

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

June 7, 1979

Cattle - Closing prices on slaughter steers were 3.50-4.00 lower and heifers closed 3.00-3.50 lower. Cows were 5.00-6.00 lower and bulls 4.00-5.00 lower.

Four day receipts 13800 compared 12500 for three days last week and 14700 a year ago.

The fed cattle trade was generally a bearish affair as live prices were again forced sharply downward in reflection of the continued severe declines in carcass trading where demand was characterized as light to moderate most days. The current price declines left steer prices 9.00-9.50 below the mid-April peak and heifer prices some 8.00 off. Buyers were again on the cautious side as they sought to maintain an acceptable ratio between current live prices and rapidly deteriorating carcass trade. An additional bearish factor was injected by the uneasiness over available transportation facilities. The overall finish of the steer and heifer supply was attractive

most days with a liberal percentage choice, although many consignments were mixed 3-4 yield grade. Steers made up approximately 51 pct. and heifers 29 pct. cows comprised 12 pct. and feeders less than 5 pct.

STEERS: Early, several loads choice and prime 3-4 1100-1333 lbs. 69.59-71.00. At midweek, load choice with few prime predominantly 3 1175 lbs. 69.85, several loads string choice 3-4 1150-1195 lbs. 69.50. Choice 2-4 1025-1250 lbs. closed mainly 67.50-69.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 66.50-67.50. Good 2-3 65.00-66.50, load 1240 lb. Holsteins with end choice 64.00.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for choice 900-1100 lbs. steers this week 68.35; choice 1100-1300 lbs. 68.68. Average weight steers this week 1165 lbs. as compared 1182 lbs. the previous week. Average weight heifers this week 994 lbs. as compared 1016 lbs. the previous week.

HEIFERS: Choice with end prime 3-4 930-1000 lbs. 69.50 early. At midweek choice 2-4 875-1075 lbs. 66.50-68.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 850-1050 lbs. 65.50-66.50. Good 2-3 61.50-65.00.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 closed 45.00-48.00. Cutter 43.00-46.00. Canner and low-cutter 42.00-43.50.

BULLS: 1-2 1400-2000 lbs. 56.00-62.00, few individual 1 64.00-66.00.

STOCK COWS: Few good and choice late 44.00-47.00.

Lebanon Valley Auction

Fredericksburg, Pa.

June 5, 1979

CATTLE 173. Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter steers \$2 to \$3 lower. Slaughter cows \$1.25 to \$3 lower. Choice No. 2-4 950-1350 lbs. slaughter steers 67.00-69.00, Good 65.25-68.00, Standard 60.25-64.50. Few Choice slaughter heifers 65.35-69.00, few Good 64.35-64.75. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 54.00-58.60, Cutters 55.00-58.00, Canner & Low Cutter 51.50-54.50, Shells down to 48.00. Few Choice slaughter bullocks 66.10-69.00. Yield Grade #1 1070-1950 lbs. slaughter bulls 59.00-69.00.

CALVES 190. Vealers mostly \$5 to \$10 lower. Couple Prime vealers 115.00 and 119.00, Choice 98.00-113.00, Good 90.00-100.00, Standard & Good 85-105 lbs. 90.00-96.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 95.00-150.00, mostly 110.00-130.00; holstein heifers 90-150 lbs. 113.00-239.00.

HOGS 325. Barrows & gilts steady to 50 cents lower. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 44.50-45.25, one lot 45.85, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 42.50-43.75, few lots No. 2-3 260-280 lbs. 39.00-42.00. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 33.50-37.50. Few Boars 31.00-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS 40. US No. 1-3 30-42 lbs. feeder pigs 90.00-96.00 cwt.

SHEEP 6. Couple Choice 60 and 85 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 78.00 and 79.50. Few Slaughter ewes 24.00-45.00.

Four States Auction

Four States Livestock Sales, Inc.

Wednesday, May 30, 1979

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers higher; Choice 71.00-75.00; Good 67.00-70.00; Medium 66.00 down. Heifers - Choice to \$67.50; Good 64.00-66.00; Medium 63.00 down. Cows Good Run \$1.50 under last week - High Yield 60.00-62.25; Average 56.00-59.00; Big Middle 52.00-56.00; Shelley 53.00 down. Fat Bulls \$1.00 lower - Good 70.00-71.25; Medium 65.00-69.00. Veal Calves Mostly Steady Prices - Choice 110.00-121.00; Good 104.00-109.00; Medium 95.00-103.00; Farm Hfns. to \$200.00; Farm Bulls to 159.00; Light & Weak 85.00 down. Lambs steady - Choice 75.00-75.75; Good 72.00-74.00; Medium 71.00 down.

