



THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

OCT. 20-26, 1980

The sun withdraws and aged grows the year.

Daylight Saving Time ends this week Turn clocks back one hour before retiring on Oct 25 Gen MacArthur landed in Philippines saying, "I have returned." Oct 20, 1944 Full moon Oct 23 Average length of days for the week, 10 hours, 41 minutes U.S. Congregational Church founded Oct 22, 1835 Many go out for wool and come home shorn



Ask the Old Farmer: I understand that the 1981 edition of *The Old Farmer's Almanac* came out this month Maybe it's because I'm way out in the sticks, but I can't find it on my newsstand How can I get a copy? T L, Mayville, N.Y.

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OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Very cold, then cool, heavy rains, to start, continued cool for remainder of week and weekend

Greater New York-New Jersey: Partly cloudy, heavy rain, and cool all week, skies clearing for weekend

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Cold, turning mild, heavy rain, then partial clearing midweek, rain resumes for weekend

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Frost at start of week, then rain, heavy west with flooding, turning mild, weekend is sunny and mild

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Oklahoma Cattle

Thursday, October 16

Report supplied by USDA

Estimated Receipts 8,000 Same Day Last Week 7,829

Moderately active at best; feeder cattle under 500 lbs. generally steady with the week's decline; offerings over 500 lbs. under pressure and .50 cents to 1.00 lower, some sales as much as 2.00 lower. Majority receipts Medium Frame 1 and Mixed 1-2 350-750 lbs. feeder steers and 350-650 lbs. feeder heifers. Moderate attendance.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1 300-400 lbs. 86.25-88.50; 400-500 lbs. 75.25-80.00; 500-600 lbs. 74.25-79.50; largely 75.00-77.00; 600-700 lbs. 72.25-76.50; 700-800 lbs. 72.75-74.40; few 835-915 lbs. 68.60-69.90. Medium Frame 1-2 300-400 lbs. 76.75-79.00; 400-500 lbs. 73.50-75.75; 500-600 lbs. 72.75-75.50; 600-700 lbs. 70.75-73.00; 700-800 lbs. 70.00-70.50. Medium Frame 2 300-500 lbs. 68.50-75.25; 580-700 lbs. 67.25-69.00; 735-900 lbs. 67.50-70.00. Large Frame 2 600-805 lbs. 62.50-70.00. Large Frame 2 Holstein 515-600 lbs. 62.00-64.40; 700-767 lbs. 61.90-64.70.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1 275-335 lbs. 66.75-75.90; 400-500 lbs. 65.00-71.70; 500-600 lbs. 64.00-68.50; 600-650 lbs. 64.25-67.25; 700-765 lbs. 62.25-63.25. Medium Frame 1-2 345-500 lbs. 63.25-64.00; 500-660 lbs. 62.00-66.50. Medium Frame 2 430-618 lbs. 62.75-63.50; few 730-868 lbs. 58.10.

FOR THE WEEK: Compared to late last week, feeder calves under 500 lbs. 1.00-2.00 lower; feeder cattle over 500 lbs. .50 cents to 1.00 lower, some late sales 2.00 lower. Slaughter cows closed

.50 cents to 1.00 lower, late sales Utility and Commercial 2-3 43.00-46.50; Cutter 1-3 38.50-43.50; Canner and Low-Cutter 34.75-37.75. Slaughter bulls in good demand and 1.00-2.00 higher, some 3.00 up, yield grade 1-2 1000-1600 lbs. 52.00-60.00, few to 61.50 and one 1735 lbs. at 63.00. Salable receipts near 28,200 head compared to 23,749 last week. The majority of 90 percent of the supplies consisted of feeder cattle and calves, cows and bulls made up of 10 percent of the receipts.

New Holland Dairy

New Holland, Pa.

Wednesday, October 15

Report supplied by auction

Reported receipts of 168 cows, 38 heifers and 6 bulls. Market steady.

