

Livestock market and auction news

Weekly Summary Friday, March 20

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 5986. Compared with 7466 head last week, and 5996 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers .50-1.00 lower; SL heifers, bullocks & bulls steady to 1.00 lower; SI cows steady to .50 lower. SI steers: High Choice & Prime No. 3-4 62.00-65.10; Choice No. 2-4 59.50-63.50; Good 57.00-60.50; Standard 51.00-57.00. SI heifers: Choice 57.00-61.50; Good 53.00-59.00, few Standard 45.00-53.00. SI cows: Utility & Commercial 43.00-47.00; Cutters 41.00-45.00; Canner & L. Cutter 36.00-42.00; Shells down to 30.00. SI bullocks: Choice 55.00-61.75; Good 52.00-57.00; Standard 50.00-55.00. SI bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2400 lbs 53.00-58.50; Yield Grade No. 2, 1000-1600 lbs. 46.00-54.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, Large Frame No. 1, 300-700 lbs. 60.00-74.00, few to 80.00; Medium Frame No. 1, 300-600 lb. 55.00-72.00. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-700 lbs. 53.00-65.00.

CALVES: 3720. Compared with 3977 head last week and 3878 head a year ago. Vealers highly uneven. Few Prime 95.00-120.00; Choice 89.00-109.00; Good 70.00-92.00, 90-120 lbs 54.00-80.00; 65-90 lbs. 40.00-65.00; Utility 50-100 lbs 30.00-55.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 80-125 lbs. 60.00-105.00, mostly 75.00-92.00; Hol Heifers 80-150 lbs. 70.00-170.00, mostly 85.00-155.00.

HOGS: 6964. Compared with 7626 head last week and 8419 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts 50-100 lower. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs 41.50-42.50 no 1-3 200-250 lbs. 40.00-41.50, No. 2-3 190-275 lbs. 38.00-40.00; No. 1-2 140-190 lbs. 38.00-40.50; Sows 1 50-2.00 lower. US No. 1-3 300-585 lbs. 34.50-38.00; No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 30.00-36.00. Boars 25.00-32.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 993. Compared with 1196 head last week and 1461 a year ago. Feeder pigs uneven, mostly steady to 3.00 higher. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 14.00-26.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs 24.00-34.00; No. 1-3 50-75 lbs 30.00-41.00.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS: 1886. Compared with 2183 head last week and 2025 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs mostly 2.00-9.00 lower. US No. 1-2 30-40 lbs. 63.00-77.00, 40-50 lbs. 62.00-87.00, 50-60 lbs. 56.00-70.00, 60-75 lbs. 53.00-58.00; US No. 2-3 25-40 lbs. 57.50-64.00, 40-50 lbs. 47.00-48.00, 50-60 lbs. 51.00-58.00.

SHEEP: 466. Compared with 519 head last week and 661 head a year ago. Woolled sl lambs steady to 1.00 lower. Choice 70-130 lbs 55.00-68.00; Good 50-90 lbs. 45.00-60.00. SI ewes 16.00-37.00.

Belleville Auction

Wednesday, March 18

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 102. Compared with last Thursday's market, slaughter cows \$1.50 to \$3 lower. Couple Good slaughter steers 55.25 and 57.00, couple Standard 51.75 and 52.85. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 39.50-44.50, one at 45.75, Cutters 40.50-43.25, few Canner and Low Cutter 35.75-37.75, Shells down to 35.00. Few Yield Grade #1 815-1525 lbs slaughter bulls 45.00-53.60.

CALVES: 153. Few Good vealers 66.00-86.00, Standard & Good 70-95 lbs. 50.00-57.00, Utility 50-80 lbs 30.00-45.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 85-125 lbs 58.00-98.00, couple to 100.00, holstein heifers 70-140 lbs 70.00-137.00.

HOGS: 170. Barrows & gilts 75 cents to 1.00 higher. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 41.35-41.85, No. 1-3 200-245 lbs. 39.75-41.25, one lot No. 2-3 250 lbs at 36.50. US No. 1-3 300-575 lbs sows 33.25-37.00. Couple Boars 29.00 and 29.25.

FEEDER PIGS: 185. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs feeder pigs 20.00-28.00 per

head, No. 1-3 35-55 lbs. 27.00-34.50 per head.

SHEEP: 38. Choice 95-120 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 55.00-65.50. Slaughter ewes 25.00-41.00.

HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS \$550.00-1010.00.

OPEN HEIFERS \$300-600.00.

Special Market Feeder Pig Sale

Wednesday, March 16

Tappahannock, VA

Report supplied by VDA

There were 256 head sold. All pigs were graded by Representatives of the VDACS's Division of Markets, Livestock Section of USDA standards and sold by the hundredweight.

