs. 74.25-74.50. Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 72.50-74.25, load predominately 3 74.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 875-1050 lbs. 72.00-73.25. Good 2-3 67.00-71.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 55.00-57.00. Cutter 53.00-55.50. Canner and Low-Cutter 50.00-53.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-2100 lbs. 65.00-70.00, individual 1 71.00-73.00.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland Sales Stables Wednesday, May 9

Reported receipts of 118 cows, 60 heifers, and 2 bulls. Market steady with last week's market.

Load of Pa. fresh 1075-1475; load of N.Y. fresh 1050-1775, springers 1150-1725; load of Butler Co. 685-1650, springers 985-1475; load of Pa. fresh 970-1650; local cows 825-1325; springing heifers, grades 825-1250; open heifers 360-590; bulls 570-620.

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Belknap Auction

Dayton, Pa. May 9, 1979

CATTLE 80. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows 50 cents to \$1 higher. One Choice slaughter steer 69.50, few Good 66.00-68.00, few Standard 61.00-63.75. Few Choice slaughter heifers 66.50-68.00, few Good 64.50-66.50, few Standard 60.00-62.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 55.00-60.50, Cutter 51.00-55.50, Canner & Low Cutter 47.00-51.25, Shells down to 43.50. One Standard slaughter bullocks at 63.50. Few Yield Grade #1-2 1090-1675 lbs. slaughter bulls 60.75-74.00. Few Good & Choice 300-660 lbs. feeder steers 80.00-91.00.

CALVES 102. Vealers about steady. Choice vealers 106.00-119.00, few Good 100.00-107.00, Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 80.00-99.00, 65-85 lbs. 60.00-80.00, few Utility 50-90 lbs. 50.00-60.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-140 lbs. 97.00-133.00.

HOGS 328. Barrows & gilts 50 cents to 75 cents higher. US No. 1-2 210-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 47.00-47.80, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 46.00-47.00, No. 2-3 200-260 lbs. 44.80-46.00, 260-315 lbs. 40.00-44.80, No. 1-3 155-185 lbs. 43.50-45.10. Sows steady to strong. US No. 1-3 315-575 lbs. sows 37.50-43.50, few No. 2-3 510-675 lbs. 30.25-37.00. Boars 30.00-38.00.

FEEDER PIGS 110. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 22.00-37.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-45 lbs. 36.00-38.00 per head.

SHEEP 12. Slaughter ewes 8.00-29.50. Market courtesy of PDA.

Western Md. Market

Western Maryland Stockyards, Inc. Westminster, Md. May 8, 1979

BUTCHER CATTLE: Light run on steers & heifers. Fat steers few offered. Good 68.00-72.00, Standard 64.00-68.00, Heifers Good to 68.10, Cows Good run fully \$2.00 higher! Good Cows 63.00-64.75, Standard & Utility 57.50-62.00, Cannors 55.00-57.50, Shelly 55.00 Down, Bulls FEW OFFERED. Top 79.75, Medium 67.00-69.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: \$1.50 higher. Top hogs 46.35, Bulk 200-225 lbs. 45.75-46.35, 230-260 lbs. 45.00-45.75, 170-190 lbs. 40.00-44.00, Heavy Weights To 37.25. Sows 34.00-36.75.

VEAL CALVES: Very active, prices higher! Tops to 124.00. Good-Choice 110.00-

Standard 100.00-110.00 Light calves 85.00-110.00, Weak & Rough 85.00 Down. Farm heifers to \$200.00. Farm bulls to 154.00. Few offered strong demand. LAMBS: Choice 85-120 lb. 72.00-75.00.

STOCK CATTLE: Light run, no Choice offered. Stock Steers 75.00-95.00, Stock Heifers 60.00-84.00, Stock Bulls 70.00-98.00. Light-weight Holstein \$117.50. Lightweight to \$103.50.

PIGS AND SHOATS: Good run, slightly lower. By the head 20.00-48.00, Shoats to 56.00. By the lb. 55.00-89.00.

Results of Farm Bureau Cow Sale 29 cows. Utility & Commercial 59.00-63.00. Cutters 58.00-62.75.

St. Louis Cattle

National Stockyards, May 10, 1979

Receipts this week 5,000: week ago 6,300; year ago 6,800.

