

## Livestock market and auction news

### St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, July 1

Report supplied by USDA

Receipts this week 4,500  
Week ago 4,100  
Year ago 2,900

Compared early last week, Slaughter Steers mostly 2.00 lower, instances 3.00 lower on weights under 1000 lbs. Slaughter Heifers 1.00-2.00 lower. Cows steady to 1.00 higher. Light supply Bulls steady. Slaughter supply about 50% Steers, near 30% Heifers and 10% Cows.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1040-1225 lbs. 66.50-67.25, load 1280 lbs. 67.50 Monday. Choice 2-4 1000-1275 lbs. 65.00-66.50; 900-1000 lbs. 64.00-65.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1150 lbs. 63.00-65.00. Good 2-3 900-1100 lbs. 61.00-63.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1100-1300 lbs. Holsteins 58.00-60.00. Good 1100-1250 lbs. 55.00-58.00. Few Standard and low Good 53.00-55.00.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 950-1050 lbs. 65.50-66.00. Choice 2-4 900-1050 lbs. 63.00-65.50, mostly 63.00-65.00; 800-900 lbs. 61.00-63.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-950 lbs. 58.00-61.50. Good 2-3 750-900 lbs. 55.00-58.00.

**COWS:** Late, Utility and Commercial 2-4 41.00-44.00. Boning Utility 1-2 44.00-45.75. Cutter 1-2 39.00-42.00. Canner and low Cutter 1-2 34.00-39.00.

**BULLS:** YG 1-2 1050-1800 lbs. 46.00-52.50. Few YG 1 individuals 53.00-54.00.

**SPRING SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Several lots and part decks Choice and Prime 85-132 lbs. 52.00-56.00, mostly 53.00-55.00. Few lots Choice 60-86 lbs. 45.00-50.00.

**SLAUGHTER YEARLINGS:** Few lots choice 91-142 lbs. 25.00-27.00.

**SLAUGHTER EWES:** Small Lots and Individual head Utility and Good 12.00-17.00.

**FEEDERS:** (including around 1,200 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder Steers steady to 2.00 lower, decline mainly on weights under 700 lbs. Feeder Heifers 1.00-3.00 lower. Overall quality little changed from recent weeks as Mixed Medium Frame 1-2 continues to make up fairly large share of represented weights of Steers and Heifers.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Medium Frame 1: 400-600 lbs. 64.00-66.50; 600-700 lbs. 63.75-65.00; 700-925 lbs. 61.50-64.00. Medium Frame 1-2; 300-625 lbs. 57.57-60.50. Large Frame 2 Holsteins: 450-850 lbs. 50.00-53.25.

**FEEDER BULLS:** Medium Frame 1-2: 400-750 lbs. 50.00-54.25.

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Medium Frame 1: 300-500 lbs. 53.50-57.00; 500-600 lbs. 52.00-55.75; 600-775 lbs. 53.50-57.25. Medium Frame 1-2: 300-700 lbs. 48.00-52.50.

**STOCK COWS:** Several lots mostly small frame 2 Young and Middle-aged 600-725 lbs. 36.00-40.00.

**COWS AND CALF PAIRS:** Lot Small and Medium Frame 1-2 middle-aged Cows with baby Calves at side 400.00 per pair.

### Lancaster Feeder Cattle

Friday, June 25

Report supplied by USDA

Today 239  
Last Friday 300  
Last Year 265

**TREND:** Insufficient volume to fully test trends. Supply included 103 head offered for sale in graded sale; balance mainly in lots of

three or less.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Small and Medium frame #1: Two lots 715-720 lb. 66.60-67.35. Medium Frame 1-2: One lot 520 lb. 67.25 and one lot 720 lb. 56.50. Large Frame 2: One small lot 850 lb. 58.50. Small and Medium Frame 1-2: One lot 450 lb. 60.10. Medium and Large Frame 1-2: One lot 535 lb. 58.50. Large Frame 2 (Holsteins): Couple small lots 920-985 lb. 48.25-50.35.

