Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, February 7

CATTLE: Closing prices on slaughter steers and heifers were 1.00-1.25 higher, some Holstein steers 50-1.00 higher. Cows were 50-1.00 lower, bulls steady to weak. A moderate volume two-way feeder steers sold 50-1.50 higher.

Four day receipts this week 13,700; last week 15,100; year ago 12,900.

The fed cattle trade followed a rather uneven course during the week under review. Prices were forced downward on the initial run of 7300 head, but the early decline was more than recovered as marketings decreased, partially in reflection of storm conditions. Supplies were slightly reduced from the previous week but were rather poorly distributed over the trading period. Yield grade was still a major price-determining factor;

there were many consignments Mixed 3-4, but the volume of predominantly 4 1250-1400 lbs. was not as great as most recent weeks. However, mud was a rather prevalent condition and dressing percentages were quite variable. The run included a fairly liberal percentage Choice steers and heifers and a moderate volume Choice and Prime. Slaughter steers made up approximately 39 pct. and heifers 31 pct. Cows contributed 15 pct. and feeders 10 pct.

STEERS: At midweek high time, load Choice 3 1118 lbs. 67.75. Several loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1167-1250 lbs. 65.50-66.50, load predominantly 4 1308 lbs. 64.00. Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 65.50-67.25. Some with large percentage 4 or quite muddy 63.25-65.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 65.00-66.00. Good 2-3 60.50-64.50. Part load mostly Choice 2-3 1400 lbs. Holsteins 62.00.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lbs. steers this week 66.08; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 65.95. Average weight steers this week 1177 lbs. as compared 1188 lbs. last week. Average weight heifers this week 1020 lbs. as compared 1025 lbs. last week.

HEIFERS: Three loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1000-1044 lbs. 66.00-66.25. Choice 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 64.25-65.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 875-1025 lbs. 63.00-64.25. Good 2-3 59.50-63.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-3 48.50-50.00, few 50.25-51.00. Cutter 46.00-49.00. Canner and Low-Cutter 43.50-46.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1300-2100 lbs. 55.00-61.00, few individual 1 62.00-63.00.

FEEDERS: Moderate volume medium frame 1 950-1100 lbs. two-way steers 66.00-68.00.

Belleville Auction

Wednesday, February 6

CATTLE 106. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows steady to \$1.50 lower. Few Standard slaughter steers 60.10-62.35. Individual Good slaughter heifer at 62.50. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 49.50-55.50, couple to 56.10, Cutters 51.50-55.75, Canner and Low Cutters 49.35-52.00. Few Yield Grade No. 1, 1050-2280 lbs. slaughter bulls 55.25-64.85. Few Large Frame #1, 500-600 lbs. feeder steers 71.00-75.00.

CALVES 167. Vealers about steady. Individual Prime vealer at 127.00, few Choice 120.00-126.00, few Good 100.00-105.00, Standard and Good 70-100 lbs. 85.00-93.00. Farm Calves: Holstein bulls 90-125 lbs. 93.00-147.00, mostly 120.00-140.00; Holstein heifers 90-130 lbs. 190.00-240.00.

HOGS 307. Barrows and gilts 50 cents-\$1.50 higher. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. barrows and gilts 40.60-41.10, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 39.50-40.35, one lot No. 1-3 170 lbs. at 34.75. US No. 1-3 275-550 lbs. sows 31.00-36.25, few No. 2-3 350-600 lbs. 26.50-29.25. Boars 22.00-28.00.

FEEDER PIGS 311. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 12.50-21.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 19.00-29.50, lot No. 1-3 75 lbs. at 34.00, Utility 30-60 lbs. 9.50-14.50 per head. SHEEP 8. Few Slaughter

ewes 28.00-39.00.

Leesport Auction

Wednesday, February 6 (This report supplied by the auction).

CATTLE 260. Supply included 92 head feeder cattle. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers \$1 to \$3 lower. Slaugher cows \$1 to \$3 lower. High Choice & Prime 1050-1300 lbs. slaughter steers 67.00-69.50, Choice 900-1100 lbs. 64.50-67.50, Good 62.00-64.00, Standard 58.00-63.00, Utility 54.00-59.00. Choice 850-1100 lbs. slaughter heifers 65.00-67.00, Good 62.00-65.00, Standard 58.00-62.50, Utility 50.00-58.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 53.00-56.50, Commercial 50.00-53.00, Cutters 48.00-51.00, Canner & Low Cutter 45.00-48.00, Shells down to 40.00. Choice 1200-1550 lbs. slaughter bullocks 65.00-71.00, Standard 62.00-65.00, Utility 58.00-62.00. Choice 500 lbs. feeder steers 75.00-90.00, Good 400-500 lbs. 70.00-85.00, Medium 65.00-75.00; Good 500-700 lbs. feeder heifers 65.00-75.00, Medium 58.00-68.00; Good slaughter bulls 60.00-70.00, Medium 58.00-70.00.

