

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, August 13, 1981
Report Supplied By USDA

Through midweek, slaughter steers recovered nearly losses to close steady but heifers weak to 1.00 lower, full decline mainly on weights under 950 lbs. Cows 1.00 higher, bulls steady.

Four Day receipts 11,225; last week 10,725; year ago 14,000.

Daily receipts locally were unevenly distributed, steer and heifer prices trended lower Monday on expanded marketings. Small receipts Wednesday helped steers recover early losses but heifer outlet recently has been narrowed. Two local heifer establishments will resume slaughter next week following annual vacation time. Good and low-choice 1000-1100 lb. steers traded actively the first two days for return to feedlots but packers took the small supply of these at midweek. High-dressing steers 1150 lbs. and heavier continue in small supply with consist mainly good and choice 2-3 1000-1125 lbs. steers made up around 39 pct of the week's total, heifers 34 pct, feeders 15 pct. made up mostly of 1000-1100 lb. fleshy steers, and cows 10 pct.

STEERS: Midweek trade on reduced receipts, U.S. 2-4 1050-1200 lbs. 66.00-67.50 with high-dressing steers over 1150 lbs. scarce; at low time early, four loads choice 2-3 and choice with end prime 3, few 4 1240-1300 lbs. 67.50-68.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 1025-1150 lbs. midweek 65.50-66.50. Good 1000-1250 lbs. 58.00-66.00. During week, good and choice 2-3 holsteins 1300-1350 lbs. 59.50-61.50; Good 1150-1300 lbs. 57.00-59.50, mainly 58.00-59.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 900-1000 lbs. at midweek 63.00-64.50, load and part load 975-1050 lbs. 64.85-65.00. Load high-dressing choice 3 1038 lbs. early 65.25 when bulk choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 62.00-63.50, few 63.75-64.25. Midweek sales mixed good and choice 2-3 900-1000 lbs. 63.50, 850-900 lbs. 60.00-62.00. Good 2-3 58.00-62.00.

AVERAGE OF LS - 214 detailed quotations for choice 900-1100 lb. steers 66.38; 1100-1300 lbs. 67.05. Average cost steers this week 65.95, average weight 1125 lbs. as compared 66.27 and 1128 lbs. a week ago. average cost heifers this week 62.27, average weight 969 lbs. as compared 63.38 and 968 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: High-cutter, utility and

commercial 1-3 44.00-46.00. Canner and cutter 41.00-43.75, few light weight 35.00-41.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 50.00-55.50, few high-dressing 1 56.00-57.00.

FEEDERS: Fair volume medium frame 1 fleshy steers traded early mostly 50 lower, 1000-1100 lbs. 65.00-66.50, bulk 65.50-66.00. Few lots fleshy heifers 850-900 lbs. 58.00-59.00.

Oklahoma Cattle

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Estimated Receipts 4000

Same Day Last Week 5254

Feeder Steers and Heifers firm to .50 higher. Demand Good. Trading active. Slaughter Cows and Bulls steady. Bulk receipts Medium Frame 1 and Mixed 1-2 Feeder Steers weighing between 500-800 lb. and Heifers from 500-725 lb.; Cows and Bulls near 10 percent.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium few Large Frame 1 450 lb. 74.90; 470-475 lb. 64.10-65.60; 500-600 lb. 63.25-67.25; 600-700 lb. 64.70-66.70; 700-800 lb. 64.00-66.00; 800-900 lb. 63.30-64.10. Large Frame 1 900-925 lb. 61.20-61.60. Medium Few Large

Frame Mixed 1-2 370 lb. 65.25; 500-700 lb. 62.50-65.00; 700-800 lb. 62.00-64.00. Medium for Large Frame 2 550-800 lb. 57.00-62.80 mostly 60.00-62.50. Large Frame 2 Holsteins 400 lb. 59.00; 515-530 lb. 55.40-57.10; 700 lb. 54.90. (all thin).

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Few Large Frame 1 330-63.25; 400-500 lb. 55.75-59.10, lot 410 lb. 59.80; 500-600 lb. 57.00-59.60; 600-800 lb. 57.00-60.70; 830 lb. lot 55.50. Medium few Large Frame Mixed 1-2 425-725 lb. 55.25-57.60; 820 lb. 51.10. Medium Frame 2 385 lb. 55.00; 575-650 lb. 50.00-53.75. Large Frame 2 700 lb. 45.80.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Lot offerings cutter and boning - Utility 43.30-46.00. Lot low-Cutter 39.70.

BULLS: Yield grade 1 1540-1560 lb. lean to thin 54.60-55.30.

FOR THE WEEK: Feeding Steers and Heifers 1.00-2.00 higher with Heifers over 550 lb. Holding firm to .50 higher. Slaughter Cows steady to 1.00 higher. Utility and Commercial 2-4 42.50-46.50; low-Dressing 40.00-42.50. Cutter 1-2 40.00-44.00. Canner and Low-Cutter 36.00-40.00. Bulls; Steady to weak. YG 1-2 1100-1700 lb. 51.50-56.00, few 56.00-58.00; lot 1540 lb. 58.75; 925-

1125 lb. 47.40-50.25. Sable receipts this week near 19,000 head; last week 22,437; last year 29,186. Feeder Cattle and Calves made up 89% of this week's run; Cows and Bulls 11%.

Hunter's Auction

Monday, August 10
Rising Sun, Md.

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FEEDER HEIFERS: Good to Choice 46.00-51.00; Other 40.50-45.00.

COWS: High Choice to Prime 46.50-48.25; Good to Standard 45.50-47.00; Utility 44.25-44.75; Cutters 42.00-43.75; Cannors 37.50-41.50.

