

Livestock market and auction news

Pa. Auction Summary

Friday, May 2

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 7583. Compared to 6587 head last week, and 6124 head a year ago. Compared with last Friday's market: Slaughter steers steady \$1 higher; Sl. heifers steady \$1 lower; Sl. cows \$1-1.50 lower; Sl. bullocks uneven; Sl. bulls \$1-2 lower. Sl. steers: High Choice & Prime No. 3-4 62.75-66.00; Choice No. 2-4 61.00-66.75; Good 57.00-61.00; Standard 53.00-59.00. Sl. heifers: Choice 58.00-62.00; Good 55.00-58.50; Standard 51.00-55.00. Sl. cows: Utility & Commercial 46.00-50.50; few Cutters 44.00-48.50; Canner & L. Cutter 40.50-62.00; few Standard 51.00-56.00. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1 1000-2300 lbs. 55.00-62.00; Grade No. 2 1000-1650 lbs. 52.00-58.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, Large Frame No. 2 650-950 lbs. 48.00-57.25. Medium No. 1 300-600 lbs. 60.00-75.00 few 81.00. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 300-600 lbs. 51.00-67.25; Medium Frame No. 2 500-850 lbs. 51.50-64.00.

CALVES: 2883. Compared with 2676 head last week and 2551 head a year ago. Vealers steady 5.00 higher. Few Prime 110.00-130.00; Choice 95.00-118.00; Good 85.00-100.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 75.00-85.00; 65-90 lbs. 60.00-70.00; Utility 50-100 lbs. 50.00-65.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-130 lbs. 80.00-127.00 mostly 90.00-120.00; Hol. Heifers 80-150 lbs. 90.00-220.00 mostly 100.00-151.00. Beef bulls & heifers 80-130 70.00-113.00.

HOGS: 8990. Compared with 8217 head last week and 7274 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts mostly steady .25 cents higher. US. 1-2 200-240 lbs. 30.00-32.00; No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 29.00-31.00; No. 2-3 190-280 lbs. 27.00-29.50; 1-3 130-190; 24.00-27.00. Sows uneven mostly 1 lower. US No. 1-3 300-585 lbs. 23.00-28.00; No. 2-3 300-625 lbs. 21.00-25.00. Boars 18.00-25.00 few 27.50.

FEEDER PIGS 1947. Compared with 1497 head last week and 1191 a year ago. Mostly steady. No. 1-3

20-35 lbs. 10.00-18.00; 35-50 lbs. 15.00-25.00; No. 1-3 50-85 lbs. 20.00-27.50.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS: 2075. Compared with 2939 head last week, and 2549 head a year ago. All sales by Cwt. Feeder Pigs highly uneven extremes \$8 higher - \$4 lower; No. 1-2 30-50 lbs. 39.00-50.00, 50-60 lbs. 36.00-47.00, 60-85 lbs. 36.00-44.00, No. 2-3 30-40 lbs. 38.00-48.00, 40-55 lbs. 37.00-43.00.

SHEEP: 597. Compared with 461 head last week and 354 head a year ago. Spring sl. lambs steady \$2 higher. Choice 20-55 lbs. 80.00-100.00 few 132.50. 50-105 lbs. 73.00-86.00; Good 50-85 lbs. 48.00-65.00. Sl. ewes: 17.00-35.00.

Beil's Horse Auction

York Springs, Pa.
Friday, April 25

Report supplied by auction

Local riding 300.00-525.00; Better riding 750.00-800.00; Lightweight killers 345.00-500.00; Heavyweight killers 500.00-550.00; Ponies 82.50-110.00; Large ponies 190.00-300.00.

1979 wool payments estimated at \$34 million

WASHINGTON - Sheep producers will receive about \$34 million in federal incentive payments on their 1979 marketings of shorn wool compared with \$34.8 million last year, according to Ray Fitzgerald, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Fitzgerald said payments will be made soon through ASCS county offices.

Current legislation provides for a shorn wool support price of \$1.15 per pound. The 1979 national average market price for shorn wool was 86.3 cents a pound, 28.7 cents under the support price. Therefore, the payment rate for 1979 marketings of shorn wool—the amount required to bring the average price up to the incentive price—will be 33.3 percent, compared to 45.0 percent in 1978.

Fitzgerald said the wool program is intended to encourage a producer to improve the quality of wool. A grower's incentive payment is determined by multiplying the payment rate times the net dollar return received from the sale of wool.

