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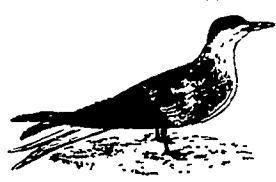


THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC

OCT. 19-25, 1981

Back to Standard Time this week.

Better mend your broken windows now... P.T. Barnum opened "Greatest Show on Earth" in NYC Oct. 20, 1873... Last quarter of the moon Oct. 19 (Sat)... Average length of days for the week, 10 hours, 44 minutes... Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, Oct. 25 (turn clocks back one hour before retiring Saturday night)... Only in dreams does the happiness of the earth dwell.



Ask the Old Farmer: Years ago, my parents owned a two-story, frame cottage in the Adirondack Mountains. On the front of the house was the main door leading into the living room, and on the side was a door leading into the dining room. The natives called this door the "funeral door." Why? D.C., Buffalo.

Yup, a feature in many old houses — the funeral or coffin door was wider than other doors to allow space for the bearers. Folks didn't want to open these doors except for a funeral.

Home Hints: Mint scattered around haunts drives away mice.

OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECASTS

New England: Showers and cool at start; clearing and very warm; then rain, cooler.

Greater New York-New Jersey: Week is clear and warm; rain at end.

Middle Atlantic Coastal: Clearing, becoming hot throughout; then showers.

Piedmont & Southeast Coastal: Temperatures warm, showers south through week.

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Omaha Cattle

Thursday, October 15

Report supplied by USDA

Through midweek, slaughter steers 50-1.00 lower; heifers steady, instance 25-50c lower. Cows firm to 1.00 higher; bulls steady.

Four Day Receipts 10,475
Last Week 10,950
Year Ago 11,475

The dressed beef market continued to bear down on the fed cattle trade. Yield Grade is a major trade factor, reflecting discounts on yield grade 4 carcasses, and very little discount on Good compared Choice yield grade 3. Slaughter steers made up 31 pct of the estimated five day total. Slaughter heifers 25 pct. Cows 7 pct. Feeders 34 pct.

STEERS: At midweek, load Choice 2-3 relatively high-dressing 1357 lbs. 64.00, load Choice 3 1219 lbs. 63.75. Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 61.50-63.00, mostly 62.00-63.00, few loads mainly 3 63.25-63.50. Few loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1200-1250 lbs. 62.00-62.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1200 lbs. 61.00-

62.00. Few Good 59.00-61.50. Holsteins in small supply during week few loads and lots Good 1200-1300 lbs. 57.00-58.50.

HEIFERS: Few loads Choice 3 and Choice and Prime 3-4 925-1100 lbs. 61.25-61.75. Choice 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 59.25-61.25, mostly 60.00-61.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 58.50-60.00. Good 56.00-59.00.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lbs. steers 62.35; 1100-1300 lbs. 62.88. Average cost steers 62.70, average weight 1148 lbs. compared 63.63 and 1130 lbs. a week ago. Average cost heifers 60.41, average weight 1011 lbs. compared to 61.05 and 1009 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: High cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 41.50-43.50, high dressing 43.50-44.00, few 44.00-45.00. Canner and Cutter 38.00-41.50, lightweight 36.00-38.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1200-1800 lbs. 47.00-51.00, some high dressing 1700-2000 lbs. 52.00-52.50, individual 54.00.

FEEDERS: Few loads and lots Medium Frame 1, few Large Frame fleshy steers 61.50-63.00; heifers 62.5-900 lbs. 58.50.

East Coast Cattle

Wednesday, October 14

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to Tuesday's close: Prime special fed veal steady in limited test. Good and Choice boning veal generally steady; unshipped 1.00 higher. Spring lamb, mixed weights, 1.00 to 2.00 higher in limited comparison. Limited sales of boneless beef 90 chem lean 3.00 to 3.50 higher than last week.

VEAL CARCASS

Prime (Special Fed)

HIDE-ON

125 Head

180-240 lbs. 195.00-205.00 ltd, steady.

BONING TYPE

HIDE-ON

Good & Choice

Northeastern Suppliers, all generally steady; 65-75 lbs. 86.00-88.00, few 90.00; 55-64 lbs. 84.00-86.00, few 88.00; 45-54 lbs. 82.00-84.00, few 86.00; 35-44 lbs. 80.00-82.00, few 84.00; 34 lbs. down 78.00-80.00, few 82.00.

Inshipped: 71-80 lbs. 91.00, all limited, all 1.00 higher; 61-70 lbs. 89.00; 51-60 lbs. 87.00; 41-50 lbs. 85.00; 30-40 lbs. 83.00.

SPRING LAMB CARCASS

Choice & Prime 3-4

8 Loads

55 lbs. down 122.00, all 1.00-2.00 higher; 55-65 lbs. 122.00; 65-75 lbs. 122.00.

BONELESS BEEF

3 1/2 Loads

Compared to last week 3.00-3.50 higher. 90 pct chem lean fresh 115.00; 95 pct chem lean fresh 108.50.

CURED AND PROCESSED MEATS

Skinned Hams: 16-20 lbs. 88.50, part load.

