

Livestock market and auction news

Oklahoma Cattle

Thursday, March 6

Report supplied by USDA
Estimated Receipts 6800
Same Day Last Week 6287
Trading fairly active.
Feeder steers and heifers steady. Majority receipts medium frame 1 500-800 lb. feeder steers and 400-700 lb. heifers. Moderate buyer attendance.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1 295-400 lb. 99.00-106.50; 400-500 lb. 93.00-101.50, lot 412 lb. 103.00; 500-600 lb. 83.00-90.00, lot 545 lb. 93.50; 600-700 lb. 81.00-85.25, one load 640 lb. fleshy 79.40; 700-800 lb. 76.00-82.25; 800-850 lb. 75.00-76.00, part load 830 lb. fleshy 74.60; lot 925. Medium Frame 1-2 475-650 lb. 79.00-83.50; lot 885 lb. 72.75. Large Frame 1-2 part load 670 lb. 80.20; 775-810 lb. 73.75-74.00 lot 995 lb. 72.50. Large frame 2 Holstein steers 650-750 lb. 66.00-69.25.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1 400-500 lb. 79.75-84.25, lot 430 lb. 88.75; 500-600 lb. 74.25-80.00; 600-700 lb. 70.00-75.00; Lot 755 lb. 72.25; Lot 760 lb. fleshy 69.00; two lots 840-850 lb. fleshy 65.95. Medium Frame 1-2 400-500 lb. 75.25-82.25; 550-600 lb. 72.00-75.00; lot 630 lb. thin 72.25; lot 758 lb. fleshy 65.95.

FOR THE WEEK: Feeder steers over 600 lb. steady to 1.00 higher; steers under 600 lb. and feeder heifers steady. Slaughter cows 1.00 lower; late sales included utility and commercial 2-3 48.00-52.25. Slaughter bulls closed the week steady to firm; YG 1-2 1300-2100 lb. 60.25-67.00, instances 67.25-68.00. This weeks salable receipts near 16,700 head compared to 15,126 head one week ago and

21,220 head the comparable period one year ago. Feeder cattle and calves comprised 96 percent of this weeks cattle receipts; cows and bulls near 4 percent.

CORRECTION: FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1 529 Lots 840-850 lb. fleshy 64.00-65.50.

Indiana Livestock

Thursday, March 6

Report supplied by PDA
CATTLE: 67. Sl. steers: 2 Choice 65.75 & 66.75; 2 Good 62.25-63.25; 2 Standard 61.00; Sl. Heifers; Choice 54.60-65.50; Good 58.50; Standard 52.75-55.75. Sl. cows; Utility & Commercial 2.00 to 3.00 higher 52.00-57.50; Cutters 48.00-53.00; Canner & L. Cutter 44.00-48.25. Sl. bulls; Yield Grade No. 1, 1250-2050 lbs. 58.50-64.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-500 lbs. 76.00-81.00. Heifers Medium Frame No. 2 500-750 lbs. 56.50-70.50. Bulls 1 medium frame No. 2, 750 lbs. 64.50.

CALVES: 149 Vealers grading steady. Choice 110.00-117.00; Good 90.00-110.00 Standard & Good 80-92 lbs. 70.00-90.00; Utility 55-125 lbs. 50.00-70.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 85-125 lbs. 80.00-150.00; Hol. Heifers 85-125 lbs. 90.00-150.00 Beef bulls & heifers 85-110 lbs. 90.00-105.00.

HOGS: Barrows and gilts steady. US No. 1-2 200-230 lbs. 37.50-39.75 No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 36.00-37.50; few No. 2-3 190-300 lbs. 34.25-35.50; few No. 1-3 130-170 lbs. 28.00-30.00; Sows few US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. 31.75-37.25; No. 2-3 300-505 sow. Boars 19.50-30.00.

FEEDER PIGS 20 US No. 1-3 60-80 lbs. 12.00-16.50 per head; No. 1-3 80-100 lbs. 21.00-27.00.

SHEEP: 5. Choice 85-90 lbs. woolled lambs 67.00-74.50. Sl. ewes: 17.00 and 23.00.

