

# Livestock market and auction news

Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 2, 1980-A9

## Lancaster Weekly

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69.50-72.25; Good 1000-1250 lbs. 62.00-65.55.

**BULLS:** Yield Grade 1 1300-1800 lbs. 64.50-69.10, around 35 head in one lot 1300-1700 lbs. 69.75-74.85, mainly 72.50-74.00; Yield Grade 2 1000-1350 lbs. 60.00-64.50, few 850-1050 lbs. 55.00-60.00.

**VEAL CALVES:** Vealers firm to 5.00 higher with Good and low Choice 60-110 lbs. fully 10.00 higher although the bulk of these calves sold for return to farm.

**VEALERS:** Prime 180-320 lbs. 120.00-135.00, few 136.00-139.00; Choice 150-300 lbs. 104.00-124.00, few 124.00-126.00; high Good and low Choice 120-240 lbs. 85.00-110.00, 90-115 lbs. 74.00-88.00, 60-85 lbs. 60.00-75.00.

**RETURNED TO FARM:** Bulk 95-125 lbs. holstein heifers 155.00-210.00, several 210.00-245.00, 80-100 lbs. mainly 90.00-120.00 with few 150.00-200.00; bulk 95-120 lbs. holstein bulls 135.00-155.00, few 155.00-160.00, 85-100 lbs. 90.00-125.00.

## Omaha Cattle

Thursday, January 31

Midweek prices on slaughter steers and heifers were mostly 1.00 lower, instances 1.25 off on steers. Cows were 50-1.00 higher and bulls firm.

Receipts this week: 15,100, Last Week: 10,300, Year Ago: 12,000.

Closing prices on slaughter steers were firm to 25 higher, instances 50 higher. Heifers were 50 higher, instances 75 higher. Cows surged 2.00-3.00 higher, bulls firm to 1.00 higher.

The fed cattle trade followed a more stable course than most recent weeks. Prices edged cautiously upward under a generally good demand by most buying interests despite only limited early support from carcass trading. Yield grade continued to be a major price-determining factor with best inquiry for Choice 3 steers producing a 600-800 lbs. carcass. Heifers were in good demand as carcass prices were virtually the same as carcass steer prices. Local marketings were moderately expanded over the previous week, but were quite well distributed over the trading period. The run included a fairly liberal percentage Choice steers and heifers although many consignments were mixed 3-4 yield grade and some carried a rather heavy coating of mud. Slaughter steers made up approximately 45 percent of the week's total and heifers 33 percent, cows comprised 15 percent and feeders 5 percent.

**STEERS:** On Monday, load Choice 3 1188 lbs. and load Choice and Prime 3-4 1193 lbs. 66.50. At midweek, load Choice 3 1144 lbs. 66.25, few loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1196-1225 lbs. 65.00-66.00. Choice 2-4 1000-1275 lbs. 64.50-66.00, some predominately 4 or carrying heavy coating of mud 63.00-64.00, load 1400 lbs. 62.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 64.00-64.75, occasionally 65.00. Good 2-3 2-3 1200-1350 lbs. holsteins 59.50-60.00.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lbs. steers with week 65.62; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 65.25. Average weight steers

with week 1188 lbs. as compared 1174 lbs. last week. Average weight heifers this week 1025 lbs. as compared 1026 lbs. last week.

**HEIFERS:** Part load Choice 3 1020 lbs. 65.25. Moderate volume Choice and Prime 3-4 1000-1100 lbs. 64.50-65.00. Choice 2-4 900-1125 lbs. 63.00-64.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 875-1050 lbs. 62.50-63.50. Good 2-3 59.00-62.00.

**COWS:** Utility and Commercial 2-4 49.00-51.50, few 52.00. Cutter 47.00-50.00. Canner and Low-Cutter 44.00-47.50.

**BULLS:** 1-2 1300-2100 lbs. 56.00-61.00, individual 1 62.00-63.00.

## St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, January 31

Weekly Cattle Review

Receipts This Week 3,900  
Week Ago 4,500  
Year Ago 3,900

As compared to the previous weeks close, slaughter steers 1.00-1.50 higher. Slaughter heifers 2.00-2.50 higher. Cows mostly 3.00 higher. Bulls fully 1.00-2.00 higher. Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 slaughter steers, around 35 percent heifers and 15 percent cows.

**NOTE:** A reduction in the supply of yield grade 3-5 steers and heifers was apparent this week.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 65.50-66.75, closing 66.00-66.75; 3-4 1200-1325 lbs. 63.50-64.00; part load 3-5 1300 lbs. 60.00. Choice 2-4 950-1275 lbs. 64.00-66.00, closing 64.50-66.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 63.00-64.50. Good 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 61.50-63.50. Standard to Good 2-3 1075-1350 lbs. Holsteins 57.00-61.50.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 64.50-65.50, Closing 65.00-65.50, load at 65.75. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 63.00-65.00, closing sales 63.50-65.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 700-975 lbs. 62.00-63.50. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 60.00-62.50.