U.S. 1-2's 40-49 lbs \$64.50; 50-59 lbs \$50.50, 60-69 lbs \$45.00; 70-84 lbs \$45.00, 85-99 lbs \$40.00, 100-130 lbs \$38.00.

US 3's 40-49 lbs \$58.00, 50-59 lbs \$45.00; 60-69 lbs \$40.00; 85-99 lbs \$38.00.

Utility 40-49 lbs \$40.00

U.S. 4's 60-69 lbs \$7.50

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, March 19

Report supplied by USDA

Receipts This Week: 5,500
Week Ago: 5,800
Year Ago: 6,000

Compared to the previous week's close, Slaughter steers 3.50-4.00 lower except holstein steers 1.00 lower. Slaughter heifers 2.50-3.00 lower. Cows 1.00-2.00 lower. Limited supply bulls steady. Supply mainly Choice and Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1200 lbs. steers, around 35% heifers and 10% cows.

** NOTE: We are continuing to receive a relatively large percentage of yield grade 3-5 steers and heifers.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Package Prime Yield Grade 5 1300 lbs. 50.00. Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1150 lbs. 56.50-60.50, closing 56.50-57.25; 1150-1300 lbs. 57.50-60.00 early, not tested late; 3-4 1050-1325 lbs 55.00-57.50, closing 55.00-56.00; 4-5 1100-1375 lbs. 52.25-54.50.

Choice 2-4 950-1275 lbs. 56.50-60.00, closing 56.50-57.50; 2-3 950-1075 lbs. 57.50-60.00, couple packages early 60.50 and 61.00, closing sales 57.50-57.75. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 57.00-60.00 early, not tested late. Good 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 55.00-58.50. Standard to Good 2-3 1050-1400 lbs. 50.00-54.50, load 1420 lbs. early 55.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 57.00-59.00 early; mid-week sales 57.00-57.50, not tested late; 3-4 900-1025 lbs. 55.00-56.50 at mid-week; 4-5 950-1125 lbs. 51.00-53.00. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 55.00-58.00, few closing sales 55.00-56.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 700-1000 lbs. 54.00-57.00, note tested late. Good 2-3 700-975 lbs. 52.50-55.50.

COWS: Closing week sales: Utility and Commercial 2-4 40.00-43.00. Boning Utility 1-2 43.00-44.50. Cutter 1-2 39.00-42.00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 35.00-39.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1800 lbs. 50.00-55.00. Yield Grade 1 1625-2100 lbs. 56.00-57.00.

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, March 19

Report supplied by USDA

Through midweek steers 1.00-1.50 lower. Heifers 1.00 lower. Cows 1.50-2.00 lower. Bulls 1.00 lower.

Four Days Receipts: 12,100
Last Week: 13,850
A Year Ago: 9,600

A depressed carcass trade coupled with liberal Monday receipts to force steer and heifer prices lower early in the week. Some recovery was noted on Wednesday as salable numbers were minimal and the beef trade showed signs of recovery, but buyers still rather cautious. Best

demand centered on Yield Grade 2-3 steers weighing 1050-1200 lbs. and same grade 950-1050 lbs. heifers, thus cattle in the heavier weight brackets and in the Yield Grade 4-5 category suffered sharp discounts throughout the session. Steers made up 48 pct of 5 day receipts. Heifers 30 pct., cows 12 pct., feeders 8 pct.

STEERS: At midweek, 3 loads. Choice 2-3 1100 lbs 61.00-61.25. Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs 59.50-60.75. Choice, some Prime 3-4 1200-1350 lbs. 57.00-59.00; several consignments same grade 4-5 52.00-55.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs 59.00-60.00. Good 57.00-59.00.

HEIFERS: Load Choice 2-3 105 lbs 60.50. Choice 2-4 900-1150 lbs. 58.50-60.00. Mixed Good and Choice 850-1100 lbs 57.00-58.50. Good 56.00-57.00.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lbs. steers 60.90; 1100-1300 lbs. 60.00. Average cost steers this week 59.34, average weight 1200 lbs. as compared 60.82 and 1208 lbs. a week ago. Average cost heifers 58.44, average weight 1037 lbs as compared 59.87 and 1050 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: Cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 41.50-43.50. Canner and Low-Cutter 39.00-41.50.

BULLS: 1-2 1200-1800 lbs 50.00-54.00. Several individual 1 55.00-56.00.

