

Livestock market and auction news

Indiana Livestock

Thursday, January 31

CATTLE 81. Compared with last Thursday market, SI. cows strong \$2.25-\$5.00 higher. (1) Good 66.00, few standard 58.25-60.75, few Utility 50.00-53.00, few Choice YG sl. heifers 66.50-68.25, 1 Good 57.00, few Standard 54.00-55.00. SI. cows Utility & Commercial 51.50-57.00, one at 58.75. Cutters 48.00-53.00, Canners & low cutter 43.25-48.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1 1050-1650 lbs. sl. bulls 63.00-64.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Choice Medium Frame No. 2 480-750 lbs. steers 62.50-65.00, Medium Frame No. 1 Good 300-500 lbs. heifers 57.50-69.00. Medium Frame No. 2 Good 500-700 lbs. bulls 52.50-58.25.

CALVES 108. Vealers grading standard & good 1.00-5.00 higher, few Choice 110-125.00, Good 95.00-110.00, Standard & Gd. 90-120 lbs. 85.00-100.00, Standard 70-90 lbs. 70.00-90.00, Utility 55-125 lbs. 60.00-75.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol Bulls 85-125 lbs. 96.00-154.00, Hol. heifers 85-125 lbs. 100.00-205.00.

HOGS 23. Barrows and gilts US No. 1-2 200-235 lbs. barrows and gilts 42.50-43.20, few No. 1-3 200-230 lbs. 40.50-42.00, few No. 2-3 270 lbs. 38.25. Sows 1 US No. 1-3 300 lbs. sows 33.00, Boars 19.00-20.50.

FEEDER PIGS 23. US No. 1-3 30-40 lbs. feeder pigs 12.00-12.50 per head, 1 lot No. 1-3 75 lbs. 23.00.

SHEEP 5. Spring/or/Wooled sl. lambs Good 85-95 lbs. 52.00-63.00, few Slaughter ewes 15.00.

Leesport Auction

Wednesday, January 30

CATTLE 202. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers \$1 to \$3 higher, most advance on Standard. Slaughter cows \$3 to \$5 higher. Choice 1050-1250 lbs. slaughter steers 67.10-70.35, Good 64.00-68.00, Standard 61.25-63.50, few Utility 60.25-61.00. Couple Choice slaughter heifers 63.10 and 64.75, few Good 59.00-60.50, few Standard 55.00-60.25. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 54.00-57.85, Cutters 51.75-55.00, Canner & Low Cutter 49.00-52.75. Couple Choice slaughter bullocks 73.00 and 76.75, one Standard at 63.35. Couple Yield Grade #1 1850 and 1900 lbs. slaughter bulls 64.60 and 67.10; few yield grade #2 910-1175 lbs. 58.50-61.85. Few Large Frame #1 340-575 lbs. feeder steers 77.50-90.00, few Large Frame #2 300-500 lbs. 73.50-75.00, 700-1000 lbs. 63.25-69.00; few Large Frame #1 350-525 lbs. feeder heifers 74.00-77.50, few Medium Frame #1 360-400 lbs. 68.00-72.00.

CALVES 135. Few Choice vealers 114.00-118.00, few Good 100.00-108.00, few Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 87.00-90.00, few 90-110 lbs. 80.00-84.00, few 75-85 lbs. 70.00-75.00, few Utility 60-95 lbs. 50.00-70.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 130.00-155.00, some down to 90.00; holstein heifers 80-130 lbs. 180.00-220.00.

HOGS 470. Barrows & gilts 25% lower. US no. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 38.75-39.75, one lot 40.50, No. 1-3 195-260 lbs. 38.00-39.10, few No. 2-3 200-275 lbs. 36.25-38.60, few No. 1-3 145-185 lbs.

30.00-34.00. Sows steady to \$1 lower. US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. sows 30.00-33.25, few to 36.50, few No. 2-3 400-700 lbs. 28.75-32.00. Boars 26.50-28.00, few light weights 29.00-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS 169. US No. 1-3 25-50 lbs. feeder pigs 53.00-61.00 cwt., 2 lots 66.00 and 69.00, few No. 1-3 85-95 lbs. 39.00-41.00, few Utility 30-60 lbs. 34.00-41.00 cwt.

SHEEP 46. Choice 80-125 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 60.00-72.00, couple New Crop at 82.00, Good 100-135 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 45.00-54.00. Slaughter ewes 29.00-40.00.

GOATS 15. Large Goats 39.00-49.00.

