

## Livestock market and auction news

### Omaha Cattle Thursday, Oct. 21

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to previous week's close, Steers and Heifers ended the week 1.00-1.50 lower, with the loss coming on Monday's expanded receipts. Demand by most buying interests proved excellent, as many had entered the week with shortened inventories; but prices usually under pressure due to

losses in the carcass and boxed trade. Quality grading and dressing percentage were quite attractive through the week; however yield grade 4 cattle still a problem. Although relative numbers of yield grade 4's not unusually burdensome, a 14.00-16.00 discount in the carcass trade dictated extreme caution and reluctance in the bidding on these kinds. Cows steady to .50 lower. Bulls steady.

Steers comprised 38 pct of the week's receipts, Heifers 28 pct. Cows 6 pct., Feeders 27 pct. Four day receipts 11676, week ago 12234, last year 10894.

**STEERS:** At the close, Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 60.00-61.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1050-1200 lbs. 59.00-60.00. Good 57.00-58.50.

**HEIFERS:** Choice 2-4 925-1025 lbs. 57.50-59.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1050 lbs. 56.50-57.50. Good 54.00-56.00.

Average of LS 214, detailed quotations for 900-1100 lb. Choice Steers 59.70; 1100-1300 lbs. 60.30. Average cost Steers 59.84, average weight 1148 lbs.; as compared 60.31 and 1143 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers 57.55, average weight 1012 lbs.; as compared 58.00 and 1008 lbs. a year ago.

**COWS:** High Cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 38.00-40.00.

**BULLS:** 1-2 1100-1700 lbs. 48.00-51.00.



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