

Livestock market and auction news

Lancaster Market

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VEAL CALVES: Vealers mostly steady, instances 3.00-5.00 lower on Choice and Prime. Demand good for calves returned to farm.

VEALERS: Prime 280-360 lbs. 114.00-121.00, few 121.00-123.00; Choice 160-300 lbs. 100.00-112.00, 120-160 lbs. 98.00-110.00, few 110.00-118.00; high Good and low Choice 120-270 lbs. 85.00-102.00, 90-120 lbs. 84.00-98.00, 70-90 lbs. 84.00-90.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Bulk 90-120 lbs. holstein heifers 130.00-185.00, around 50 head early part of week 210.00-220.00; bulk 90-115 lbs. holstein bulls 98.00-115.00, several 115.00-125.00.

Belleville Auction

Belleville, Pa. October 24, 1979

CATTLE 163. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows \$1 to \$2.50 lower. Few Standard slaughter steers 57.60-59.85. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 44.50-47.50, couple 49.50, Cutters 45.00-47.00, Canner & Low Cutter 40.50-44.25, Shells down to 35.00. Few Yield Grade #1 1000-1695 lbs. slaughter bulls 51.85-61.25. Few Medium Frame #2 300-500 lbs. feeder steers 60.50-66.50.

CALVES 142. Choice vealers 97.00-109.00, few Good 95.00-100.00, 70-95 lbs. 82.00-92.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-125 lbs.

90.00-130.00; few holstein heifers 90-150 lbs. 135.00-220.00.

HOGS 285. Barrows & gilts \$2.50 to \$3 lower. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 34.00-35.00, one lot 35.75, No. 1-3 200-245 lbs. 33.60-34.00. US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. sows 23.00-27.50, few No. 2-3 400-600 lbs. 19.50-23.25. Boars 20.00-28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 520. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 8.00-15.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 12.00-20.00, No. 1-3 80-150 lbs. 28.00-34.00, Utility 25-50 lbs. 4.00-11.00 per head.

SHEEP 42. Choice 80-115 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 55.00-60.00. Slaughter ewes 22.00-34.00.

New Holland Horse

Monday, October 22
New Holland Sales Stables

Reported receipts of 268 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market steady with last week's market.

Local driving horses, 275-1220; riding horses, 275-475; better horses, 550-775; lightweight killers, 275-400; heavyweight killers, 450-575; mares 30-65; colts, 10-20; geldings, 25-60; larger ponies, 110-175.

USDA Net Weight Proposal Comments due

ELIZABETHTOWN—Until October 30, USDA will receive comments on its proposal to make it mandatory that every package absolutely contain no less than the stated weight, regardless of how the package is handled, shipped, used or misused.

In its summary of costs and benefits for the proposal, USDA's statistical division suggests the following in favor of the change: consumers would be guaranteed the stated weight in "consumable" product; a drained weight measuring system is less subject to abuse; it would provide incentives for industry to reduce the amount and variability of moisture loss of products; value comparisons between meat and poultry would improve, although value comparison among brands would not improve; it would be simpler to enforce; and wholesale buyers would receive full net weight on bulk shipments.

USDA lists cost factors in a rule change as follows: industry costs would rise from \$59 to \$116 million, with the greatest overhead impact hitting smaller firms; retailers would have more frequent rewrapping costs for in-store packaged products and would have to absorb costs for prepacked packages opened but not purchased by inspectors; enforcement time would be

increased and more than \$400,000 in new equipment would be needed by weights and measures officials to check compliance; and products with higher potential moisture losses would be overpacked even more, with prices boosted to reflect overloading.

Send comments to the Executive Secretariat, Attn.: Annie Johnson, Room 3807-S, FSQS, USDA, Washington, D.C. 20250. Or, call William Dubbert (202-447-7470) directly to make comment or ask additional questions about how the change would affect your business and your products.

Beef production low

WASHINGTON, D.C. —In the coming months, beef production will remain at low levels. Excellent grazing conditions this summer and into the fall have enabled feeder cattle producers to hold their cattle on pastures longer than usual — keeping feeder cattle prices high. Feedlot operators have balked at paying these high prices for feeder cattle and movement into feedlots has been slow.

Feedlot placements for the third quarter could be about a fourth below the July-September 1978 level — suggesting beef production sharply below a year earlier this fall and in early 1980.

The October 18 Cattle on Feed report will give a good reading on what beef production is likely to be during the next 3 to 5 months.

Feedlot placements in late fall are expected to increase as cold and drier weather slows pasture growth. If so, beef production during the first half of 1980 may be greater than the second half of 1979 — giving pork more competition.

And competing poultry supplies this fall and in early 1980 also expected to be above year-earlier levels — adding additional pressure to hog prices.

Christmas workshop starts Monday

LANCASTER — On October 29th and 30th, a Christmas

program will be held at the County Extension Service, Farm & Home Center. The program is being held for two days this year in order to accommodate more people, announced Susan Doyle, Home Economist.

The Christmas program will focus on three main areas. "Gifts for Everyone" will be presented by Ruth Finkel, Extension Assistant. Ruth will review the "how-to-do-its" in making gifts for babies, energy savers, for the home, the disorganized, the shut-in, the knitter or crocheter, and for the hard to please.

"Home for the Holidays" features a food demonstration by Judith Mentzer and Sharon Sheaffer. These women are free lance home economists. They will be providing help on Christmas menu ideas and food gifts.

In the afternoon, Mrs. Daniel Ebberts will be showing the workshop participants how to decorate their homes with a festive holiday garb.

For more details, contact Susan Doyle at the Farm and Home Center.

As petroleum costs continue to rise, cotton becomes more competitive with polyester, and U.S. manufacturers continue to export more and import fewer cotton goods.

Two of agriculture's ageless enemies, pestilence and disease, are estimated to cut the world's food supply by up to 40 percent.

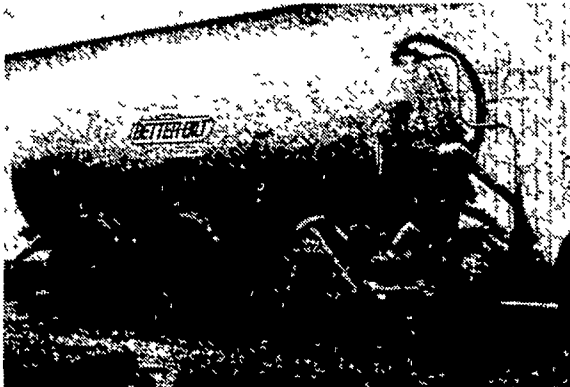
In 1967, half the food produced in India was lost to rats, rot, birds and insects. Three years later, 50 percent losses in developing countries were not unusual. It's estimated modern pest control could save enough food for 40 million people




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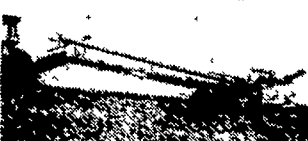
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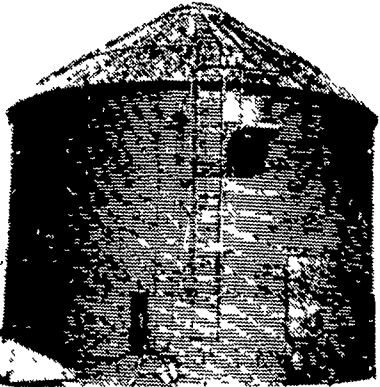
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