

Livestock market and auction news



THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

MARCH 3-9, 1980

If mists in March we see, frosts in May will be.

Start sorting income tax papers now Johnny Appleseed died March 11, 1847 Last quarter of the moon March 9 Average length of days for the week 11 hours, 32 minutes Maple sap starts running and crocuses are up Twilights shortest now Skunks are mating Banks closed March 5, 1933 Closed doors are more easily heard through than open ones



Ask the Old Farmer. Was chewing gum ever made from horses' hoofs? G S, Jackson, Mich No We don't know why but some folks years ago used to discourage children from chewing it by saying it was made from horses' hoofs Home Hints To keep small bugs out of flour, keep it in the freezer, it never freezes

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Sunny and milder throughout the week, weekend brings showers coast, flurries inland, and cold

Greater New York-New Jersey: Cold, snow, becoming clear and warmer mid-week, by week's end, partly sunny and mild with light rain

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Cloudy and very cold at start, with flurries, middle through end of week is sunny, warmer

Piedmont and Southeast Coastal: Week begins cold with hard frost, snow north, and rain south, by end of week, clear and very warm

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Baltimore USDA

Monday, February 25

Report supplied by USDA
CATTLE 51: Few sales steers and heifers 50 cents - 75 cents lower. Cows weak to 50 cents lower, bulls scarce.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1025-1200 lbs. 67.25-69.50; few Good & Choice 2-4 1050-1175 lbs. 65.50-66.75; few Good 2-3 1000-1500 lbs. 61.00-65.60.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few Choice 3 1085-1200 lbs. 62.75-65.75; Good 2-3 900-1100 lbs. 56.25-62.00.

COWS: Utility 2-3 and few Commercial 3-4 49.50-55.50; couple 56.25-56.50; Cutter 1-2 45.00-51.50.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1000-2000 lbs. 58.35-68.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers - Medium Frame #1 800-1000 lbs. 64.00-69.50; pkg. 650 lbs. 72.00; few steers and bull calves 200-425 lbs. 89.50-95.00. Heifers few Medium Frame #1 360-450 lbs. 71.50-75.00.

HOGS 700: Barrows & Gilts 75 cents lower. US 1-2 200-240 lbs. 38.00-38.25; US 1 200-230 lbs. 38.50-38.75; US 2-3 230-260 lbs. 37.25-38.10.

SOWS: Steady to \$1.00 higher. US 1-3 300-600 lbs. 32.00-34.00.

VEAL AND CALF AUCTION: Choice 145-240 lbs. 98.00-109.50; individual Prime 240 lbs. 119.00. Good & Choice 85-110 lbs. vealers 77.00-88.00. Calves returned to farm 75.00-77.00; few to 112.00

HEIFERS: High Choice and Prime 66.00-68.20; Good to Choice 60.00-66.00; Standard 54.00-60.00.

FEEDER STEERS: Good to Choice 300-500 lbs. 75.00-90.00.

BULLS: 900-1260 lbs. 58.00-68.00.

COWS: High Choice to Prime 54.00-56.00; few to 57.50; Good to Standard 50.00-54.00; Utility 46.00-50.00; Cutters 46.00-48.00; Canners Down to 42.00.

CALVES: High Choice 110.00-129.00; Good to Choice 100.00-110.00; Standard to Good 60.00-90.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 120.00-152.50; Hol. Heifers 200.00-252.50.

HOGS: 200-240 lbs. 37.00-39.00; few to 39.75; 170-190 lbs. 34.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 15-30 lbs 12.00-24.00; 30-60 lbs. 18.00-30.50.

SOWS: 32.00-37.50.

BOARS: 28.00-31.75

LAMBS: 67.00-71.00.

Shenandoah Valley Livestock

Harrisonburg, Va.

Friday, February 22

Report supplied by auction
STOCKER, FEEDER, AND SLAUGHTER CATTLE: Good Light Steer Calves 110.00-115.00; Medium 105.00-110.00; Plain 100.00 and down; Good Heavy Steers 89.00-93.00; Medium 84.00-89.00; Plain 79.00 and down; Holstein Steers 70.50 and down; Good Slaughter Steers 69.25 and down, Good Light Heifer Calves 89.00-91.00; Medium 84.00-89.00; Plain 79.00 and down, Good Heavy Heifers 67.00-72.00; Medium 62.00-67.00; Plain 52.00 and down, Slaughter Cows 50.00-55.00; Utilities 45.00-50.00; Canners & Cutters 48.75 and down, Milk &

Stock Cows 685.00 and down; Stock Bulls 78.00 and down; Slaughter Bulls 64.50 and down.