Load of Wisc. fresh cows, 1200.00-1825.00; Load of NY fresh cows, 1325.00-2250.00, springers 1375.00-1875.00; Load of Pa. fresh cows, 1100.00-1400.00; Load of Chester County springers, 780.00-1420.00; Load of NY springers, 925.00-1450.00; 52 head herd, all stages, 440.00-975.00.

Locally consigned cows 800.00-2025.00; Springing heifers 900.00-1260.00; Open Heifers 375.00-710.00; Bulls 320.00-920.00.

During National 4-H Week, Oct 5 - 11, more than five million 4-H members will rededicate their heads to clearer thinking, their hearts to greater loyalty, their hands to larger service and their health to better living

Peoria Cattle

Thursday, Oct. 16

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to last week's close slaughter steers remained steady. Heifer steady, instances .25 higher. Cows closed 1.00-3.00 lower. Bulls steady. Trade on slaughter steers and heifers moderate with buyers showing little aggression for numbers. Yield grade remains the major pricing factor with those consignments carrying a sizeable percentage of YG 4-5 being discounted accordingly. Receipts this week 3,100, last week 2785 and 4146 a year ago.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1150 lbs. 69.25-69.50, load 70.00. Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 68.00-69.50. Couple loads mostly 3-4 1250-1390 67.50-68.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1050-1250 mostly 67.00-68.00 Good 64.50-67.50. Package 1350 lbs. Holsteins 62.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice and Prime 2-4 950-1100 lbs. 67.00-67.75, package 68.00. Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 66.00-67.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1000 lbs. 64.50-66.00. Good 62.50-64.50.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 2-3 44.00-50.00. Closing 44.00-47.25 Cutter 42.00-46.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1100-2000 lb. 52.00-58.00. Individual 60.00.

Joliet Cattle

Thursday, October 16

Report supplied by USDA

Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 3,500; 5 days last week 4,543; same period a year ago 4,069. Trading moderately active on Monday; moderate early Wednesday; slow late Wednesday. Slaughter steers ended the week mostly steady to 50 higher, except some late sales on Wednesday which were steady to 25 lower compared with Wednesday of last week. Slaughter heifers ended the week mostly 1.00 higher, few instances 1.50 higher. Cows ended the week 3.00-4.00 lower.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed high Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1250 lbs. 70.00-70.25, one load 70.50 Monday; 70.50-70.75 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lbs.

69.00-70.00 Monday; 69.00-70.50, mostly 69.00-70.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1200 lbs. 67.50-68.75 Monday; 68.00-69.00 Wednesday. Choice Holsteins 1400-1500 lbs. 63.50 Monday.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 3-4 950-1050 lbs. 68.00, load 68.25, load 68.50 Monday; 68.50, load 68.75 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 900-1000 lbs. bulk 67.00-68.00, some 66.50 Monday; 66.75-68.25 Wednesday.

COWS: Cutter & Utility 1-3 44.00-49.00 Monday; 42.00-47.00 Wednesday 41.00-45.00 Thursday.

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, Oct. 16

Report supplied by USDA

Receipts This Week 5200 Week Ago 5100 Year Ago 5300

Compared last week: Slaughter steers steady. Slaughter heifers weak to .50 lower. Cows 2.00-3.00 lower. Bulls 1.00-2.00 lower. Slaughter supply near 50% steers, about 35% heifers and 15% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1325 lbs. 68.50-69.00. Choice 2-4 950-1300 lbs. 67.00-68.50, mostly 67.50-68.00.

Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1150 lbs. 66.00-67.00. Good 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 64.00-66.00. Scattered lots mostly Good 2-3 1150-1300 lb. Holsteins 61.00-63.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 850-1025 lbs. 66.00-67.00, mainly 66.00-66.50 after Monday. Part load 1034 lbs. 67.50 early Monday. Part load mixed Choice and Prime 4's 1055 lbs. 65.00. Choice 2-4 825-975 lbs. 65.00-66.50 closing mainly 65.00-66.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-950 lbs. 63.00-65.00. Limited volume Good 2-3 750-950 lbs. 60.00-63.00.

