

# Livestock market

## G&M Livestock

Duncansville, Pa.  
July 2, 1979

Market reported lower than last week.

Dairy Cows: 930.00-1625.00.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 69.00-71.20; Good to Choice 66.00-69.00; Standard to Good 62.00-66.00.

HEIFERS: Good to Choice 62.00-66.80; Standard 60.00-62.00.

FEEDERSTEERS: Good to Choice 250 to 500 lbs. 85.00-96.00; 500 to 700 lbs. 75.00-85.00.

BULLS: 1200 to 1654 lbs. 65.00-69.75; 900 to 1200 lbs. 62.00-65.00.

COWS: High Choice to Prime 60.00-61.25; Good 58.00-60.00; Utility 54.00-58.00; Cutters 50.00-54.00; Canners down to 45.00.

CALVES: High Choice 110.00-119.00; Good to Choice 100.00-110.00; Standard to Good 80.00-100.00.

Farm Calves: Hol. Heifers 90 to 120 lbs. 150.00-212.50.

Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 90 to 120 lbs. 100.00-118.00.

HOGS: 200 to 240 lbs. 41.50-43.20; 170 to 280 lbs. 40.00-41.50.

SOWS: 28.00-37.00.

BOARS: 25.00-29.00.

Feeder Pigs: 20 to 35 lbs. 18.00-28.00; 35 to 45 lbs. 28.00-38.00.

Lambs: 55.00-69.00.

SHEEP: 28.00-40.00.

## Lancaster Feeder Cattle

Lancaster, Pa.  
Fri., June 29, 1979

Feeder Cattle	
Today	77
Last Friday	59
Last Year	232

Insufficient volume for a market test, bulk of supply sold in lots of one or two. 18 head Standard and Good 655-700 lbs. Holsteins 69.50-70.25; four head Choice 655 lb. 76.75.

# Safety precautions needed near power lines

NEWARK, Del. - A farmer and his two sons were pushing a portable auger elevator from one bin to another when they were suddenly stopped in their tracks, literally "frozen". They heard the crackle of electricity above them, then felt the electric current surge through their arms and legs. The older man wrenched free of the machine only to watch in horror as his sons slumped into unconsciousness and death.

Tragically, similar scenes are repeated on farms and ranches across the country. Any piece of metal equipment that can reach power lines is capable of bringing the "lightning" down.

Sections of irrigation pipe upended for cleaning, hay stacking booms, communication antennas, raised dump truck bodies, metal ladders—they're just a few of the objects implicated in accidental overhead power line injuries and fatalities investigated by the National Safety Council.

In a study of electrical accidents made by the Council's Farm Department, three out of every four resulted from contact with overhead power lines, either the high-voltage supply lines or the distribution lines carrying power from one building to another.

Delaware Extension safety specialist Ronald C.

Jester urges all farmers to take a good look at power lines near their operations and determine what precautions and training are needed to prevent electrocutions. Where tall equipment must be used, one should consider an underground electrical supply. Lines over lanes, drives and field entrances might have to be raised to accommodate modern equipment. Certain hay stackers, folded tillage equipment, and portable conveyors can be inadvertently left raised, coming in contact with power lines installed at the legally required heights.

A person should make sure no one on the place becomes

an electrocution statistic—keep reminding everyone of the "lightning" overhead. One should never work within 10 feet of any power line. Tall equipment should be lowered and clearances checked before driving under power lines. Even the CB antenna on a pickup truck or tractor may be high enough to touch some lines.

If one is trapped in or on a vehicle in contact with a power line, he should stay where he is until someone calls the power company to cut off the power. If one must leave the vehicle—if it's on fire, for instance—he should jump clear without touching any metal part to avoid becoming a path-to-ground for the electricity.

# Plants are key to environmental planning

UNIVERSITY PARK - The architectural details of housing units are not the only concerns of builders and developers today, says Larry J. Kuhns, Extension horticulturist, Penn State.

The environmental features that surround their homes are receiving more attention. Considerable amounts of money are being spent to plan, develop, and preserve the environment in new developments. In many cases imaginative builders design streets, locate utilities and parking areas, construct the housing units more economically, and also

plan open space for recreation, explains Kuhns.

High density planning can provide a better environment at lower cost in many situations. The increased number of units helps pay the cost of protecting the environment, and high density housing requires less land be disturbed from its natural state. For the homeowners, this means more open space and park lands at their back doors.

The trees and shrubs that remain, and those that are planted serve the new community in many ways.

They beautify the area, buffer traffic noise and odor, screen out structures and streets on adjoining land, and offer a break in the rigid, geometric order of the new buildings and homes.

The open spaces give children of all ages a place to run and play or relax and contemplate; they are suitable for both. A wide variety of wildlife has proven very adaptable to living in close relationships with humans if just provided a few hiding places. The open spaces provide a refuge for animals and the opportunity for people to observe and enjoy another part of nature.

The key to providing all these benefits of the open, undeveloped areas are the trees and shrubs which buffer the noises and odors and provide screens and

hiding places for wildlife. Proper selection of these plants can maximize the benefits obtained and minimize any problems they create in the future, says Kuhns.

For information concerning trees and shrubs that are suitable for use in community open space areas, one can contact his local county agricultural agent. He has many leaflets and circulars that will be of assistance.



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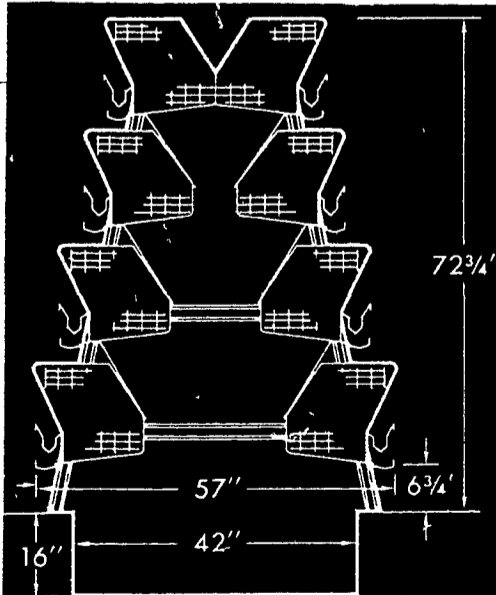
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