CALVES: Baby Calves 140.00 and down; Veal Calves 106.00 and down.

SHEEP & LAMBS: Choice Blue O 65.25; Good Red O 62.26; Feeder Lambs 57.50-67.00; Slaughter Ewes 27.00 and down; Stock Ewes 69.00 and down.

HOGS: Top 37.25; Heavy 33.50-36.75; Light 31.50; Sows 37.75 and down; Boars 27.50; Butcher Hogs 37.00 and down.

Western Maryland Market

Four States Livestock

Wednesday, February 28

Report supplied by auction

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers \$1.00 higher. Choice 67.00-68.50; Good 64.00-66.00; Medium 63.00 Down. Heifers Choice 64.00-65.50; Good 59.00-63.00; Medium 58.00 Down. Cows good run, \$2.00 under last week. High Yield 54.00-57.00; Average 49.00-53.00; Big Middle 45.00-48.00; Shelly 45.00 Down. Fat Bulls very active, and higher prices. Good 65.00-71.75; Medium 58.00-64.00 Veal Calves \$2.00 higher. Choice 118.00-125.00; Good 105.00-117.00; medium 95.00-104.00; Farm Hfrs. to 255.00; Farm Bulls to 138.00; Light & Weak 74.00 Down.

STOCKER: Steers 300-550 lbs. strong demand, \$2.00 higher. Choice 90.00-95.00; Good 82.00-89.00; Medium 75.00-81.00; Culls 74.00 Down. Steers 600-850 lbs. Choice 70.00-74.00; Good 65.00-69.00; Medium 64.00 Down. Heifers (All Weights) Choice 73.00-80.00; Good 67.00-72.00; Medium 66.00 Down. Bulls Choice 80.00-83.50; Good 73.00-79.00; Medium 72.00 Down. Dairy Cows to 800.00; Springing Heifers to 940.00; Pigs, Hd. mostly steady. 20-30 lbs. 7.00-17.00; 40-60 lbs. 18.00-28.00 Shoats by Lb. to 35.00. Slaughter Hogs 50 cents lower. 200-230 lbs. 37.85-38.75; 240-260 lbs. 37.60-38.25; 180-195 lbs. 33.00-37.85. Sows 300-700 lbs. 29.00-35.50; Thin Sows 27.00-28.50.

ST. LOUIS CATTLE

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, February 28

Weekly Cattle Review

Receipts This Week 4,900
Week Ago 5,800
Year Ago 4,900

As compared to the previous weeks close, Slaughter Steers mostly .50 higher, except Holstein Steers steady to 50 lower Slaughter Heifers 50 higher Cows weak to mostly 1.00 lower. Bulls 1.00-2.00 lower Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1225 lb. steers, around 35 heifers and 15 cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs 67.00-67.50, load 68.00. Choice 2-4 950-1275 lbs 65.50-67.50, closing 66.00-67.50 Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 64.50-66.00 Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 63.00-65.00 Standard to Good 2-3 1050-1350 lb. Holsteins 59.00-62.00

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS. Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 65.50-66.00, most closing sales 66.00, couple part loads 66.50 Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 64.00-66.00, closing 64.50-66.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-975 lbs. 63.00-64.50. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 61.50-63.50

COWS: Closing sales Utility and Commercial 2-4 45.00-50.00. Boning Utility 1-2 50.00-51.00, few 52.00 Cutter 1-2 45.00-49.00. Canner and low cutter 1-2 41.00-45.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1050-1800 lbs. 58.00-62.00 Couple yield grade 1 63.00 and 64.00.

FEEDERS: (including around 1,700 at the regular Thursday auction) Feeder Steers and Heifers 2.00-5.00 lower, most decline generally on steers weighing under 600 lbs. and Heifers under 500 lbs. Supply mainly Medium Frame 1-2 300-700 lb. Steers and Heifers.

FEEDER STEERS. Medium Frame 1: Lot 275 lbs 106.00; 300-400 lbs. 92.00-100.00; 400-500 lbs. 84.50-95.00; 500-600 lbs. 80.00-87.25; 600-700 lbs. 76.00-82.00; few lots fleshy 900-1000 lbs 67.00-70.00.