Pa. Auction Summary

Friday, March 7

Report supplied by PDA
CATTLE 5346. Compared with 5457 head last week, and 6518 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers mostly steady, spots 25 cents higher; Sl. heifers mostly \$1-2 higher; Sl. cows steady to \$1 higher; Sl. bulls strong to \$2 higher. Sl. steers High Choice & Prime No. 3-4, 68.75-72.25; Choice No. 2-4 66.50-72.25; Good 61.00-66.50; Standard 57.00-62.50; Sl. heifers Choice 64.00-68.50; Good 60.00-65.00; Standard 55.00-60.50. Sl. cows Utility & Commercial 51.00-56.50; Cutters 49.00-54.50; Canner & L. Cutter 44.00-51.00; Shells down to 40.00; Sl. bullocks Choice 65.00-69.75; Good 60.00-65.00; few Standard 56.00-60.00; Sl. bulls Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2200 lbs. 62.00-69.00; Yield Grade No. 2, 1000-1450 lbs. 58.0-64.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers Medium Frame No. 1, 300-500 lbs. 68.00-89.00; 500-850 lbs. 58.00-77.50; few Large Frame No. 2, 300-600 lbs. 68.00-86.00. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-600 lbs. 60.00-80.50.

CALVES: 3781. Compared with 3783 head last week and 3637 head a year ago. Vealers steady to \$5 higher, spots \$8 higher. Prime 124.00-140.00; Choice 110.00-

128.00; Good 90.00-110.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 75.00-90.00; 65-90 lbs. 65.00-85.00; Utility 50-110 lbs. 50.00-70.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 80.00-160.00, mostly 90.00-130.00; Hol. Heifers 90-140 lbs. 90.00-250.00, mostly 130.00-235.00.

HOGS: 8079. Compared with 9103 head last week and 8189 head a year ago Barrows and gilts strong to \$1 higher, spots \$1.50 higher. US No. 1-2 20-240 lbs. 37.50-39.75; No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 36.00-38.50; No. 2-3 190-270

lbs. 35.00-37.00; No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 28.00-34.00; Sows steady to strong, spots \$2 higher; US No. 1-3 300-575 lbs. 32.00-37.50; NO. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 28.00-32.00. Boars 24.00-30.00, few Lightweights 34.00.

FEEDER PIGS 1710. Compared with 1737 head last week and 1126 head a year ago. Unevenly steady. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 10.00-25.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 17.00-30.00; No. 1-3 50-85 lbs 21.00-33.00.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS: 1696. Compared with 2757 head last week, and 3083

head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs some unevenness, mostly steady to \$5 higher. US No. 1-2 25-40 lbs. 68.00-79.00, 40-50 lbs. 55.00-79.00, few 83.00, 50-60 lbs. 55.00-73.00, 60-75 lbs. 54.00-62.00, 80-90 lbs. 45.00-51.00; US No. 2-3 30-40 lbs. 54.00-72.00, 40-50 lbs. 46.00-66.00, 50-80 lbs. 45.00-59.00.

SHEEP: 308. Compared with 301 head last week and 403 head a year ago. Woolled sl. lambs steady to weak. Choice 70-110 lbs. 64.00-74.50; Good 70-100 lbs. 50.00-65.00; Sl. ewes 20.00-32.00, few to 39.00.

Cattle firm head sees future in domestic, not foreign, areas

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Soviet grain embargo should warn American farmers and ranchers they must not rely on foreign markets as a panacea for the problems of agribusiness, says Ronald Jarvis.

"We have just learned that farm produce, like oil, may be used as a political weapon, and we have little more control over it than we have over foreign oil," says the president of Oppenheimer Industries. "Ironically, as producers we must free ourselves of overdependence on foreign markets just as we must reduce our dependence on foreign oil."

To accomplish this, he contends, U.S. agriculture must confront the problems of dependence on fossil fuels, inefficient scale of operations, and a tendency to continue uneconomic practices, such as growing

crops that are traditional but not profitable and returning to on-farm feeding as a means of economic procrastination in periods of low grain prices.

"Farm managers have deferred important decisions for years because prices have been bolstered by expanding exports," says Jarvis. "But not it's time to face reality. The closing of the Boards of Trade in January changed all the rules. The marketplace may never again be the same as we've known it."

Jarvis recommends that farm managers begin a critical evaluation of the use of inefficient field equipment, transportation systems, high-energy fertilizers and other oil-consuming products from the perspective of cost-price ratios.

He asks, for example, "Is it always wise to use gas-

fired grain dryers or could on-farm residue gasification be more economical and decrease our high-cost oil dependence?"

He predicts that farm and ranch operations will slowly become increasingly concentrated "in the hands of the most efficient. More and more small operations will fail, to be picked up by neighboring units," he says.

"True production economics and sound business analysis must become the basis for all agricultural decision," Jarvis declares. "America's food-producing capabilities are too vital a national, and world, asset to be jeopardized by unsound management practices. We must expand our foreign markets as much as possible but always remember that political changes can temporarily disrupt the system."



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