Livestock market and auction news

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SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility and Good 18.00-28.00, mainly 27.00-

GOATS: All goats sold by the head. bulk 22.00-37.00, five head 45.00-48.00.

Lancaster Weekly Friday, Sept. 24 Report supplied by USDA

Cattle Calves This Week 5100 1785 1866 Last Week 4719 4623 1716 Last Year

CATTLE: Slaughter Steers 1.00-2.00 lower, instances 3.00 lower on Good to low Choice; Slaughter Heifers weak to 1.00 lower; Cows uneven; Utility and Commercial steady to 1.00 lower, Canner and Cutter firm to 1.00 higher; Bullocks closed the week firm to 1.00 higher; Bulls 1.00-3.00 lower, with sales early in the week 5.00-6.00 lower. Supply included 49 percent Slaughter Steers, 2 percent Slaughter Heifers, 19 percent Cows, 7 percent Bulls; balance Feeder Steers, most held for Friday's auction.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 3-4 1150-1425 lbs. 62.85-65.75, few 66.00-66.50; Good and Choice 1-2 1100-1375 lbs. 63.00-66.00, around 20 head to retail outlets 66.50-69.25; Choice 2-4 1000-1425 lbs. 59.00-63.25, few 63.25-64.50; high Good and low Choice 2-3 56.00-60.50; Good 2-3 53.50-58.00; Good and Choice 1150-1350 lbs. Holsteins 53.50-56.50, few head Choice early 58.00-61.25, Good 1000-1250 lbs. 50.00-53.00; Standard 1-2 47.00-51.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-3 925-1200 lb. 55.00-59.75, few Yield grade 2 60.00-63.50; Good 2-3 875-1025 lbs. 52.00-55.00.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 40.50-43.50, few 43.50-44.25, couple high dressing Utility 44.00-48.50; Cutter 1-2 38.00-41.50, few 41.50-42.00; Canner and low Cutter

34.00-39.00.

BULLOCKS: Choice 1000-1325 lbs. 53.00-57.25, couple 57.25-59.35; Good 1000-1300 lbs. 48.50-54.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1250-2000 lbs. 49.00-54.00, few 54.00-56.00; Yield grade 2 1000-1350 lbs. 48.00-

VEAL CALVES: Vealers weak to 5.00 lower. Demand fair for calves to return to farm.

VEALERS: Prime special fed 240-350 lbs. 113.00-122.00; Choice 160-250 lb. 90.00-110.00, few 110.00-115.00, 250-300 lbs. 85.00-95.00; High Good and low choice 160-230 lbs. 75.00-95.00, 230-300 lb. 70.00-85.00, 120-140 lbs. 60.00-75.00, 80-115 lbs. 52.00-62.00, few 70-80 lbs. 48.00-53.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Good and Choice 275-400 lb. 40.00-55.00, few 55.00-65.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Bulk 95-115 lb. Holstein Heifers 85.00-99.00, few 100.00-104.00; few 80-95 lb. 62.00-85.00. Bulk 95-125 lb. Holstein Bulls 68.00-80.00, few head 80.00-88.00; few 85-95 lbs. 60.00-72.00.

Omaha Cattle Thursday, Sept. 23 Report supplied by USDA

Compared to previous week's close, Slaughter Steers and Heifers ended the week 2.00-2.50 lower, instances 3.00 down. Cows fully 1.00 lower. Bulls 1.00-2.00 lower.

Declines of 4.00-5.00 in carcass downturn. Yield grade 2 and 3 numbers of Yield Grade 4 continued to increase and carcass discounts on these kinds ran at 12.00-14.00 per cwt. Overall quality lightweight "short-feds" decreased from previous weeks.

Steers comprised 35 pct. of the weeks receipts; Heifers 31 pct., Cows 6 pct.; Feeders 27 pct. Four Day Receipts 9551, Week Ago 9818,

Year Ago 10317. STEERS: At the close load Choice 2-3 1264 lbs. 60.50. Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 58.50-59.75. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1100 lbs. 57.00-58.50. Good 55.00-56.00. Good and Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1150-1300 lbs. Holsteins 53.25-55.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 950-1050 lbs. 56.50-57.50; few lots 900-950 lbs. 56.00-56.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 875-1000 lbs. 54.50-56.00. Good 53,50-54,50.