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, October 15

Report supplied by USDA

Receipts this week: 3,900;
Week Ago: 3,300;
Year Ago: 5,400;

Compared to last week, slaughter steers 1.00-2.00 lower, most decline on average choice and better. Slaughter heifers 1.00-1.50 lower. Additional price declines in wholesale beef prices early in the week appeared to be main bearish factor for the downturns in both classes. Cows 1.00-2.00 higher. Bulls steady to 1.00 lower. Slaughter supply 50% slaughter steers, near 30% heifers and 15% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Part load and small lot Choice 2-3 950-1250 lbs. 63.50. Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1075-1200 lbs. mostly 63.00, couple loads 1075-1150 lbs.

63.25. Choice 2-4 950-1200 lbs. 62.00-63.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 950-1175 lbs. 61.00-62.00. Good 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 60.00-61.00, mostly Good 2-3 1100-1300 lbs. holsteins 56.00-58.00, part load Choice 1290 lbs. 60.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 900-1025 lbs. 60.50-61.00. Choice 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 59.00-60.50; scattered lots 750-875 lbs. 56.00-69.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-950 lbs. 57.00-59.00. Few Good 2-3 850-950 lbs. 55.00-57.00.

COWS: Late sales, Utility and Commercial 2-4 39.00-43.00. Boning Utility 1-2 43.00-45.00. Cutter 1-2 38.00-42.00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 34.00-38.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 900-1600 lbs. 45.00-51.00, mostly 46.00-50.00. Exotic crossbred high-yielding yield grade 1 1300 lbs. individual 53.00.

FEEDERS: (Including around 1,400 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers weighing under 500# 2.00-3.00 higher; over 500# firm to 2.00 higher. Feeder heifers firm to 2.00 higher. Overall quality much improved over recent weeks with supply including a substantial increase in the number of steers calves and yearling under 600#. Large buyer attendance.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1: 300-500# 64.50-68.75; lot thin 335# 70.00; 500-700# 63.25-65.00; 700-980# 60.75-63.00. Medium Frame 1-2 and some Small Frame 1: 350-600# 53.00-60.25, mostly 55.25-58.00; Large Frame 2 Holsteins: Few lots 575-935# 49.25-50.75.

BULLS: Several lots Medium Frame 1-2 400-700# 50.50-56.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1: lot 250# 58.00; 300-500# 52.00-54.50; weights over 600# scarce, few lots 4750-775# 52.00-53.25; Medium Frame 1-2 and some Small Frame 1: 350-500# 45.00-48.00.

Martinsburg Auction

Monday, October 12

Report supplied by auction
CATTLE 160. Choice slaughter steers 64.00-66.10, Choice 63.10-64.60, Good 60-63.10, Standard 54.00-60, Utility 42.00-52. Choice heifers 58.50-60.50, Good 56-58.50, Standard 51.00-56, Utility 44.00-51. Utility & Commercial cows 46-49.50, Cutters 42-44.50, Canner and Low Cutters 33-39.50, Shells down to 28.00. Choice slaughter bullocks 57.50-60.50, Good 57.50-58.50, Standard 52-57.50, Utility 45.00-49. Yield Grade #1, slaughter bulls 57.75-69.50, #2, 50.25-56.50. Feeder Cattle: Choice feeder steers 52-55.50, Good 50.50-52.50, Medium 45-

50.50. Good feeder heifers 50-54.50, Medium 48-50.50. Good feeder bulls 46.00-51; Medium 41.00-46.

CALVES 371. Prime yearlings 85.00-91, Choice 80.00-86; Good 75.00-80, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 65.00-75, 90-110 lbs. 60.00-65; 70-90 lbs. 54.00-60. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 90-130 lbs., 80.00-104; Hol. Heifers 90-130 lbs. 80.00-135.00.

HOGS 371. US No. 1-2 barrows and gilts 49-50.25, No. 1-3 47.50-48, No. 2-3, 46.00-47.50, No. 2-4 46.00-46.50, No. 1-3 45.00-46. US No. 1-3 sows 47-48.25, No. 2-3 44.00-47.50.

BOARS 36-38.50.

FEEDER PIGS 54. US No. 1-3 25-40 lbs. feeder pigs 18.00-30 per head, No. 1-3 40-90 lbs. 30-40.50 per head.

SHEEP -37. Choice 85-100 lbs. 47.50-52.50, Good 70-85 lbs. 46-47.50, Utility 40-60 lbs. 35.00-45. Slaughter ewes 12.00-18.00.

GOATS 7. \$10-\$31.00 per head.

Peoria Cattle

October 15, 1981

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to last week Slaughter Steers closed mostly 1.00 lower. Heifers .50 to 1.00 lower. Cows and Bulls remained steady. Trade at midweek slow. The downward pressure on Carcass Beef plus the decline in box beef was reflected in live prices following the pattern for the fourth consecutive week. Receipts this week about 2400 as compared to 2275 a week ago and 3037 a year ago.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Package Choice 2-3 1000 lbs. 63.00. Choice 2-4 1050-1175 lbs. 61.00-62.25. Load and Part Load Choice, few Good 1025-1175 lbs. 62.50. Good and Choice 2-3 950-1100 lbs. 60.00-61.50. Goods 59.00-60.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 900-1000 lbs. 59.50-60.50. Small package and load 950-1025 lbs. 61.00. Couple Loads 3-4 1000 lbs. 59.00. Package 4's 55.00. Good and Choice 850-950 lbs. 58.00-60.00. Goods 55.00-58.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 40.00-43.00. Cutter 38.00-42.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1100-1900 lbs. 44.00-50.00.

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