### Omaha Cattle

Thursday, July 1

Report supplied by USDA

Through midweek Slaughter Steers and Heifers mostly 1.50 lower. Cows and Bulls Steady.

Fed cattle prices fell sharply for the fourth consecutive week, ending the session at the lowest point in the past three months. Losses in dressed beef realizations, and a generally pessimistic outlook for any near term appreciation in the trade, were major factors in the week's downturn.

"Short Fed" offerings again quite apparent in the receipts, as Feeders continue to market Cattle on a current basis. Steers under 1050 lbs. and Heifers 925 lbs. and down suffered some of the most severe discounts under a narrow demand.

Steers made up 50 pct. of the week's receipts; Heifers 37 pct; Cows 9 pct; Feeders 2 pct. Four day receipts 10,800; week ago 7442; last year 12,881.

**STEERS:** Earlier in week Choice few Prime 2-4 1075-1250 lbs. 69.50-70.50. At the close, Choice 2-4 1050-1225 lbs. 67.50-69.00. Mixed, Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1150 lbs. 66.00-67.50. Few Good 63.50-66.00. Good and Mixed Good and Choice

2-3 1175-1325 lb. Holsteins 60.50-63.00.

**HEIFERS:** Earlier in week, few loads Choice, some Prime 2-4 950-1075 lbs. 67.25-68.00. At the close, Choice 2-4 900-1025 lbs. 65.50-67.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 875-1025 lbs. 64.00-66.00. Good 61.00-64.00.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. Steers 67.35; 1100-1300 68.55. Average cost Steers 67.33, average weight 1129 lbs., as compared 67.74 and 1122 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers 65.60, average weight 962 lbs., as compared 66.56 and 978 lbs. a week ago.

**COWS:** High Cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 41.50-43.50. Cutter 39.00-41.50. Canner and low Cutter 37.00-39.00.

**BULLS:** 1-2 1100-1700 lbs. 48.00-52.00.

Now is the Time

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To plan for summer alfalfa seeding It may seem early to be thinking about a late summer seeding of alfalfa. However, in another month this practice will be at hand.

One of the first steps in planning for this legume seeding is to have the soil tested. If it needs lime, then the application should be made as far as possible in advance of the seeding. Alfalfa requires a neutral soil (7.0 pH); too many farmers are still guessing at the amount of lime needed.

The investment in seed and labor is going up, therefore good advance planning is most important. To control weeds under electric fences

Not all electric fences will continue to function with weeds touching since some may not be the "weed-burner" type. This means that weeds growing up against the electric fence will short out the current flow and there will not be any charge in the wire.

Livestock farmers are using a great deal of electric fences and finding it is an economical method of controlling livestock.

Either mowing or spraying under the wire with a weed killer will control the growth and allow the electric fence to carry the necessary charge. No doubt the weed killer will require less attention and give good results. In the case of a double wire with one near the ground, weed control is very important.

### Farm Calendar

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Holstein Junior Judging School, continues through Saturday, Beaver/Lawrence counties, headquarters Holiday Inn, Beaver Falls.

Saturday, July 10 Brown Swiss Miss pageant, 12 noon, Don Trimble farm, Peach Bottom.

Clarion Holstein Club Town and Country Days, Snyder Valley Farm, Parker.

AT FLEETWOOD...

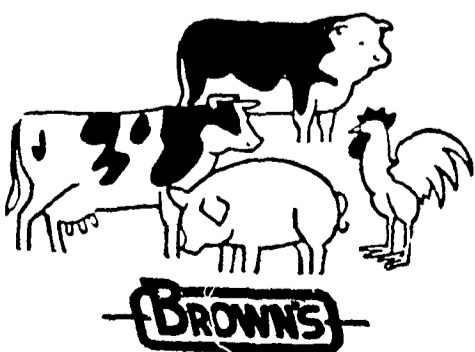


Buying...

- WHEAT
- BARLEY
- OATS
- CORN

Grain receiving pits are open daily from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. Saturdays from 7:30 AM to 12:00 noon. During harvesting days, trucks will be unloaded after 5:00 PM with closing set on a daily basis. Closed Sundays.

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