CALVES 130. Supply included 25% farm calves. Prime vealers 105.00-122.00, Choice 95.00-110.00, Good 85.00-100.00, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 90.00-105.00, 90-110 lbs. 85.00-120.00, 70-90 lbs. 65.00-85.00, Utility 40-65 lbs. 40.00-65.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 95-120 lbs. 100.00-135.00; holstein heifers 95-120 lbs. 185.00-225.00. HOGS 365. US No. 1-2 200 240 lbs. barrows & gilts 39.50-41.00, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 38.50-39.50 No. 2-3 230-300 lbs. 35.00-37.50, No. 1-3 170-190 lbs. 33.00-38.00. US No. 1-3 300-400 lbs. sows 31.00-35.00, No. 2-3 400-600 lbs. 30.00-32.50. Boars 300-600 lbs. 27.00-30.00, light weights 180-300 lbs. 28.00-33.00. FEEDER PIGS 261. US No. 1-3 20-30 lbs. 35.00-50.00 cwt., No. 1-3 30 lbs. 40.00-50.00, No. 1-3 40 lbs. 50.00-65.00, No. 1-3 70-90 lbs. 30.00-40.00, Utility 20-70 lbs. 20.00-35.00 cwt. SHEEP 43. Choice new crop lambs 65.00-92.00, Choice 80-110 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 60.00-70.00. Slaughter ewes 25.00-35.00. GOATS 4.

steady to 50 cents lower; Good Cows several 54.00-56.00; Standard & Utility 50.00-54.00; Canners 48.00-51.00; Shelly 48.00 down; Bulls \$1.00 lower, Good 1300-1800 lb. 58.00-62.50; Good 850-1200 lb. 53.25-57.00.

BUTCHER HOGS \$1.00 higher. Top Hogs 39.10; Bulk 200-225 lbs. 38.00-38.50; 230-260 lbs. 38.00-39.10; 170-190 lbs. 32.00-35.00; Heavy Weights to 35.75; Sows 350-700 lb. 27.00-35.25; Boars 400-700 lb. to 27.35.

VEAL CALVES Mostly steady - Farm calves higher. Tops, to 130; Good-Choice 110.00-130.00; Standard 95.00-110.00; Light Calves 80.00-93.00; Wealk & Rough 80.00 down.

CALVES RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls - Bulk 95-125 lb. 125.00-161.00; Few 90-110 lb. 95.00-117.00.

STOCK CATTLE: Smaller Run, prices \$3.00-5.00 higher. Stock Steers 300-500 lb. 84.00-98.00, 600-750 lb. 70.00-75.00 Stock Heifers 350-600 lb. 55.00-77.00; Stock Bulls 350-500 lb. 70.00-93.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: Active bidding & higher prices. By the Head 15-30 lb. 8.00-23.00; 30-50 lb. 18.00-26.00.

New Holland Horse

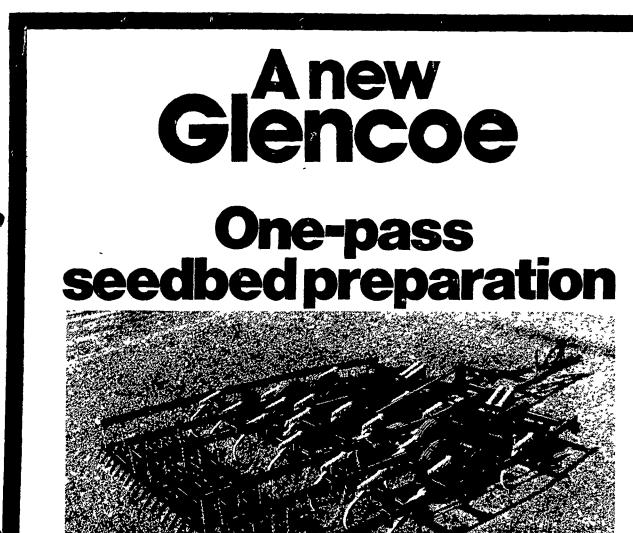
Monday, February 4 New Holland Sales Stables

Reported receipts of 306 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market steady.

Load of local work horses, singles 800.00-1200.00; Load of local driving horses 325.00-760.00; Load of local riding horses, singles 275.00-500.00; better horses 550.00-1000.00; lightweight killers 275.00-425.00; heavyweight killers 450.00-650.00; mares 25.00-65.00; colts 10.00-25.00; geldings 25.00-65.00; larger ponies 125.00-250.00.

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(Continued from Page A2) COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 51.50-56.00, several 65.00-68.00; Commercial 3-4 48.00-53.00; Cutter 1-3 50.50-55.00, several 55.00-57.50; Canner and low Cutter 46.00-50.50. BULLOCKS: Choice 1000-1325 lbs. 65.50-68.00, couple 68.50-71.75; Good 1000-1300 lbs. 60.00-65.00. BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1300-1900 lbs. 64.00-67.50, couple 69.50-71.50; Yield Grade 2 1000-1350 lbs. 58.00-64.00. VEAL CALVES: 1275. Choice and Prime vealers steady to 5.00 lower although Choice 140-220 lbs. fully steady; high Good and low Choice 70-115 lbs. 4.00-8.00 higher. Demand good for calves returned to farm. VEALERS: Prime 240-325 lbs. 118.00-128.00, few 128.00-135.00; Choice 140-320 lbs. 105.00-125.00, few 140-220 lbs. 126.00-136.00; high Good and low Choice 140-220 lbs. 85,00-105.00, 90-115 lbs. 75.00-92.00, 70-90 lbs. 70.00-85.00, few 55-70 lbs. 58.00-70.00. **RETURNED TO FARM:** Bulk 90-120 lbs. holstein heifers 135.00-175.00, around 65 head 190.00-250.00; bulk 90-115 lbs. holstein bulls 115.00-145.00, around 150 head 152.50-164.00.



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Western Maryland Market

Tuesday, February 5 BUTCHER CATTLE: Fat Steers mostly holsteins offered; Good to 62.50; Standard 58.00-60.00; Heifers Good to 60 10; Cows mostly