Compared to the previous weeks close, slaughter steers 1.50 to mostly 2.00 lower. Slaughter heifers 2.00-2.50, instances 3.00 lower. Cows 2.00-3.50 higher. Bulls 1.00 lower. Supply mainly choice 2-4 1000-1200 lb. steers, around 35 percent heifers and 15 percent cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 75.00-77.00, closing 75.00-75.75. Choice 2-4 950-1275 lbs. 73.50-76.50, closing week sales 73.50-75.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 72.50-75.00. Good 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 69.50-73.50. Standard to Good 2-3 1050-1300 lb. Holsteins 66.00-70.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 72.50-75.00, closing sales 72.50. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 71.00-74.00, closing 71.00-72.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-975 lbs. 69.50-72.50. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 68.00-71.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 53.00-59.00. Boiling Utility 1-2 57.00-60.00, closing 59.00-60.00. Cutter 1-2 52.00-58.00. Canner and low Cutter 1-2 47.00-54.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1900 lbs. 64.00-71.00. Couple Yield Grade 1 1700 and 2300 lbs. 71.50 and 72.00.

FEEDERS: (Including around 1,200 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers under 700 lbs. 5.00-6.00 lower, weights over 700 lbs. 2.00-4.00 lower. Feeder heifers 5.00-6.00 lower. Demand only moderate at best for lighter supply. Receipts mainly Choice and Mixed Good and Choice 350-800 lb. steers and 350-700 lb. heifers.

FEEDER STEERS:

Choice 300-425 lbs. 100.00-114.00; 500-600 lbs. 86.00-98.00; 600-700 lbs. 76.00-88.25; lot High Choice thin 607 lbs. 94.50; 700-800 lbs. 75.25-85.00; 825-975 lbs. 69.00-73.75. Mixed Good and Choice and some Short Compact 400-525 lbs. 86.00-91.75.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Choice 350-500 lbs. 83.00-92.25; 525-600 lbs. 72.75-77.00; 600-700 lbs. 68.75-75.50; scattered lots 700-775 lbs. 65.00-70.75. Mixed Good and Choice 325-450 lbs. 79.00-86.50.

Lot Choice Stock Cows and Calf Pairs 750.00 per pair.

Sioux City Market

May 10, 1979

Cattle Weekly: Receipts this week 11,300, last week 15,300, year ago 16,900. Slaughter steers and heifers closed 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter cows and bulls mostly 1.00 lower, instances 2.00 lower. Feeder cattle 2.00-5.00 lower, mostly 3.00-4.00 lower. Supply slaughter steers and heifers mainly choice 2-4, several loads slaughter steers weighing near 1400 lbs. as well as fair showing holstein steers weighing 1300-1550 lbs. noted in receipts accounting for increased average weights on steers this week. Average weight slaughter steers first three days 1171 lbs. Compared 1151 lbs. week ago and 1159 lbs. year ago. Cows near 4 of supply. Feeder cattle 3,300 bulk selling at the Wednesday auction. Supplies feeder cattle principally backgrounded yearlings weighing 550-700 lbs. in moderate to thin fleshy, many loads carrying considerable mud.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: 2 loads Choice YG 2-3, 1160 lbs. 77.00 Wednesday. Choice 2-4, 1050-1300 lbs. ranged 75.00-76.25, few loads muddy 3-4, 1200-1300 lbs. 74.50. 2 loads Choice some Prime 4, 1400

lbs. 74.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3, 1050-1200 lbs. 73.50-75.00. Few Good 71.50 73.50. Load and part load mostly Choice 2-3, 1300-1550 lb. Holsteins 71.00. Monday. Mixed Good and Choice 1-3, 1150-1350 lbs. 69.00-70.00, few including standard 68.00-69.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4, 850-1100 lbs. closed 72.50-73.75, largely 73.00-73.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3, 800-1050 lbs. 71.00-72.75. Few Good including heiferettes 67.00-71.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3, 52.00-56.00, cutter 1-2, 50.00-53.00. Canner and Low Cutter 45.00-51.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: YG 1-2, 1200-1800 lbs. 68.00-80.00, several individual 1 1800-1900 lbs. 72.00.

Market courtesy of USDA.

Valley Livestock

Valley Stockyards Athens, Pa. Monday, May 7

Reported receipts of 356 calves, 126 cows, 83 hogs, 51 heifers, 32 sheep, 5 lambs, 27 bulls, and 2 steers. Cattle market easier and calf market strong.

Holstein heifer calves to 220.00; veals 80.00-118.00; bobs, 90 to 110 lbs. 93.00-175.00; bobs, 80 lbs. and down 60.00-95.00; grassers and feeders 63.50-94.00; lambs 69.00-80.00; sheep 24.00-44.00; hogs, 200 to 250 lbs. 41.50-48.00; sows 33.00-40.50; boars 33.50-36.50; pigs, each 29.00-58.00; heifers 57.75-65.00; steers, good 60.00-68.00; Holstein heifers 65.00-101.00; bulls 56.00-68.75; cows, good 57.00-61.25; cows, medium 53.75-56.50; cows, poor or small 40.00-53.75; horses, to 280.00; ponies 30.00-175.00; goats 10.00-23.00.

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