STOCKER: Steers 300-550 lbs. Steady to 2.00 lower - Choice 96.00-99.50; Good 90.00-95.00; Medium 84.00-89.00; Culls 83.00 down. Steers 600-850 lbs. - Choice 85.00-90.00; Good 81.00-84.00; Medium 80.00 down. Heifers - All Weights Dairy Type to \$125.00 - Choice 83.00-86.50; Good 79.00-81.00; Medium 78.00 down. Bulls - Good 72.00-76.00; Medium 71.00 - down. Dairy Cows to 890.00. Springing Hfns. to 1000.00. Pigs Hd. Large Run Prices Steady - 20-30 lbs. 22.00-37.00; 40-60 lbs. 38.00-49.00; 70-85 lbs. 50.00-63.00. Shoats by Lbs. to 45.00. Slaughter Hogs \$2.50 lower - 200-230 lbs. 42.75-43.35; 240-260 lbs. 42.50-43.00; 180-195 lbs. 39.75-42.00. Sows - 300-670 lbs. \$32.50-35.60.

Middleburg Auction

Middleburg, Pa.

June 5, 1979

CATTLE 232. Compared

with last Tuesday's market; Choice slaughter 66.00-71.60, Good 64.00-69.75, Standard 62.00-64.00, Utility 60.00-62.00. Choice slaughter heifers 65.00-69.35, Good 62.00-65.00, Standard 60.00-62.00, Utility 58.00-60.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 53.00-57.85, Cutters 51.00-56.75, Canner & Low Cutter 45.00-51.00, Shells down to 43.00. Choice slaughter bullocks 68.00-71.50, Good 65.00-68.00. Yield Grade #1 1200-1960 lbs. slaughter bulls 65.00-72.75; yield grade #2 800-1200 lbs. 58.00-65.00.

CALVES 115. Prime vealers 105.00-120.00, Choice 100.00-115.00, Good 95.00-100.00, Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 80.00-100.00, 70-90 lbs. 60.00-80.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 95-115 lbs. 100.00-135.00; holstein heifers 80-150 lbs. 100.00-102.50.

HOGS 706. (Monday, June 4, 1979) US No. 1-2 200-230 lbs. barrows & gilts 44.00-45.10, No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 43.25-44.10, No. 2-3 200-270 lbs. 42.35-43.20. US No. 1-3 300-690 lbs. sows 33.00-37.00. Boars 275-700 lbs. 27.00-32.50.

FEEDER PIGS 303. US No. 1-3 15-20 lbs. feeder pigs 15.00-23.00 per head, No. 1-3 20-30 lbs. 18.00-28.00, No. 1-3 40-50 lbs. 34.00-46.50 per head.

SHEEP 21. Few Choice 100-135 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 69.00-72.00.

Market courtesy of PDA.

Baltimore USDA

June 4, 1979

CATTLE 400: Slaughter steers and heifers \$1.00-2.00 lower. Cows weak to 1.00 lower. Bulls 1.00-2.00 lower. Supply 25% slaughter steers and heifers, 50% cows, 20% feeder cattle, balance bulls.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1075-1125 lbs. 69.75-70.60. Good and Choice

2-4 1025-1275 lbs. 68.75-69.50; Good 2-4 1000-1300 lbs. 65.00-68.00; Good Holsteins 2-3 1400-1700 lbs. 64.25-65.25.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few Choice 3-4 850-1000 lbs. 68.00-69.50; Good 2-3 800-1100 lbs. 63.50-67.00.

COWS: Utility 2-3 55.50-60.00, several to 61.25. Cutters 52.00-57.60.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1100-1440 lbs. 66.75-72.25; several 2's 1050-1100 lbs. 63.75-65.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Choice steer and bull calves 295-465 lbs. 91.00-100.00; Choice steer 530-650 lbs. 81.00-86.00, few 725-830 lbs. 69.50-74.50; 885-1000 lbs. 65.25-69.75. Choice heifers 425-500 lbs. 80.00-89.75, few Good 75.00-79.75.

HOGS 1000: Compared with last Tuesday, barrows & gilts 1.25-1.50 lower. US 1-2 200-240 lbs. 43.00-43.25, few lots 43.50; US 2-3 230-260 lbs. 42.00-43.00.

SOWS: \$3.50-4.00 lower. US 1-3 300-600 lbs. 33.50-34.00, few early sales 300-370 lbs. 36.00.

VEAL AND CALF AUCTION: 75, Choice 135-265 lbs. vealers 107.50-117.50. Calves returned to farm 90.00-103.00, few 105.00-108.00. Few Choice calves 275-310 lbs. 104.00-111.00.

SHEEP AUCTION: Choice spring slaughter lambs 80-94 lbs. 68.00-68.25, 72 lbs. 64.50.

Thomasville Market

Thomasville, Pa. June 6, 1979

Cattle 123. Prime slaughter steers 67.00-68.00; Choice 65.00-66.35; good 63.00-64.00; Holstein steers, good 59.00-62.00; Slaughter heifers, prime 65.00-67.00; choice 62.00-63.00; good 58.00-60.00; Utility and commercial slaughter cows 54.00-57.00; cutters 45.00-48.00; canners 43.00-44.00; bulls, good 56.50-58.00; Calves 66, Holstein bulls 90 to 115 lbs. 105.00-125.00; Holstein heifers 95 to 125 lbs. 150.00-175.00; Hogs 257. U.S. 1-3 by private treaty, 200 to 230 lbs. 41.75; Sows U.S. 1-3, 30.00-33.00.

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