

# Livestock market and auction news

## St. Louis Cattle

**Thursday, December 18**  
**Report supplied by USDA**  
 Receipts This Week: 5,500  
 Week Ago: 6,300  
 Year Ago: 5,700  
 Compared to the previous week's close, slaughter steers 1.50 to mostly 2.00 lower. Slaughter heifers 1.50-2.00 lower. Cows 4.00-5.00 higher. Bulls steady. Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Cnoice and Prime 2-4 1050-1200 lbs. steers, around 35% heifers and 15% cows.  
**SLAUGHTER STEERS.** Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1275 lbs 62.00-64.25, closing 63.50-64.25; 3-4 1075-1300 lbs 61.00-63.00, closing sales 62.00-63.00, package 4-5 1200 lbs. 57.00 Choice 2-4 950-1300 lbs. 61.00-63.50, closing

62.00-63.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 60.00-62.50. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 58.50-61.00. Standard to Good 2-3 1050-1350 lbs. Holsteins 51.00-58.00, mid-week sales 51.00-56.00, not tested late.  
**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1075 lbs. 59.50-62.00, closing mostly 61.00; 3-5 825-1100 lbs. 56.00-60.00. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs 58.00-61.50, closing 59.50-61.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-1000 lbs 56.50-60.00 Good 2-3 700-975 lbs 55.00-58.50  
**COWS** Closing week sales Utility and Commercial 2-4 43.00-46.00 Boning Utility 1-2 46.00-48.00. Cutter 1-2 42.00-45.00 Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 38.00-42.00  
**BULLS** Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1900 lbs. 46.00-54.00, closing 50.00-54.00, individual Yield Grade 1 55.00

**FEEDERS** (including around 1,500 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder Steers firm to 2.00 higher Feeder Heifers firm to 3.00 higher Most upturn on weights under 500 lbs Demand good for moderate supply Receipts mainly Medium Frame 1-2 400-800 lb Steers and 300-700 lb Heifers  
**FEEDER STEERS** Medium Frame 1 275-400 lbs 74.00-79.00 400-500 lbs 70.50-77.00, 500-700 lbs 70.00-73.50, scattered lots 750-850 lbs 64.50-68.50  
 Medium Frame 1-2 and Small Frame 1 375-600 lbs 64.00-70.00, bulk 65.50-68.00  
 Large Frame 2 Holsteins Few lots 375-475 lbs 52.00-54.50, couple lots 865-875 lbs 52.50  
**FEEDER HEIFERS** Medium Frame 1 300-400

lbs 62.50-68.00; 400-500 lbs 61.00-66.25; 500-700 lbs 60.75-64.25, few lots 725-775 lbs. 58.25-60.00.  
**STOCK COWS.** Lot Medium frame 1-2 889 lb Middle-aged 40 50.

## Peoria Cattle

**Thursday, December 18**  
**Report supplied by USDA**  
 51 Weekly Cattle Summary Compared to last week slaughter steers were steady to 50 lower Heifers 50, instances 1.00 lower Cows and bulls steady, instances 1.00 higher. Slow trade and reduction of buyer caused the week to open sharply lower, however, by midweek buyers aggression coupled with an upward trending beef trade erased

part of the early weeks decline. Receipts this week were about 4200, last week 5435 and 5160 a year ago.  
**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Closing sales, Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 63.50-64.50, Load at 65.00, 4 loads 1100-1275 lbs. 65.50 Load YG 3-4 1390 lbs. 61.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 62.00-63.50 Good 60.00-62.00, few packages 1050-1150 lbs Holsteins 56.00-58.00  
**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS** Choice 2-4 950-1050 lbs 62.00-63.50, bulk 62.00-63.00 3-4 60.00-62.00, few packages 4-5 54.00-57.50 Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1000 lbs 60.50-62.00 Good 59.00-60.50.  
 Cows Utility and Commercial 2-3 40.00-44.00, few returning to the country 44.75 Cutter 37.00-42.00  
**BULLS** YG 1-2 1100-1800 lbs 47.00-53.00.

Prime 3 with end 4 1212 lbs. 65.50. Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 64.00-65.25, load 1401 lbs. 64.00, some 1150-1300 lbs with increased percentage 4 63.00-64.00 Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 1025-1250 lbs. 63.50-64.25. Good 2-3 61.50-63.50 Couple consignments Good and Choice 2-3 1250-1500 lb Holsteins 61.00.  
**HEIFERS.** Two loads Choice and Prime 3 with end 4 1000-1025 lbs. 63.50-63.75, load large share 4 1100 lbs. 61.50. Choice 2-4 900- 1075 lbs. 61.50-63.25, some large share 4 at inside price, load 4-5 1227 lbs 60.00 Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 875-1050 lbs 61.00-62.00. Good 2-3 59.00-61.00.  
 Average of LS 214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. steers 64.28, 1100-1300 lbs 64.25 Average three day cost steers this week 63.26, average weight 1181 lbs. as compared 64.71 and 1187 lbs. a week ago. Average three day cost heifers 61.04, average weight 1030 lbs. as compared 62.79 and 1039 lbs. a week ago.  
**COWS** Utility and Commercial 2-4 41.00-44.00, few 44.50. Cutter 40.00-42.00 Canner and Low-Cutter 39.00-40.50.  
**BULLS.** 1-2 1200-2300 lbs. 48.00-53.00, few individual 1 54.00

## Omaha Cattle

**Thursday, December 18**  
**Report supplied by USDA**  
 Midweek prices on slaughter steers and heifers were 25-50 higher, some mixed 3-4 75-1.00 higher Cows were 1.50-2.00 higher and bulls firm to 1.00 higher  
 Four day receipts this week 13,700; last week 14,400; year ago 17,300.

The fed cattle trade followed an erratic pattern in reflection of a rapidly and sharply fluctuating carcass trade Prices were forced downward on the initial session, but the early decline was more than offset in an aggressive trade on later sessions as carcass prices moved substantially upward Yield grade was still a major price-determining factor, but after Monday most buying interests were somewhat less discriminating in active competition to secure numbers The overall finish of the steer and heifer supply was still attractive with a large percentage Choice, and the volume of yield grade 4 animals was somewhat smaller Slaughter steers made up approximately 45 pct and heifers 36 pct Cows comprised 11 pct and feeders 5 pct  
**STEERS** At midweek high time, load Choice 3 1231 lbs 65.75, load Choice 3 1234 lbs and load Choice and

Valley Livestock  
 Valley Stockyards  
 Athens, Pa.  
**Monday, December 15**  
**Report supplied by auction**  
 Reported receipts of 79 cows, 13 bulls, 388 calves, 5 heifers, 1 steer, 74 hogs, 18 lambs, 4 sheep. Cattle market reported easier, calf market reported steady  
 Holstein Heifer Calves to 145.00, Veal Calves to 89.00; Bobs, 90-110 lbs 70.00-88.00, Bobs, 80 and down lbs 55.00-65.00, Grassers & Feeders 45.00-90.00, Lambs 52.00-57.50, Sheep 12.00-31.00, Hogs, 200-250 lbs. 38.00-46.00, Sows 32.00-38.00, Boars 30.00-34.00, Pigs 8.00-19.00, Heifers 42.00-47.50, Steers no market established; Steers, feeder 52.00-68.00; Bulls 49.50-57.75; Cows, utility 45.00-47.25, Cows, fat 40.00-44.00. Cows, medium 39.00-41.00, Cows, poor or small 32.00-38.00, Horses to 510.00; Ponies to 222.50, Goats none



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