Livestock market and auction news

St. Louis Cattle Thursday, March 18

Report supplied by USDA 5,200: Receipts this week: 6,000; Week Ago: 5,600 Year Ago:

Compared last week, both slaughter steers and heifers steady early in the week, but early declines in wholesale beef carcass prices apparently resulted in a weak undertone in the mid-week trade when numbers both classes were insufficient for a full test of prices. Cows steady to 1.00 lower. Bulls steady. Slaughter supply near 35% heifers and 15% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1200 lbs. 66.00-66.50, part load Monday 67.00. Choice 2-4 950-1250 lbs. 64.50-66.00. bulk 65.00-66.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1275 lbs. 63.00-65.00. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 61.00-63.00. Mostly Good 2-3 1075-1325 lbs. holsteins 53.50-59.00, few Standard to Good 1050-1250 lbs. 52.00-54.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 64.00-64.50. Choice 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 62.50-64.00; 800-900 lbs. 59.00-61.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 58.00-60.00. Good 2-3 750-925 lbs. 56.00-58.00

COWS. Late Sales Utility and Commercial 2-4 37 00-39.00. Boning utility 1-2 40 00-42.25. Cutter 1-2 35.00-38 00. Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 30,00-35 00

BULLS. Yield Grade 1-2 1050-1900 lbs. 46.00-51.00. Few Yield Grade 1 52.00, individual 1160 lbs

FEEDERS. (Including around 2,000 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers steady to 1.00 lower, decline mainly on weights under 600 lbs. Feeder heifers 1.00-3.00 lower. Supply mainly Medium Frame 1 and Mixed 1-2 300-700 lbs. steers and 300-600 lbs. heifers. Buyer attendance fairly large.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1: 300-500 lbs. 63.00-69.25; bulk 64.25-68.25; couple lots thin 325-345 lbs. 71.75-72.00; 500-600 lbs. 61.00-67.00, mostly 62.25-63.75; scattered lots 600-725 lbs. 62.00-63.75; few lots fleshy 800-950 lbs. 60.00-64.00. Medium Frame 1-2 and some Small Frame 1: 325-500 lbs. 57.00-62.25, mostly 59.00-61.75. Large Frame 2 Holsteins: Couple lots 550-975 lbs. 48.50-50.75.

BULLS: Medium Frame 1 350-550 lbs. 58.00-61.25.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1: couple lots 270-285 lbs. 56.75-58.00; 300-500 lbs. 51.25-57.25, mostly 54.00-56.50; 500-650 lbs. 51.00-56.50; few lots fleshy 750-865 lbs. 54.00-56.25.

Middleburg Auction Middleburg, Pa. Tuesday, March 18 Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 326. Compared with last Tuesday's market, slaughter steers 50 cents-\$3 lower, mostly \$1-\$2 lower. Slaughter cows steady to 75 cents lower. Choice 2-4, 1100-1500 lbs. slaughter steers 65-68.50, couple 70, Good 58.50-63.75, Standard 53-58.50, few Utility 41.50-50. Few Choice slaughter heifers 57.60-60.10, few Good 56.50-58.85. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 38.75-43.60, few 45.35, Cutters 37.50-41, few Canner & Low Cutters 36.25-37.50, Shells down to 33.25. Few Choice slaughter bullocks 59.50-65.50, one 68.75, few Good 57-63.35. Yield Grade #1, 1200-2200 lbs. slaughter bulls 51.35-56.75. Few Medium & Large Frame #1, 400-600 lbs. feeder steers 52.00-57. Few Medium Frame #1, 450-700 lbs. feeder heifers 43.00-50.

CALVES 193. Individual Prime vealer at 105.00, Choice 84.00-94, Good 75.00-85, Standard & Good 70-100 lbs. 52.00-61. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 58.00-78; Hol. Heifers 90-140 lbs. 80.00-115.

HOGS 583. (3-15-82) Barrows and gilts steady to 75 cents higher. US No. 1-2 210-235 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.35-52.10, No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 50.50-51.35, No. 2-3 2-270 lbs. 48-50.50. US No. 1-3 360-600 lbs. sows 42.25-48, couple 51, No. 2-3 300-400 lbs. 36.00-42. (3-16-82) HOGS 64. One Lot US No. 1-2 215 lbs. at 51.10, lot No. 1-3 205 lbs. at 50.50. Boars 33.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS 100. US No. 1-3 25-45 lbs. feeder pigs 30.00-46 per head, No. 1-3 50-80 lbs. 45.00-50 per

SHEEP 11. Few Choice 90-110 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 65.00-

GOATS: 18. 19.00-47 per head.