Fitzgerald also said the payment rate will be \$1.15

per hundredweight on unshorn lambs sold or slaughtered in 1979. This payment is to compensate growers for wool in live lambs they market. The payment is based on the shorn wool payment rate, the average weight of wool per hundredweight of lambs and the price of lamb's wool relative to the national average price for shorn wool.

Deductions of 2-1/2 cents a pound from 1979 shorn wool payments and 12-1/2 cents per hundred pounds of

liveweight from 1979 lamb payments will be made to finance advertising, sales promotion and related market development activities. These deductions were approved by a 75.3 percent favorable vote by sheep producers voting in an August 1978 referendum.

No payments will be required on 1979 marketings of mohair as the average of \$5.10 a pound received by growers was above the announced support level of \$1.94 a pound.

Sheepmen sought for new directory

ALLENTOWN - Sheep producers from several southeastern Pennsylvania counties are cooperating to develop a regional sheep directory.

Through listings and advertisements, the publication will promote sheep sales and help breeders locate foundation and replacement animals. Listings will include each breeder's name, address, phone number, sheep breed (s) and categories of sale items, including rams, ewes,

club or feeder lambs, market lambs and wool. Breeders and sheep-related businesses may buy additional space in the directory for advertisements.

If you are a Southeastern Pennsylvania sheep producer who has not already received directory information from your wool pool of County Extension Office, please call your County Agent for more details.

NFU calls for hearings on embargo relief

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The Board of Directors of the National Farmers Union Friday called for immediate congressional oversight hearings on the effectiveness of the Carter Administration's embargo relief measures.

The board said they would like to see the U.S. Senate and House Agriculture committees focus on two statements made by U.S. Agriculture Secretary Bob Bergland on January 5, 1980.

In a statement made at the time of the embargo, Bergland said: "The President has directed that actions be taken to assure that the burden of the suspension of agriculture export deliveries to the Soviet Union will not fall unfairly on farmers."

Bergland also said: "The Secretary of Agriculture will use existing authorities to remove feed grains and wheat from the market and to offset the expected decline in market prices."

In telegrams to chairman Talmadge of the U.S. Agriculture Committee and chairman Tom Foley of the U.S. House Agriculture Committee, the National Farmers Union board said, "We are in the middle of a tragic crisis in American Agriculture. We have a disastrously low farm price situation that has not been resolved by price support measures promised by the administration. The administration's purchases, for example, have fallen short of its commitment to

the nation's grain producers."

Pennsylvania board representative, Forney Longenecker, Lititz, pointed out that farmers are "taking their worst beating since the dust bowl years" because of a combination of low farm prices, inflation, soaring farm costs and high interest rates.

"We want to see the Carter Administration held accountable for its promises to farmers when it slapped on the January 4 embargo," Longenecker said.

The National Farmers Union board concluded, "The only way farmers are going to survive this crisis is to focus national attention on the situation and to get emergency action from the White House and the Congress.

"There is no way we can live with record-high interest rates, soaring farm costs and extremely low prices for farm commodities."

White Rose Dairy 4-H sees demonstrations

YORK - The April meeting of the White Rose Dairy Club was held at the extension office.

Guest speaker was Tom Boyer. Boyer talked on showing and fitting.

Two demonstrations were given. Todd Rutter gave his demonstration on fitting, and Jim Rexroth one on dehorning.

The next meeting will be held May 13 at the Blessing Farm. Reported by Lorie Kessler.



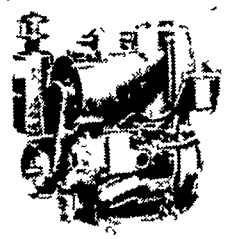
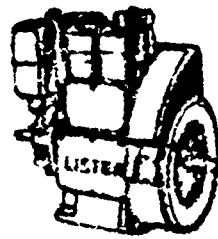
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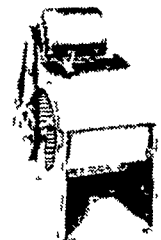
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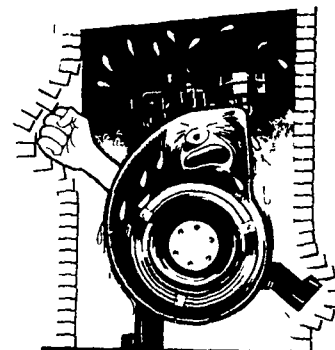


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