Pa. Auction Summary

Friday, February 1

CATTLE 5028. Compared with last weeks market, slaughter steers mostly 50 cents to \$1 higher. SI. heifers strong to \$1 higher. SI. cows \$3-5 higher. SI. bulls strong to \$2 higher. High Choice & Prime YG No. 3-4 sl. steers 68.00-70.60. Choice YG 2-4 65.00-71.00; Good 61.00-66.00; Standard 58.00-63.00 few Utility 57.00-61.00. Choice YG sl. heifers 63.00-67.00; Good 59.00-64.00; Standard 55.00-59.00. Utility & Commercial sl. cows 51.00-57.75, few to 60.00, Cutters 49.00-55.75; Canner & L. Cutter 45.00-52.00, Shells down to 40.00. Few Choice sl. bullocks 66.00-70.00, few Good 62.00-66.00, few Standard 58.00-63.00. Yield Grade #1, 1000-2200 lbs. 61.00-67.75 few 69.60, Yield Grade #2, 900-1500 lbs. 57.00-63.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Medium & Large Frame No. 1 Choice 300-500 lbs. steers

72.00-90.00. Medium & Large Frame No. 2 Good 300-600 lbs. 56.00-75.00. Medium Frame No. 1 Good 300-500 lbs. heifers 60.00-75.00.

CALVES 3375. Compared with 2877 head last week and 3382 head a year ago. Vealers grading Good & Choice \$1-5 higher. Few Prime vealers 125.00-135.00, Choice 105.00-125.00, Standard & Good \$5-15 higher, demand strong for farm calves with bulk of supply sold to that market, Good 90.00-110.00, Standard & good 90-120 lbs. 85.00-95.00, 65-90 70.00-85.00, Utility 50-100 lbs. 50.00-70.00.

FARM CALVES very active. Hol. Bulls 90-130 lbs. 90.00-165.00, mostly 100.00-140.00. Hol. Heifers 90-150 lbs. 100.00-245.00, mostly 150.00-220.00.

HOGS 7308. Barrows and gilts mostly 50 cents to \$1 compared with 7037 last week and 7479 head a year ago. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. barrows & gilts 39.00-40.50 few 42.00, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 38.00-39.50. No. 2-3 200-275 lbs. 36.50-38.00, No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 34.00-37.00. **SOWS** steady to \$1 higher. US No. 1-3 300-550 lbs. sows 30.00-37.00, No. 2-3 300-675 lbs. 25.00-31.00. **BOARS** 22.00-28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1509. Uneven compared with 1709 head last week and 1596 head a year ago. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 10.00-19.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 16.00-25.00, No. 50-85 lbs. 19.00-30.00.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS 2329. ALL SALES CWT. Compared with 2975 head last week, and 2087 head a year ago. Feeder pigs mostly \$2-7 higher. US No. 1-2 30-40 lbs. 51.00-69.00, 40-50

lbs. 52.00-68.00, 50-60 lbs. 50.00-66.00, 60-70 lbs. 49.00-60.00, 70-85 lbs. 43.00-49.00; US No. 2-3 30-40 lbs. 32.00-48.00, 40-50 lbs. 44.00-57.00, 50-70 lbs. 39.00-44.00; US No. 1-3 35-75 lbs. 29.00-38.00.

SHEEP 296. Woolled sl. lambs steady to strong compared with 361 last week and 49 head a year ago. Choice 65-100 lbs. 64.00-72.00 few 79.00 Good 50-135 lbs. 49.00-63.00. Few Slaughter ewes 18.00-44.00.

SCS tells how to maintain drains

LEBANON — Sediment trapped in subsurface drainage systems drains money from your pocket says Fred Suffian, Soil Conservationist. Water standing a few days in low lying croplands will reduce yields cutting income and land values.

According to Suffian, you know your subsurface drains are working if water remains on your field for only a short time after a heavy rain. If properly installed, these drains will function well for many years.

Most failures can be prevented by regular care. Maintenance practices such as cleaning trash and removing sediment, clearing drainage outlets, and con-

trolling tree roots should be performed at least twice a year.

Surface inlet covers often seal with trash while their basins fill with silt. Clean inlet covers and clean basins when they are clogged. If a cover is left off and/or the basin fills the line may clog.

Drain outlets may fail because the outlet ditch becomes too shallow, causing a backup in the line. A minimum free-fall of 1/2 foot should be maintained from the bottom of the drain outlet to the bottom of the ditch or stream.

Roots of nearby trees may grow into subsurface drains causing the lines to block. A tree root zone is about the same size as its crown diameter, therefore, cut tree as necessary.

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