

Livestock market and auction news

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, July 17
Report supplied by USDA
 Receipts This Week 5800
 Week Ago 4100
 Year Ago 6300
 Compared to the previous week close, slaughter steers mostly 2.00-3.00 lower. Slaughter heifers 1.50-2.00 lower. Cows 4.00-6.00 lower. Bulls mostly 2.00 lower. Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 slaughter steers, around 40% heifers and 10% Cows

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 68.00-69.50; Load 2-3 1200 lbs. 69.75 early, few 68.00 at midweek. Not fully tested late. Choice 2-4 950-1300 lbs. 66.50-68.50, closing 66.50-67.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 65.00-67.50. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 63.00-66.50. Standard to Good 2-3 1050-1350 lbs. Holsteins 56.00-59.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 65.00-67.00, closing 65.00-65.75; Package 5's 1145 lbs. 55.75. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 64.00-66.50, closing 64.00-65.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-1000 lbs. 62.50-65.00. Good 2-3 700-975 lbs. 60.00-64.00.

COWS: Closing sales Utility and Commercial 2-4 38.00-41.00. Boning Utility 1-2 41.00-43.00. Cutter 1-2 37.00-41.00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 33.00-37.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1900 lbs. 50.00-57.00, closing 50.00-55.00. Individual yield grade 1 early 58.00.

FEEDERS: (Including around 1,500 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers under 600 lbs. 4.00-6.00 lower, weights over 600 lbs. 2.00-4.00 lower. Feeder heifers 2.00-6.00 lower, instances 7.00-8.00 lower on weights under 500 lbs. Demand fairly good at the lower prices. Increased marketing apparently the result of hot, dry weather making deteriorating pasture conditions. Supply mainly medium frame 1-2 400-800 lb. steers and 300-600 lb. heifers.

FEEDERS STEERS: Medium Frame 1 400-500 lb.

70.00-77.50, mostly 70.50-74.25; 500-600 lb. 67.00-75.50, bulk 71.00-74.50; 600-700 lb. 67.00-72.00; 700-775 lb. 64.50-69.50. Large Frame 1-2 Holsteins: Several lots 400-700 lb. 58.25-61.25. Bulls: Medium Frame 1-2: 475-600 lb. 63.25-68.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1 300-400 lb. 62.00-64.75; 400-500 lb. 60.00-63.75; 500-600 lb. 62.25-63.50; 700-800 lb. 55.00-60.00.

STOCK COWS: Load Medium Frame 1 young and middle-aged 41.75.

PAIRS: Lot Medium Frame 1 young cows with calves at side 575.00 per pair.

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, July 17
Report supplied by USDA
CATTLE: Choice 1100-1300 lb. Steers closed firm, instances 25 higher, while yearling type new crop 975-1075 lbs. were weak to 50 lower. Heifers 925-1100 lbs. were fully steady, 850-900 lbs. Weak to 25 lower. Cows were 4.00-6.00 lower and bulls 3.00-4.00 lower.

Slaughter steers and heifers were under mild downward pressure the forepart of week in reflection of a dull carcass trade, and most buyers were rather cautious and selective. However, midweek trading was active on a curtailed supply as carcass prices improved. Best inquiry centered strongly on Choice 3 1100-1300 lb. Steers and 925-1050 lb. Heifers as the run included an increasing volume of new crop steers and heifers. There was good demand for cattle to be slaughtered outside the immediate Omaha area. The overall finish of the steer and heifer supply was somewhat less attractive than most recent weeks with a large share Good to Average-Choice Steers made up approximately 45 pct and heifers 28 pct. Cows comprised 13 pct and feeders 10 pct.

STEERS: During the week, several loads Choice and Prime 3 with end 4 and Choice 3 1125-1274 lbs. 71.25-71.75. At midweek, Choice 2-4 1100-1275 lbs. 70.00-71.25. Choice 2-3 975-1075 lbs. 69.00-

70.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 975-1250 lbs. 68.25-69.75. Good 2-3 65.00-67.50.

The average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. Steers this week 69.98; Choice 1100-1300 lbs. 70.28. Average cost slaughter steers this week 69.69, average weight 1122 lbs. as compared 69.75 and 1134 lbs. week ago. Average cost heifers 65.82, average weight 958 lbs. as compared 66.47 and 976 lbs. a week ago.

HEIFERS: Several loads choice with end Prime 3-4 934-1025 lbs. 67.50-68.00. Choice 2-4 950-1075 lbs. closed 65.75-67.50, some mostly Choice 2-3 850-925 lbs. 65.25-66.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1075 lbs. 64.50-66.50. Good 2-3 62.00-65.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-4 37.00-39.00, few high-dressing 39.50-40.50. Cutter 36.00-38.50. Canner and Low Cutter 35.00-37.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1200-2100 lbs. 48.00-53.50, individual 1 54.00-56.00.

FEEDERS: Few loads Medium Frame 1 922-1044 lb. steers 68.00-69.75.

Western Maryland Market

Tuesday, July 15
Report supplied by auction
BUTCHER COWS: \$1 to \$2 lower! High Yield 46-49.85; Standard & Utility 41.00-45.00; Canners 38.00-40.00; Shelly 38.00 Down; Bulls Good 1000-1675 lbs. 51.00-54.75; Steers Choice to 66.00.

BUTCHER HOGS. \$1 higher! US #1 & 3 215-240 lbs. 42.85-43.50; 240-260 lbs. 39.60; 170-190 lbs. 34.00. **SOWS** 350-650 lbs. 37.75-39.25; 250-350 lbs. 33.00-38.75. **BOARS** One 755 lbs. at 28.00.

VEAL CALVES: Steady. Good & Choice 80.00-94.00; Standard 70.00-80.00; Stocky & Thin 55.00-70.00; Killers 80-

100 lbs. 74.00-81.00; Weak & Rough 73.00 Down.

CALVES RETURNED TO FARM: Mostly bulls offered. Holstein Heifers few 80-90 lbs. 107.00; Holstein Bulls 95-115 lbs. 98.00-117.00; 85-95 lbs. 85.00-100.00. **LAMBS** few offered Choice to 62.50; Stock Cattle Mostly heifers offered. Steers few 400-600

lbs. 65.00-79.00. Heifers 350-600 lbs. 55.00-66.00; 600-750 lbs. 50.00-59.00. Bulls 250-400 lbs. 68.00-74.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 230 head! \$2-5 lower! By the Head 15-30 lbs. 10.00-18.00; 30-60 lbs. 15.00-25.00; By the Lb. 50-70 lbs. 34.00-42.50; 90-105 lbs. 40.00-44.00; St. Boars 190-280 lbs. to 28.00.

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