

Livestock market and auction news

Belleville Auction

Belleville, Pa.

Wednesday, January 28
Report supplied by PDA
CATTLE 125. Compared with last week's market, slaughter cows \$1-\$2.50 higher. Few Good to low Choice slaughter steers 57.25-63.00. Individual Choice slaughter heifer at \$6.75. Utility and Commercial slaughter cows 41.50-45.10, few 48.10, Cutters 41.00-44.10, Canner & Low Cutters 36.00-40.10, Shells down to 33.00. Yield Grade #1, 1085-1390 lbs slaughter bulls 51.10-56.85. CALVES 151 Bulk of

supply returned to farm. Few Choice vealers 87.50-105, Standard and Good 70-95 lbs. 55.00-63, Utility 50-80 lbs. 40.00-50.00. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 85-125 lbs. 64.00-94, few 102; Hol. Heifers 85-140 lbs. 72.50-127.50.

HOGS 307. Barrows and gilts 50 cents-\$1.50 lower. US No. 1-2 2-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 41.35-42.35, few 42.85, No. 1-3 2-250 lbs. 39.75-41.35, lot No. 2-3 265 lbs. at 38.75, No. 1-3 185-195 lbs. 36.50-39.00. US No. 1-3 3-550 lbs. sows 35.00-41.50, few No. 2-3 3-600 lbs. 30.00-35.00. Boars 28.00-30.00

FEEDER PIGS 302. US No 1-3 20-35 lbs feeder pigs

14 00-20.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 19.00-27.50, lot No. 1-3 80 lbs. at 34.50 per head.

SHEEP 5. Few Good 85-100 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 49.00-51.00. HOLSTEIN DAIRY COW 550-1100 lbs., couple \$1450.00.

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cows, 9 percent slaughter heifers, 6 percent bulls.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 3-4 1175-1400 lbs. 62.50-65.00, few 65.00-66.50, few lots mostly 4 61.60-63.00; Good and Choice 1-2 1025-1450 lbs. 64.75-67.25, around 40 head 67.00-70.00;

Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 62.25-65.00, few 65.00-65.75; Choice 3-4 1225-1450 lbs. 59.25-62.50; high Good and low Choice 2-3 1000-1225 lbs. 60.75-63.75, few 64.00-64.85, Good 2-3 56.00-61.00; Good and Choice 1150-1450 lbs. holsteins 56.50-59.50, Standard 1-2 54.00-57.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 900-1250 lbs. 59.00-63.00, few Yield Grade 2 63.00-64.50; Choice 3-4 850-1250 lbs. 56.75-60.50; Good 2-3 850-1100 lbs 56.00-60.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 44.00-48.00, few 48.50-51.00, Commercial 3-4 41.00-44.50, Cutter 1-2 42.50-47.00, few 47.00-48.50, Canner and low Cutter 39.75-

43.00. BULLOCKS: Choice 950-1300 lbs. 61.00-65.50, few 55.50-67.25; Good 1000-1250 lbs. 53.25-59.50.

BULLS. Yield Grade 1 1400-1950 lbs 56.50-61.50 few 61.50-65.50, individual 1940 lbs. 66.75; Yield Grade 2 1000-1450 lbs. 51.75-56.50.

VEAL CALVES: Prime special fed vealers 300-360 lbs. 5.00-8.00 lower, Choice 120-250 lbs. fully steady; high Good and low Choice 80-115 lbs. 3.00-5.00 lower. Demand good for calves returned to farm.

VEALERS. Prime special fed 290-380 lbs. 88.00-100.00, few 100.00-105.00; Choice 120-300 lbs. 90.00-110.00, few 140-190 lbs. 112.00-119.00; high Good and low Choice 130-230 lbs. 75.00-90.00, 80-115 lbs. 56.00-66.00, few 100-115 lbs. 66.00-72.00, 60-80 lbs 50.00-60.00

RETURNED TO FARM: Bulk 85-115 lbs. holstein bulls 75.00-98.00, few 98.00-100.00; bulk 95-120 lb. holstein heifers 100.00-136.00, few 136.00-154.00, several 70-90 lbs. 65.00-100.00.

Eastern Pa. & N.J. Poultry

Wednesday, January 28
Report supplied by USDA

Prices on light type hens unchanged. Processor demand fairly good for adequate farm offerings. Offerings of heavy type adequate for a fair but unaggressive call.

Prices paid at Farm. Lightweight at farm: 9-10, mostly 9½. FOB plant. 12-13, mostly 12½. Heavyweight Too Few To Report.

Apple holdings slip 4%

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania apples in cold storage on December 31, 1980 totaled 217,713,000 pounds, down 9,319,000 pounds or four percent from a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Of that total, which converts to 5,184,000 bushels at 42 pounds each, York Imperial apples comprise the largest variety in cold storage for processing at

1,526,000 bushels. York Imperial apples are followed by Red Delicious apples at 990,000 bushels, Rome apples at 880,000 bushels and Golden Delicious apples at 724,000 bushels.

Apples in cold storage in the continental United States on December 31, 1980 totaled 76,713,000 bushels, up 10,281,000 bushels or 15 percent from a year ago.

Broiler placements

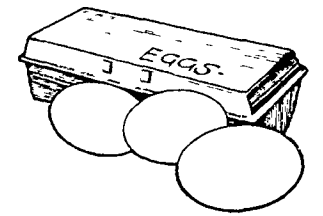
jump 9%

HARRISBURG — Placements of broiler chicks in the Commonwealth during the week ending January 17 were 2,381,000, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The placements were nine percent above the corresponding week a year earlier and four percent above the previous week. Average placements during the past nine weeks were six percent above a year earlier. Placements in the 21 key poultry producing states were 79,347,000, slightly below the previous week but two percent above the same week a year ago. Average

placements during the past nine weeks were four percent above a year earlier.

Broiler-fryers slaughtered in Pennsylvania under federal inspection during the week ending January 7 totaled 1,524,000, with an average liveweight of 4.22 pounds.



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A Tribute to the American Farmer

A farmer is a man who wears out two pairs of overalls growing enough cotton for one.

A farmer can shape an ax handle from a persimmon sprout — and shoe a horse with a hunk of car tire.

A farmer starts every year with nothing, loses everything he grows, and at the end of the year comes out even.

Nobody knows how he does it.

He doesn't even know himself.

What are farmers made of?

Farmers are made of bent nails, rusty horseshoes, barbed wire, and held together with calluses.

Planting time and harvest season, he finishes his 40-hour week by Tuesday noon — then begins to put in another 72 hours.

He can make a harness out of hay wire, feed sacks, and shoe scraps.

He grows corn and melons mostly to make fat cows. He loads his planter with thousands of

dollars worth of seed, fertilizer, herbicide, and insecticide. That's one hour's worth.

In a normal farm afternoon, 1 to 10 p.m., he'll bury thousands more in the ground in half a day.

Odds are it'll get too wet or too dry — or there'll be hail, wind, early frost, early snow, bugs, brackbats, and bureaucrats.

And if he gets a good crop, he won't meet expenses.

Yet the only lines on a farmer's face are from grinnin'.

He buries last year's disappointments with springtime plowin' because his faith is not in himself alone.

He'll finish a hard week's work with a five-mile drive to church.

And so he plants in hope, cultivates in faith, and ends in debt — then starts over with greater hope and stronger faith.

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