Lancaster Feeder Cattle

Friday, March 13

Report supplied by USDA

Today: 249
Last Friday: 172
Last Year: 103

TREND: Trend not comparable, insufficient volume in recent weeks for a price test.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1: One lot 895 lbs. 63.25. Large Frame 1 One lot 870 lbs. 63.75 and one lot 990 lbs. 62.00. Medium and Large Frame 1: 50 head 760-870 lbs. 63.50-66.75. Medium Frame 1-2: One lot 695 lbs. 66.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 Couple lots 530-585 lbs. 60.75-61.75. Medium Frame 1: Few head 315-490 lbs. 60.75-61.00; couple lots 710-750 lbs. 55.50-58.50.

Chambersburg Auction

Thursday, March 19

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 403. Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers steady to 1.00 higher; SI cows .50-1.00 higher. Choice No. 2-4, 950-1700 lbs SI steers 59.00-63.75, few YG 1-2 64.00-67.00; Good 55.75-59.00, couple to 60.00, few 51.50-55.50. SI heifers few Choice 1-2 60.75-63.50, fw YG 4-5 54.00-57.00. SI cows: Utility & Commercial 43.00-46.75, with few to 49.75. Cutters 42.50-45.75; Canner & L. Cutter 39.50-43.50; Shells down to 33.50. SI bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1100-1800 lbs. 52.00-58.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: Heifers few Medium Frame No. 1 250-450 lbs. 50.00-57.50; few Holsteins 350-450 lbs 57.00-88.00.

CALVES: 391. Vealers grading Good & Choice 5.00-8.00 higher, few Prime 110.00-113.00; Choice 89.00-107.00; Good 70.00-88.00, Standard & Good 70-95 lbs 52.50-60.50. Utility 50-80 lbs. 40.00-50.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 85-125 lbs 50.00-88.00, mostly 75.00-85.00; Hol. Heifers 90-190 lbs 115.00-170.00, couple to 189.00.

HOGS: 96. Barrows and gilts 25 higher. US No. 1-2 205-235 lbs 39.75-40.85, No. 1-2 240-260 lbs 38.50-40.00. Sows few US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. 36.25-38.50. Few Boars 25.00-28.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 42. Few US No. 1-3 25-35 lbs 22.00-26.00 per head. **SHEEP:** 20. Few Choice 70 and 95

lbs. Spring Lambs 65.00-69.00; one lot Good 50 lbs. Woolled lambs at 50.00.

GOATS: 13. 28.00-56.00 per head

Indiana Auction

Thursday, March 19

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE: 100. Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers .50-75 higher; SI cows .50-75 higher. SI steers. Good & Choice 56.00-60.00, Standard 48.00-52.00. SI heifers Choice 60.00-62.50; Standard 46.00-50.00. SI cows. Utility & Commercial 43.00-48.00, Cutters 43.00-46.00; Canner & L. Cutter 37.00-40.00. SI bulls. Yield Grade No. 1, 47.00-53.00.

CALVES: 98. Vealers 2.00-3.00 lower. Choice 96.00-102.00 lbs. 75.00-85.00; 90-110 lbs 55.00-65.00; 70-90 lbs. 40.00-55.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-110 lbs. 68.00-83.50, Hol. Heifers 95-110 lbs. 95.00-115.00.

HOGS: 94. Barrows and gilts 1.00 higher. US No. 1-2 42.00-43.00; No. 1-3 39.00-40.00; Sows 1.00 lower. US No. 1-3 32.00-36.50. Boars 22.00-25.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 26. US No. 1-2 20-35 lbs. 20.00-22.00 per head, No. 1-3 5-50 lbs 30.00-32.00.

Oklahoma Cattle

Thursday, March 19

Report supplied by USDA

Thursday feeder cattle auction and weekly summary. Estimated Receipts: 6,000. Same Day Last Week.

Actual unloads will fall about 1,000 head short of the early estimate; moderately active, feeder cattle and calves near steady; majority receipts Medium Frame No. 1 500-800 lbs. feeder steers and 450-650 lbs. feeder heifers arriving from wheat pastures and growing pens. Moderate attendance buyers. Wednesday's sale ring total was 13,706 head. Demand good especially on thin cattle suitable for grazing.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame No. 1: Few 300-400 lbs. 80.00-82.30; 400-500 lbs. 72.75-80.00; 500-600 lbs. 65.25-70.00, few thin 500-550 lbs. 71.00-75.60; 600-700 lbs 62.50-67.50; few thin 602 lbs. 69.40-72.00; 700-800 lbs. 61.75-65.40; 800-925 lbs. 60.95-62.75. Large Frame No. 1 825-937 lbs. 60.30-61.45. Small Frame No. 1 350-455 lbs. 70.00-70.25; 558-574 lbs. 62.70-64.70. Medium and Large Frame No. 1-2 300-500 lbs. 70.00-74.75; 500-700 lbs. 61.00-65.50; 700-800 lbs. 61.50-62.75. Large Frame No. 2 Holsteins: Few 422-492 lbs. 62.00-62.25; 514-568 lbs. 60.70-62.00; 644 lbs. at 55.20; 700-800 lbs 52.00-52.60; 853-967 lbs. 50.25.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame No. 1 few 286-295 lbs. 70.50-71.00; few 303-365 lbs 68.00-68.75;