Average of LS 214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. Steers 59.15; 1100-1300 lbs. 59.90. Average cost Steers 59.43, average weight 1147 lbs. as compared 61.43 and 1148 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers 57.02, average weight 991 lbs. as compared 58.89 and 977 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: High Cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 38.50-41.00. Cutter 37.00-38.50. Canner and Low Cutter 35.00-37.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1100-1700 lbs. 46.00-

Belleville Livestock Auction

Belleville, Pa. Wednesday, Sept. 22 Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 162. Compared with trading. Liberal Slaughter rates last Wednesday's market, and more than adequate salable slaughter cows steady to \$1.50 receipts were all factors con-lower. One Good slaughter steer at tributing to the week's sharp 57.50, one Standard at 53.50. One Standard slaughter heifer at 50.60. enjoyed the best demand, as Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 38.75-42.25, couple 42.75, Cutters 36.75-40.50, Canner & Low Cutter 32.60-36.75, Shells down to 26.00. Few Yield Grade #1 1000-1535 fairly good and numbers of lbs. slaughter bulls 36.50-52.10. Few large frame #1 390-520 lbs.

feeder steers 55.50-62.00; few large frame #1 300-425 lbs. feeder heifers 46.00-52.00.

CALVES 152. One Good vealer at 74.00, Standard & Good 70-100 lbs. 46.00-54.50. Farm calves, holstein bulls 85-120 lbs. 56.00-72.50; few holstein heifers 90-115 lbs. 90.00-

HOGS 160. Barrows & gilts \$4 to \$5 lower. US No. 1-2 210-230 lbs. barrows & gilts 60.25-60.75, one lot 61.60, No. 1-3 210-255 lbs. 56.10-60.25. Few US No. 1-3 300-485 lbs. sows 57.25-61.00. Few Boars 35.50-

FEEDER PIGS 326. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 27.50-35.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-55 lbs. 35.00-54.00 per head.

SHEEP 29. Few Choice 80-140 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 47.00-54.50. Slaughter ewes 12.00-29.50. GOATS 6. Few 19.00-44.00 per

HOLSTEIN DAIRY COWS \$710-

\$1410 per head.

Belknap Livestock Auction

Dayton, Pa. Wednesday, Sept. 22

Report Supplied by PDA CATTLE 154. Compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter cows about steady. One Choice slaughter heifer at 56.00, couple Good 49.00 and 51.50, few Standard 42.50-43.50. Utility &

Commercial slaughter cows 39.00-44.00, one at 45.25, Cutters 36.00-40.00, Canner & Low Cutter 29.00-36.00, Shells down to 27.00. FOUtility slaughter bullocks 42.00-44.00. Few Yield Grade #1 1135-1425 lbs. slaughter bulls 47.50-50.00; few yield grade #2 850-1130 lbs. 44.50-46.75. Medium & large frame #1 500-735 lbs. feeder steers 47.00-52.00, large frame #2 300-800 lbs. 35.50-40.00; few medium & large frame #1 485-800 lbs. feeder heifers 37.00-43.50, few large frame #2 350-750 lbs. 30.00-36.00.

CALVES 89. One Choice vealer at 77.00, couple Good at 72.00, Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 50.00-60.00, 60-85 lbs. 45.00-55.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-120 lbs. 57.00-65.00; few holstein 80-145 lbs. 61.00-70.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 60-100 lbs. 55.00-60.00.

HOGS 215. Barrows & gilts mostly \$5 lower. US No. 1-2 210-235 barrows & gilts 61.00-62.35, No. 1-3 200-255 lbs. 59.00-61.50, No. 2-3 205-265 lbs. 57.50-59.25, No. 1-3 165-190 lbs. 50.00-58.00. Sows \$1 to \$2 low US No. 1-3 270-690 lbs. sows 52.00-58.00, No. 2-3 270-540 lbs. 40.00-50.00. Few Boars 38.00-43.00.

FEEDER PIGS 120. US No. 1-3 20-30 lbs. feeder pigs 23.00-31.00 per head, N.o. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 31.00-48.00, Utility 20-40 lbs. 12.00-26.00 per

SHEEP 30. Few Good 80 lbs. spring slaughter lambs at 40.00. Slaughter ewes 5.00-17.00.

Ezell joins Penn State Extension staff

UNIVERSITY PARK :-Margaret P. Ezell was recently appointed to Penn State Cooperative Extension Service as family resource management specialist.

In her new position, Ezell will provide statewide leadership for Extension programs in basic financial management for families through in-service training, resource materials, teaching materials and publications. She has a special interest in the use of computers in educational programming and sees great potential in home computers as tools in family budgetmanagement and decision making. She will also be working with 4-H/Youth programming, especially in the areas of decision making and consumer behavior.

Ezell received a doctorate degree from Michigan State University in family economics and management with a minor in agricultural economics. She holds a bachelors degree in child development and family living from Brigham Young University and a master's degree in the same area from Utah State University.



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