**COWS:** Closing sale utility and commercial 2-4 47.00-52.00. Boning Utility 1-2 52.00-53.00. Cutter 47.00-

50.00. Canner and Low cutter 1-2 43.00-47.00.

**BULLS:** Yield grade 1-2 1100-1900 lbs. 56.00-61.50, closing 57.00-61.50. Yield Grade 1 1450-2000 lbs. 61.00-63.00. Individual outstanding yield grade 1 2250 lbs. 65.00.

**FEEDERS:** (Including around 500 at the regular Thursday auction.) Light supply feeder steers and heifers 2.00-4.00 higher. Reduced receipts apparently the result of adverse weather and road conditions throughout much of the marketing area.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Medium Frame 1: Lot 250 lbs. 99.00; couple lots 350-400 lbs. 95.25-97.50; 400-450 lbs. 85.00-90.75; 525-575 lbs. 85.00-86.75; couple lots 665-675 lbs. 77.00-79.25; lot 900 lbs. 70.50.

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Medium Frame 1: Lot 288 lbs. 85.00; 350-500 lbs. 75.74-80.25; Couple lots 500-550 lbs. 75.50-76.00; 600-650 lbs. 66.75-72.75. Large Frame 1: Lot 835 lbs. 66.25.

**STOCK COWS:** Couple lots medium frame 1-2 865-940 lb. medium-aged 56.00-58.25.

## Belleville Auction

Wednesday, January 30

**CATTLE 85.** Compared with last Wednesday's market; few Standard slaughter steers 58.50-63.60. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 52.00-57.00, one at 60.25. Cutters 51.75-55.75, few Canner & Low Cutter 48.75-52.00, Shells down to 43.50. Few Yield Grade #1 1280-1940 lbs. slaughter bulls 61.00-66.25.

**CALVES 149.** Few Choice vealers 114.00-124.00, few Good 95.00-102.00, Standard & Good 70-105 lbs. 83.00-94.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 100.00-161.00, mostly 130.00-155.00; few holstein heifers 90-150 lbs. 162.50-230.00.

**HOGS 306.** US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 39.35-40.60, No. 1-3 200-265 lbs. 37.75-39.35, one lot No. 2-3 280 lbs. at 36.00. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. sows 28.00-32.25, 250-350 lbs. 35.0-38.25. Boars 24.00-29.35.

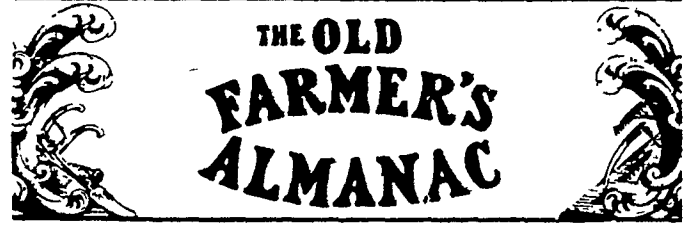
**FEEDER PIGS 319.** US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 10.00-15.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 13.00-21.50, Utility 40-70 lbs. 8.50-11.00 per head.

**SHEEP 16.** Few Choice 90-100 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 67.00-69.00, few Good 80-100 lbs. 60.00-66.00. Few Slaughter ewes 30.00-44.00.

## Western Maryland Market

Tuesday, January 29

**BUTCHER CATTLE:** Fat Steers prices higher, Good Low Choice 63.00-68.00, Standard 58.00-63.00, Heifers Low Choice to \$65.00, Cows large run 2.00-4.00 higher! Good Cows 54.00-56.50, Standard & Utility 51.00-



THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

FEB. 4-10, 1980  
Icicles drip at a good clip.

Review your household budget now. Patty Hearst kidnapped Feb. 4, 1974. Last quarter of the moon Feb. 9. Average length of days for the week, 10 hours, 15 minutes (sundial time this month differs from clock time by only one minute). Shoe rationing began Feb. 7, 1943. Smooth runs the water where the brook is deep.



**Ask the Old Farmer:** This year is a Leap Year. What is the meaning of the term? GP, Ottumwa, Iowa.

Leap Year comes upon us every fourth year. It is not, as many suppose, somehow connected with the fact that unattached females may propose to males at this time. It is so called because the added day (Feb. 29) makes every day after it "leap over" the day of the week in which it would come in common years.

**Home Hints:** If you want to have comfortably fitting shoes, buy them in the afternoon when the muscles of your feet have spread.

## OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

**New England:** Snow, sleet on coast, to start the week, then clear and very cold through week's end.

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** Rain, turning cold through middle of week, rest of week clear and cold, possible snow for weekend.

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Cloudy and cold to start, with rain east and snow west, then continued cloudy and cold, snow, for weekend.

**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Cloudy and rainy, cold, to begin, then general cold wave, frost inland, and rain northeast by weekend.

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54.00, Canners 48.00-51.00, Shelly 48.00 down, Bulls few offered, Top 1745 lb. at 68.00 bulk 1000-1300 lb. 56.00-60.00.