400-500 lbs. 60.25-64.50, part load 411 lbs. at 68.50; 500-600 lbs. 59.00-60.50, package 527 lbs. at 62.00; 600-700 lbs. 58.00-60.00; few 700-717 lbs. 58.30-59.70. Small Frame No. 1 354 lbs. at 63.25; 543-689 lbs. 56.75-60.00. Medium & Large Frame 1-2 280 lbs. at 64.75; 300-500 lbs. 59.50-64.75, package thin 338 lb. at 67.75; 500-700 lbs. 55.00-59.25. Medium Frame No. 2 480-590 lbs. 52.00-59.50.

FOR THE WEEK: Compared to late last week, feeder cattle & calves under extreme pressure and closed sharply lower; feeder steers under 700 lbs. mostly 4.00-5.00 lower; feeder steers over 700 lbs. and feeder heifers largely 3.00-4.00 lower; slaughter cows uneven, Utility and Commercial 2.25-3.50 lower; Canner & Cutter 1.25-2.75 off; late sales Utility & Commercial 2-3 41.25-43.90; Cutter 1-2 39.25-41.25; slaughter bulls steady to weak, Yield Grade 1-2 1000-1700 lbs. 51.00-58.00, one 1600 lbs at 60.00. Salable receipts totaled near 26,300 head, the largest weekly total to date this year and compares with 21,651 head for the same week a year ago. Feeder cattle & calves made up the majority or 94 percent of the receipts; cows and bulls numbered 1,500 head and comprised six percent of the total supply.

HOGS: 900. Barrows and gilts. Steady to .50 cents lower, demand moderate. U.S. 1-2 210-260 lbs. 37.00-37.80, lot 205 lbs. 36.05; 180-195 lbs. 33.00-34.00; U.S. 1-3 210-270 lbs. 36.00-37.00. U.S. 2-3 265-295 lbs. 34.50-36.00; 295-325 lbs. 32.60-34.50.

SOWS: Firm to .50 cents higher. U.S. 1-3 275-450 lbs. 32.00-34.00, several 33.05-33.80; 500-600 lbs. 35.10-35.50, instances 36.00.

BOARS: 200-675 lbs. 29.00-29.90, few 215-225 lbs. 32.55-33.00.

FOR THE WEEK: Barrows & gilts .50 cents to 1.00 lower. Sows .50 cents lower. Feeder pigs 2.00-2.50 lower. Salable receipts this week near 4050 head compared with 3955 head last week. Feeder pigs at 743 head made up 18% of the run. Barrows & gilts sold at the weeks' high Monday when two lots totaling 41 head of No. 1-2 weighing 238 lb. brought 39.25.

New Holland Feeder Pigs

Wednesday, March 18

Report supplied by USDA

Today: 940
Last Wednesday: 592
Last Year: 1173

TREND: Compared to last Wednesday feeder pigs steady to 5.00 lower. All pigs weighed on arrival and sold by the hundred weight.

FEEDER PIGS: US 1-2 29-39 lbs. 63.00-73.00; 40-49 lbs. 62.00-76.00; 50-59 lbs. 56.00-70.00. US 2-3 29-35 lbs. 63.00-64.00.

Lehigh report

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program, including an increase in the quality control bonus from five cents to 10 cents and a two-cent premium on all milk shipped throughout the year.

Robert Barry, president of Atlantic Processing, Inc., reported that API is expected to realize \$200 million in sales during the first year. He suggested that dairymen are facing a decade of change and must act independently of government programs.

"We will continue to grow with or without government support," he said.

He said, "API intends to process all milk consigned by Lehigh Valley Farmers and all others."

"We have a business vehicle with which to draw more dairy farmers together for mutual benefit," he said.

"We can make some intelligent

compromises, avoid parochialism and become more visionary. By watching trends and anticipating consumer needs, we can build an even more secure market for all your milk production."

Shippers approved bylaw changes which will allow directors discretion in forming new districts to accommodate growing numbers of shippers and would allow flexibility in determining need for at-large directors.

Also approved was a change which will require the annual meeting of each district be held in the first three weeks of November.

Guest speaker at the luncheon was Irvin J. Elkin, president of Associated Milk Producers, Inc.

AMPI is the largest dairy co-op in the country with over 30,000 members. Elkin discussed the structure of his organization.