COWS: Late Utility and Commercial 2-4 42.00-46.00. Boning Utility 1-2 46.00-69.00. Cutter 1-2 40.00-45.00. Canner and low Cutter 1-2 35.00-40.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1075-1700 lbs. 52.00-58.00.

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, October 16

CATTLE: Through midweek, slaughter steers were steady to 25 higher, instances 50 higher, heifers steady to 25 lower. Utility and commercial cows were

weak to 50 lower, canner, cutter and boning utility 50-1.00 lower. Bulls were mostly steady.

Four day receipts 11,600; week ago 11,900; year ago 8,500.

Demand was only moderate despite small late week receipts as early strength in the carcass beef trade was lost. The supply of steers and heifers was evenly divided and contained a large percentage of choice. The price spread between yield grade 3 and 4 carcasses is around 12.00 per cut and buyers were selective. Slaughter steers made up 27 pct. of the five day total. Heifers 27 pct. cows 16 pct. and feeders 39 pct.

STEERS: During week, few loads and part loads choice and prime 3, few 4 and choice 2-3 1150-1300 lbs. 68.75-69.00. Choice 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 67.25-68.50. Largely 67.50-68.25, few loads with large percentage 4 1200-1300 lbs. 66.00-67.50. Mixed Good and choice 2-3 1000-1225 lbs. 66.00-67.25. Good 2-3 63.00-65.50. Good and choice 2-3 1200-1300 lbs. Holsteins 63.00-64.25. One lot choice 65.00; good 61.00-62.50.

HEIFERS: At midweek, 4 loads choice and prime 3, few 4 1000 lbs. 67.00. Three loads early 67.25-67.40. Choice 2-4 875-1050 lbs. closed 65.00-66.75. Largely 65.50-66.50. Some 3-4 1100 lbs. 64.50-65.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 64.00-65.00. Good 61.00-63.00.

AVERAGE OF LS-214 detailed quotations for choice 900-1100 lbs. steers 67.62; 1100-1300 lbs. 68.02. Average cost steers this week 67.62, average weight 1135 lbs. as compared 67.57 and 1148 lbs. a week ago. Average cost heifers 65.91, average weight 993 lbs. as compared 65.97 and 1006 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: Utility and commercial 2-4 45.00-47.00. some

high-dressing 47.50-48.50. Cutter 41.50-45.00, canner and low-cutter 39.00-42.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1200-1800 lbs. 52.00-58.00, few individual 1 58.50-60.00.

St. Louis Cattle

Market Reports Supplied by USDA

FEEDERS: (Including around 1,800 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers firm to 2.00 higher. Feeder heifers uneven, weights under 500 lbs. 2.00-4.00 higher, over 500 lbs. generally steady. Demand good for bulk of represented grades and weights. Supply mainly medium frame 1-2 400-800 lb. steers and 300-600 lb. heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: MEDIUM FRAME 1, couple lots 291# and 296# 83.00-84.50; 366-500# 76.25-79.75; 500-600# 74.00-77.25; 600-700# 70.75-76.50; 700-800# 67.50-75.00, mostly 70.00-73.50.

MEDIUM FRAME 1-2 and some small frame 1; 375-475# 70.00-75.75; 500-625# 66.25-72.00.

LARGE FRAME 1-2 Holsteins: Lot 423# 67.25; couple lots 790-840# 58.00-60.50; couple lots large frame 2 235-295# 58.00-60.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: MEDIUM FRAME 1: couple lots 285-290# 67.50-69.25; 300-500# 64.00-67.25; couple lots thin 430-455# 69.25-69.75; 500-700# 65.25-69.25.

MEDIUM FRAME 1-2: Scattered lots 500-575# 62.25-64.50.

STOCK COWS: Couple lots small and medium frame 760-765# aged 41.25-43.00.



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