Livestock market and auction news

Joliet Cattle

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Thursday, February 14 Report supplied by auction Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 3,900; same period a year ago 3,790. Trading moderately active for the week. Slaughter steers ended the week mostly 1.00 to 1.50 higher than early Wednesday of last week. Slaughter heifers closed the week mostly 1.25 to 1.50 higher. Cows ended the week fully 2.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed high Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1300 lbs. 67.50-68.50 Monday; 69.00-69.25, 1 load 69.50 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 67.00-68.50 Monday; 67 75-69.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1250 lbs. 66.00-67.00 Monday; 66.50-67.50 Wednesday. Load Choice holsteins 1600 lbs. 63.00 Monday. Mixed Good and Choice holsteins 1200-1400 lbs. 60.00 Wednesday.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 3-4 950-1150 lbs. 67.75, 1 load

68.00 Monday; 68.50, 1 load 69.00 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1150 lbs. 66.75-67.50 Monday; 67.00-68.25 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 65.50-66.50 Monday; 65.50-67.00 Wednesday. COWS: Utility & Com-mercial 50.00-54.00.

Pa. Auction Summary

Friday, February 15 Report supplied by PDA CATTLE: 4941. Compared with 4341 head last week, and

3684 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers strong to \$1 higher; Sl. heifers steady to \$1.50 higher; Sl. cows 50 cents to \$1.50 higher; Sl. bullocks steady to \$1 higher; Sl. bulls steady to strong. Sl. steers High Choice & prime No. 3-4, 69.00-72.35; Choice No. 2-4, 67.00-71.00, few 74.00; Good 61.50-67.00; Standard 59.00-63.00; Sl. heifers Choice 64.00-69.60; Good 60.00-65.00; few Standard 56.00-62.00. Sl. cows Utility & Commercial 51.75-58.75; Cutters 49.5056.00; Canner & L. Cutter 45.00-53.00, few Shells down to 40.00. Sl. bullocks Choice 65.00-69.75; Good 62.00-65.00; few Standard 55.00-64.00. Sl. bulls Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2100 lbs. 61.00-69.75; Yield Grade No. 2, 1000-1600 lbs. 58.00-64.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 300-550 lbs. 70.00-92.00; Medium & Large Frame No. 2. 400-800 lbs. 51.00-77.00. Heifers, few Large Frame No. 1, 375-700 lbs. 68.00-84.00; Few Medium Frame No 2 300-500 lbs. 65.00-75.00. Sl. bulls Large & Medium Frame No. 1 500-1000 lbs. 61.00-75.00; Large & Medium Frame No. 2 500-900 lbs. 56.00-67.00.

CALVES: 3881. Compared with 2931 head last week and 2739 head a year ago. Supply incl. 70+% farm calves. Vealers steady to \$5 lower, spots \$10 lower. Few Prime 125.00-139.00; Choice 100.00-130.00; Good 90.00-110.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 75.00-95.00; 65-90 lbs. 60.00-85.00; Utility 50-110 lbs. 50.00-70.00.

FARM CALVES: Very active. Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 110.00-162.00, few down to 90.00; Hol. Heifers 90-150 lbs. 125.00-255.00, few down to

HOGS: 8042. Compared with 7746 head last week and 5702 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts steady to 50 cents higher. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 40.00-41.50, few 42.80, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 39.00-40.50; No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 37.00-39.00; No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 35.00-37.50; US No. 1-3 300-575 lbs. 32.00-39.00; No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 29.00-35.00. Boars 24.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1524. Compared with 1271 head last week and 784 a year ago \$2 lower. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 10.00-18.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs 16.00-28.00; No. 1-3 50-80 lbs. 20.00-36.00.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS: 2349. Compared with 1989 head last week and 2157 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder pigs mostly steady to \$4 higher. US No. 1-2 25-40 lbs. 56.00-67.00, 40-50 lbs. 50.00-66.00, 50-60 lbs. 51.00-65.00, 60-100 lbs. 42.00-60.00; US No. 2-3 30-40 lbs. 57.00-63.00, 40-70 lbs 43.00-57.00.

SHEEP: 292. Compared with 293 head last week and 212 head a year ago. Wooled sl. lambs mostly steady. Choice 70-115 lbs. 65.00-70.00, few 80.00; Good 50-105 lbs. 54.00-65.00; Sl. ewes 25.00-38.00.

Hawaii gets market reports via satellite

WASHINGTON, D.C. -Reports on prices paid for vegetables, fruits, poultry, eggs, and ornamental crops in San Francisco and Los Angeles are now available to Hawaiian growers and wholesalers via satellite under a new system initiated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Barbara Lindemann Schlei, administrator of the department's Agricultural Marketing Service, said the timely transmission of selected West Coast market reports give Hawaiian traders a basis for comparing mainland prices with their prices on identical items shipped to the islands from California ports.

Previously, this information was available only through mailed reports.

Selected reports included in the service and covering San Francisco area marker activities are: Ornamental Market, Monday; Egg Prices to Retailers, Monday; Processed Poultry Delivered to Restaurants and Institutions, also Monday.

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