Morrison Cove Auction

Martinsburg, Pa. Monday, March 15 Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 210. High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 67.25-70.25, Choice 65-67.25, Good 63.50-65, Standard 55.50-60.25, Utility 48.50-54.50. Choice slaughter heifers 62.25-65.25, Good 60.25-62.25, Standard 57.50-58.50, Utility 50.25-56.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 45.25-50.25, Cutters 42.50-45.10, Canner & Low Cutters 37.50-40.25, Shells down to 32.50. Good slaughter bullocks 56-58.25, Standard 50.50-54.25, Utility 45.25-50.25. Yield Grade #1, slaughter

bulls 53.25-58.25, #2, 50.25-53.25. Choice feeder steers 58.50-60.50, Good 54.50-58.25, Medium 47.50-50.25. Good feeder heifers 55.50-60.25, Medium 47.50-53.50. Good feeder bulls 54.50-58.50, Medium 48.50-52.50.

CALVES 338. Prime vealers 94.50-106, Choice 91.50-94.50, Good 82.50-91.50, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 71.50-78.50, 90-110 lbs. 54.50-60.50, 70-90 lbs. 50-54.50. Farm Calves: Hol. Bulls 90-130 lbs. 80.00-91.50; holstein heifers 90-130 lbs. 78.50-130.00.

HOGS 434. US No. 1-2 2-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.75-53.25, No. 1-3 2-250 lbs. 49.50-51.75, No. 2-3 2-260 lbs. 48.50-49.50, No. 2-4 2-260 lbs. 47.25-49, US No. 1-3 sows 47.50-50.25, No. 2-3 44.25-48.25. Boars 33.50-38.25.

FEEDER PIGS 22. US No. 1-3 25-40 lbs. feeder pigs 23-26.50 per head, No. 1-3 40-60 lbs. 26.50-34.50 per head.

SHEEP 0. no sales on offer. Goats 24: \$10-24.00 per head.

Omaha Cattle Thursday, March 18 Report supplied by USDA

Slaughter steers at midweek closed steady to firm, instances 25-50 higher. Heifers steady to firm. Cows steady except canner and low cutter closing 1.00-2 00 lower. Bulls steady.

Four day receipts this week. 7,800; last week: 10,000; year ago: 12,000.

Declining beef market trends prompted a cautious attitude from the buyers. But smaller receipts and a continued small supply of cattle offered for sale from local trade areas created a type of forced trade demand. Uniform Choice steer offerings over 1150 lbs. and heifers over 1000 lbs. continue small. Slaughter steers 31 pct of estimated 5 day total; heifers 25 pct; cows 12 pct and feeders 31 pct.

STEERS: Few loads Choice 3, few Prime 3, few 4 1200-1250 lbs. 68.00-68.50, two loads Monday 68.75 and 69.00; Choice 2-4 1000-1200 lbs. 66.50-68.00, few muddy 1200 lbs. Tuesday 64.00; Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1150 lbs. closing 65.00-66.00, few Monday and Tuesday to 66.50, 1150-1200 lbs. Monday 66.50-67.00; Good 2-3 63.00-65.00, early 63.00-66.00. Choice 2-3 1300-1350 lbs. holsteins 60.00-62.00; Good with an end Choice and Good and Choice 57.50-59.50; Standard and Good 1150-1200 lbs. 57.00-58.00.

HEIFERS: Several loads and part loads Choice 3 and few Prime 3 975-1075 lbs. 66.00-66.50, couple loads reputation high dressing 1100 lbs. on Tuesday 66.75; Choice 2-4 950-1025 lbs. 64.00-66.00, Choice 2-3 900-950 lbs 63.50-65.00, some carrying mud 63.00-63.50; Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1000 lbs. 61.00-64.00; Good 56.00-62.00,

Average of Detailed Quotations. Choice 900-1100 lbs. steers 66.35: 1100-1300 lbs. 67.75. Average cost steers 65.97, average weight 1145 lbs. compared 66.28 and 1140 lbs. a week ago. Average cost heifers 64.09, average weight 990 lbs. compared 63.24 and 1004 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: High Cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 38.50-41.00, high dressing 41.00-42.00; Cutter 35.00-39.00; Canner and Low Cutter early 31.00-36.00, closing 30.00-

BULLS: 1-2 1300-1900 lbs. 44.00-50.00, few high dressing individuals 52.00-57.00.

Valley Livestock Valley Stockyards Athens, Pa. Monday, March 15

Report supplied by auction Reported receipts of 294 calves, 106 cows, 17 bulls, 18 heifers, 6 steers, 137 hogs, 29 lambs, 2 sheep. Cattle market much higher; Calf

Market strong.
Holstein Hfr. Calves to 125.00; Veal Calves to 93.00; Bobs, 90 to 110 up to 86.00; Bobs, 80 and down 45.00-55.00; Grassers & Feeders 34.00-60.00; Lambs No top ones 50.00-56.50; Sheep 18.00-28.00; Hogs, 200-250 lbs. 46.00-52.00; Sows 38.00-46.00; Boars 33.00-38.00; Pigs 12.00-30.00; Heifers 42.00-51.50; Steers common 41.00-47.25; Steers, feeder 45.00-33.00; Bulls 46.00-54.50; Cows, utility 41.00-44.00 top 47.00; Cows, fat 38.00-42.00; Cows, medium 34.00-36.50; Cows, poor or small 32.00-34.00; Horses to 520.00; Ponies to 140.00; Goats to 37.00.

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