CALVES: Prime 180-220 lbs. 79.00-87.00; High to Choice 180-220 lbs. 68.00-83.00; Good to Choice 120-140 lbs. 59.00-75.00; Standard to Good 90-110 lbs. 45.00-64.00, few 70.00-81.00; Utility 75-85 lbs. 40.00-54.00; Low Utility 65-75 lbs. 42.00-52.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 30-35 lbs. \$25 to \$36 by hd.

HOGS: 130-170 lbs. 35.00-41.00; 180-220 lbs. 46.25-51.00.

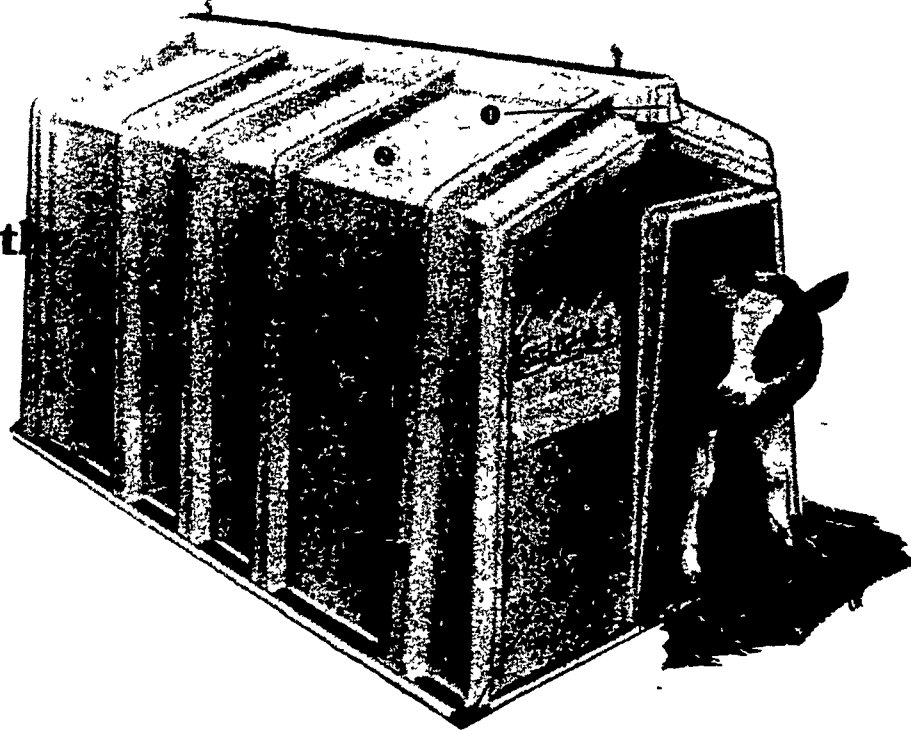
SOWS: 35.00-38.50.

BOARS: 33.00-35.50.

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He used to raise his calves in the main barn. Then, he installed a liquid manure system and had to move his calf-raising out to avoid the affect of pit gasses. That's when he started with hutches. He's used several kinds — plywood, chipboard, fiberglass, and now, Calf-tel.

"Calf-tel overcame all the problems we'd had with hutches."

① Says Jim, "We like the adjustable ridge ventilators front and rear. These cool in summer, and in winter we can air out bad odors and dampness that can turn to frost on the walls."

② "We especially like the hard, tough molded polymer material of which Calf-tel hutches are made. This polymer doesn't soften or sag in heat and it doesn't get brittle hard in winter. The material remains flexible so it doesn't crack when handled or is accidentally struck by machinery. These hutches just look indestructible."

Caretaker time-saving, convenience

③ "The side access door for feeding is really nice. Two pail holders inside. This speeds up chore-time and it is more comfort-

able for the calves — eating and drinking in the weather-protected corner.

④ "We like the off-set doorway, leaving two-thirds of the front covered to protect against wind, rain and snow. Calves and their bedding are protected. Keeps us from having to get in there to dig out snow. This is a key design feature."

⑤ "The steel reinforced base is only part of the long-lasting rugged construction. These hutches can be anchored at the corners, if need be."

Jim goes on about "sanitation management"

"Particularly important is the smooth surface inside and out that is so easy to clean and disinfect by hand scrubbing or pressure washer. Even the fiberglass huts we've had were rough on one side which made sanitizing difficult and questionable."

"One last factor that is important about raising calves in hutches is that the investment per calf is low and these hutches are not taxed as a permanent capital improvement such as would be the case if we built a calf-raising and heifer barn. These Calf-tel units should even have good resale value. They should almost last forever."

Jim, and son Jeff, have heifer calves worth saving. The main herd has a rolling herd average of 17,000 lbs. of milk. Several cows are producing over 20,000 lbs. with the best cow exceeding 25,000 lbs.

Jeff just bought a Holstein herd from Pennsylvania — 33 cows milking with an average of 23,000 lbs., plus 25 heifers. One cow classified Excellent and 14 were rated Very Good. Now, the Esselmanns are milking 143 head. They plan to save every heifer calf from their valuable producers with Calf-tel hutches.

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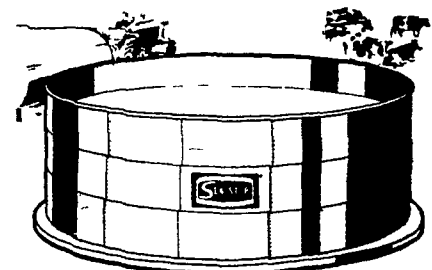
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