Medium frame 1-2 and some small frame 1: 400-575 lbs 78.00-81.25

Large frame 1-2: few lots 375-575 lb. Holsteins 73.00-78.50; Lot 735 lbs. 64.25; part load 1181 lbs. 58.25.

FEEDER HEIFERS. Medium frame 1: 300-400 lbs. 78.25-83.50; 400-500 lbs. 75.50-83.50; 500-600 lbs. 69.00-75.00; 600-700 lbs. 65.50-69.25

Medium frame 1-2 and some small frame 1: 375-500 lbs 67.75-76.50.

STOCK COWS: couple lots medium frame 1-2 900-920 lb. medium-aged in second and third stage of pregnancy 57.25-58.00; couple lots medium-aged and aged 800-850 lbs 51.75-53.25

Omaha Cattle

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, February 28

Closing prices on Slaughter Steers were 50-1.00 lower Heifers closed 50-75 lower, instances 1.00 off. Cows were 50-1.00 lower, and bulls steady

Four day receipts this week: 14,600; last week: 11,100; Year ago 12,900

The fed cattle trade was characterized by a general atmosphere of caution, as slow carcass trading at the wholesale level provided little stimulation Live prices were forced downward on a rather liberal Monday run and recovered little of the downturn in later trading; an uneven midweek trade closed out on a bearish note The overall finish of the steer and heifer supply was not particularly attractive with a large share Good to Average-Choice. Feedlot conditions worsened over the weekend as temperatures climbed, and the mud was a prevalent factor Many cattle carrying a sizable amount of mud sold 1.00-1.50 below those of same grade which were relatively clean Slaughter steers made up approximately 49 pct and heifers 34 pct Cows comprised 9 pct and Feeders 7 pct.

STEERS: Few loads and part loads Choice with few Prime predominantly 3 1075-1319 lbs. 67.75-68.00 during week. At midweek, two loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1175-1257 lbs. 66.75-67.00. Choice 2-4 1000-1300 lbs. closed 66.50-67.50, some quite muddy or with substantial percentage 4 65.00-66.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 65.50-66.75. Good 2-3 62.00-65.00. Part load Good with few Choice 2-3 1200 lb. Holsteins 60.00.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. steers this week 67.28; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 67.02. Average weight steers this week 1170 as compared 1177 last week. Average weight heifers this week 1004 as compared 1022 last week.

HEIFERS: Several loads Choice and Prime 3-4 982-1092 lbs. 67.00. Choice 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 65.25-66.50, some large share 4 or muddily 64.00-65.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1050 lbs. 64.00-65.50. Good 2-3 60.00-63.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 49.00-51.00, few 51.50-52.00. Cutter 46.00-

49.50. Canner and Low-Cutter 44.00-47.00

BULLS: 1-2 1300-2100 lbs 57.00-62.00, few individual 1 63.00-65.00

Chambersburg Auction

Thursday, February 28

CATTLE: 262 Compared with last Thursdays market Slaughter steers steady to 50¢ lower; Sl. cows 50-75 lower. Sl. steers: Low to average Choice No 2-3, 1050-1300 lbs. 65.60-67.25, one at 68.25 (few) Good 62.85-65.75, (few) Standard 56.75-62.75 Sl. heifers: (few) Choice 65.75-68.25; (few) Standard & Good 57.00-58.00. Sl. cows Utility & Commercial 51.00-55.85; couple 56.75. Cutters 50.50-55.00; Canner & L Cutter 47.00-51.00; Shells down to 45.00. Sl. bullocks (few) Good 63.00-64.50 Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No 1, & No. 2 1400-2100 lbs 59.00-65.85.

FEEDER CATTLE Steers and bulls (few) Large Frame No. 2, 450-750 lbs 68.00-81.50.

CALVES 406 Vealers grading Good and Choice about steady; standard and good \$5-\$6 lower; Choice 114.00-120.00 one at 127.00, Good 92.00-107.00; Standard & Good 70-95 lbs. 70.00-77.00, Utility 60-90 lbs. 50.00-70.00

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 80.00-130.00 couple 135.00; Hol. Heifers 85-140 lbs. 150.00-215.00.

HOGS: 103 Barrows and gilts 1.25-1.75 lower. US No 1-2 200-240 lbs. 35.75-37.00. US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. 31.50-35.50.

Few Boars 31.00-31.75.

FEEDER PIGS 12 1 lot US No. 1-3 30 lbs. 21.00.



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