

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, March 6

Through midweek, Slaughter Steers and Heifers were 1.50-2.00 higher, although much of the advance was gained in a forced trade on storm-shortened midweek supplies and late demand was quite dull in reflection of an unresponsive carcass trade. Cows were firm to .50 higher and bulls firm. A modest supply two-way feeder steers sold .50-1.50 higher.

Four day receipts this week: 12,500; Last week: 14,600; Year ago: 10,600.

The price advance on fed cattle was partially supported by higher carcass prices early, but midweek demand for carcass beef was reported as light to moderate. Much of the upturn in live prices was registered at midweek as blizzard conditions across the trade territory slowed livestock movement and buyers were forced to

compete for numbers. Mud was still a major price-determining factor, but the average weight of steers was somewhat lighter and there was also some decrease in the percentage of yield grade 4 Slaughter Steers made up approximately 44 pct and Heifers 32 pct. Cows comprised 12 pct and Feeders 10 pct.

STEERS: Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 68.00-69.25 at midweek, several loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1107-1281 lbs. 68.25-69.00 on Tuesday; some quite muddy or predominantly 4 66.00-67.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. closed 67.00-68.00. Good 2-3 64.00-66.50. Part load mostly Choice 2-3 1400 lb Holsteins 63.50.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. Steers this week 68.25; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 68.25. Average weight Steers this week 1170 as compared 1170 last week. Average weight Heifers this week 1014 as compared 1004 last week.

HEIFERS: Two loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1000-1037 lbs. 69.00 at midweek Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 66.50-68.25. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1050 lbs. 66.00-67.00. Good 2-3 62.00-65.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 49.50-52.00, few 52.25-52.50. Cutter 48.00-51.00. Canner and low-cutter 46.00-48.50.

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

FEEDERS: Medium frame 1 950-1100 lb. Steers 67.50-69.00, load 988 lbs. 69.50. Load Medium frame 1 850 lb. Heifers 67.00.

Joliet Cattle

Thursday, March 6

CATTLE: Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 4,200; 5 days last week 4,371, same period a year ago 4,527. Trading slow for the week. Slaughter Steers ended the week mostly steady compared with Wednesday of last week.

Slaughter Heifers closed this week 25 to 50 higher compared with the previous Wednesday. Cows ended the week steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed High Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1300 69.00-69.50, couple loads with mud 68.00-68.50; YG 3 to mostly 4, few 5, 1250-1350 66.25-68.25. Choice 2-4 1050-1300 67.00-68.75 Monday; 67.50-68.75 Wednesday, 1 load 1397 69.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 66.00-67.00 Monday; 66.50-67.50 Wednesday. Load Choice Holsteins 1600 62.50 Monday.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 3-4 950-1100 67.50-67.75 Monday; 68.00, with part load 68.25 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1100 66.00-67.00 Monday; 66.50-67.75 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 64.50-66.00 Monday; 65.00-66.50 Wednesday.

COWS: Utility & Commercial 1-3 49.00-52.00, few 52.50.

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, March 6
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REceipts This Week 4400
Week Ago 5000
Year Ago 6700

Compared with the previous weeks close, slaughter steers .50-1.00 higher except holstein steers steady. Slaughter heifers mostly .50 higher. Cows 2.00-3.00 higher. Bulls firm to 1.00 higher. Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1225 lb. steers, around 35 percent heifers and 10 percent cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 67.50-68.50, closing sales 68.00-68.50. Choice 2-4 950-1250 lbs. 66.50-68.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1175 lbs. 65.50-66.50. Good 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 63.50-65.50. Standard to Good 2-3 1100-1350 lb. Holsteins 59.00-62.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 66.00-67.00, several late at 66.50; Part load 3-4 1000 lbs. 65.50. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 64.50-66.50, several 64.50-66.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-1000 lbs. 63.50-64.50. Good 2-3 700-950 lbs. 62.00-63.50.

COWS: Closing week sales Utility and Commercial 2-4 48.00-52.00. Boning Utility 1-2 52.00-55.00. Cutter 1-2 47.00-51.00. Canner and low Cutter 1-2 43.00-47.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1900 lbs. 58.00-63.00, Closing 59.00-63.00. Individual yield grade 1 1900 lbs. 64.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Including about 1200 head at regular Thursday auction. Feeder steers and heifers steady to 1.00 lower, instances 2.00 lower. Supply mainly medium frame 1 and 2 400-800 lbs. steers and 400-600 lb. heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1 few lots 340-390 lbs. 93.00-94.50, 400-500 lbs. 81.00-93.50, 500-600 lbs. 80.75-86.00, 600-700 lbs. 75.00-81.00, 700-800 lbs. 70.75-75.00, few lots fleshy 850-1000 lbs. 65.75-73.50.

Medium Frame 1 and 2 and some small frame 1 385-450 lbs. 79.00-88.50. Large Frame 1 and 2 Holsteins few lots 440-460 lbs. 70.00-77.50, 625-700 lbs. 65.75-70.75, 800-900 lbs. 61.75-63.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1 250-400 lbs. 77.00-88.00, 400-500 lbs. 73.50-83.50, 500-600 lbs. 70.75-77.00.

Medium Frame 1 and 3 and some small frame 1 375-500 lbs. 69.00-75.00, few lots 525-550 lbs. 65.00-67.50.

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