**BUTCHER HOG .50 lower.** Top HOGS 37.85, Bulk 200-225 lb. 37.35-37.75, 230-260 lb. 37.00-37.85, 170-190 lb. 31.00-35.00, Boars 400-600 lb. to 24.85, Sows 450-700 lb. 28.00-32.50.

**VEAL CALVES:** Active 10.00-20.00 higher! Tops to 137.00, Good-Choice 115.00-137.00, Standard 95.00-110.00; Light Calves 80.00-92.00; Weak & Rough 80.00 down.

**CALVES RETURNED TO FARM:** Holstein heifers 95-120 lb. few 160.00-230.00, Holstein bulls 95-120 lb. mostly 130.00-156.00, 85-95 lb. 90.00-125.00.

**LAMBS:** Few offered, Good to 67.00.

**STOCK CATTLE:** Steady prices. Stock steers 350-650 lb. 70.00-89.50, 650-900 lb. 62.00-70.00; Stock heifers 350-600 lb. 55.00-71.00; Stock bulls 350-600 lb. 60.00-80.00.

**PIGS & SHOATS:** Lots of Heavy Shoats offered. By the head 15-30 lb. 5.00-12.00, 30-50 lb. 13.00-20.00. By the lb. 100-150 lb. 23.00-33.00.

## Chambersburg Auction

Thursday, January 31

**CATTLE 305.** Compared with last Thursday market, sl. bulls few Choice 1000-1100 lbs. sl. steers 68.00-71.00; Good 64.00-66.00, couple 67.50; Standard 60.00-64.00; few Choice sl. heifers 64.50-70.75; few Good 60.75-64.50; sl. cows Utility & Commercial 55.00-58.35, few 59.25; Cutters 53.00-57.50; Canners 49.50-53.00; Shells down to 47.25. Choice sl. bullocks few Good 64.85-65.75, few Standard 62.75-65.00. Yield Grade No. 1 1200-2100 lbs. sl. bulls 60.00-68.25, one at 69.00.

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**FEEDER CATTLE:** Few Large Frame No. 2 Good 300-600 lbs. heifers 70.50-95.00.

**CALVES 454.** Supply included 85% returned to farm. Few Prime vealers 127.00-134.00; Choice 109.00-130.00, few Good 98.00-108.00. Standard 70-100 lbs. 87.00-93.00; Utility 60-100 lbs. 70.00-80.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Hol. bulls 85-130 lbs. 110.00-175.00, mostly 135.00-165.00. Hol. heifers 90-180 lbs. 130.00-240.00, mostly 185.00-225.00.

**HOGS 93.** Barrows and gilts 1 lot No. 1-3 175 lbs. 34.00, No. 2-3 240-260 lbs. 37.85-38.00, No. 1-3 200-245 lbs. 38.60-39.35. SOWS US No. 1-3 275-575 lbs. sows 28.75-34.00. Few BOARS 23.75-25.75.

**FEEDER PIGS 12.** 1 lot US No. 1-3 60 lbs. feeder pigs 23.50.

**SHEEP 3.** Woolled sl. lambs not enough of any one grade to establish market.

## Belknap Auction

Wednesday, January 30

**CATTLE 107.** Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows \$4 to \$5 higher. Good to Low Choice slaughter steers 60.75-65.50. Few Good slaughter heifers 59.50-61.00, few Standard 51.75-55.25. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 54.00-60.00, Cutters 50.00-55.00, Canner & Low Cutters 45.00-50.00, Shells down to 40.00. One Choice slaughter bullock at 67.25, few Standard 56.00-57.25. Few Yield Grade #1 1300-2115 lbs. slaughter bulls 61.00-66.50, one at 73.50.

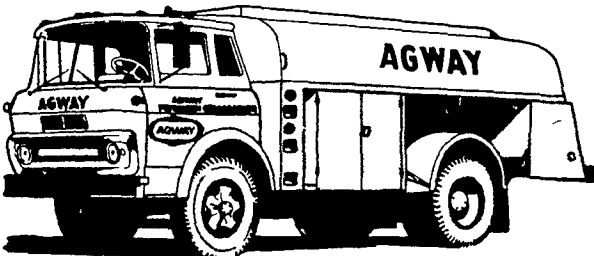
**CALVES 81.** Vealers grading Standard fully \$10 higher. One Prime vealer at 127.00, couple Choice 112.00 and 119.00, couple Good 97.00 and 100.00, Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 85.00-95.00, 65-85 lbs. 68.50-86.00. Farm calves very active, holstein bulls 95-130 lbs. 109.00-145.00.

**HOGS 288.** Barrows & gilts \$1 to \$2 higher. US No. 1-2 210-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 41.50-42.00, No. 1-3 200-260 lbs. 40.00-41.50, No. 2-3 200-260 lbs. 38.00-39.50. Sows weak to 50 cents lower. US No. 1-3 330-540 lbs. sows 32.50-35.00, few No. 2-3 315-540 lbs. 25.00-29.25. Boars 22.00-25.75.

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