

Livestock market and auction news

Weekly Summary

Harrisburg, PA
Fri., Oct. 22

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CATTLE 6889: Compared with 5390 head last week, and 4844 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers mostly steady to 1.00 higher; SI. heifers mostly 1.00 lower; SI. cows steady to 1.50 lower; SI. bulls steady to 3.00 lower. SI. steers: High Choice & Prime No. 3-4, 61.00-64.50; Choice No. 2-4, 59.00-63.50. Good 54.00-59.00; Standard 48.00-54.00; Choice No. 2-4, 59.00-63.50. Good 54.00-59.00; Standard 48.00-54.00. SI. heifer: Choice 54.00-59.00, few to 62.00. Good 52.00-56.00; Standard 44.00-53.50. SI. cows: Utility & Commercial 38.50-44.00, few to 45.75. Cutters 35.00-41.50; Canner & L. Cutter 28.00-38.00; Shells down to 20.00. SI. bullocks: (few) Choice 56.00-60.00; Good 52.00-58.75; (few) Standard 45.00-55.00. SI. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2400 lbs. 47.00-56.50; Yield Grade No. 2, 900-1450 lbs. 42.00-47.00, few to 52.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-700 lbs. 52.00-64.50, some down to 42.00; Large Frame No. 2, 500-800 lbs. 44.00-52.50. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-600 lbs. 39.00-50.00; Medium & Large Frame No. 2 350-750 lbs. 30.00-41.00. Bulls Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 375-800 lbs. 42.00-59.50.

CALVES: 4292 Compared with 3247 head last week and 3666 head a year ago. Vealers steady to 5.00 higher, spots 15.00 higher. Few Prime 92.50-115.00; Choice 85.00-95.00, few to 110.00; Good 65.00-85.00; 110-130 lbs. 60.00-75.00; 90-110 48.00-60.00; 60-85 lbs. 40.00-52.00; Utility 50-110 lbs. 25.00-40.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 80-125 lbs. 50.00-96.00, mostly 60.00-85.00; Hol. Heifers 85-140 lbs. 55.00-130.00, mostly 60.00-97.00.

HOGS: 6367 Compared with 3761 head last week and 7014 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts mostly steady to .75 lower. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 56.75-58.50. No. 1-3 200-255 lbs. 55.50-58.00; No. 2-3 200-275 lbs. 53.50-57.00; 190 lbs. 50.50-54.35;

Sows steady to 2.00 lower. US No. 1-3 300-650 lbs. 50.00-56.00, few to 56.75; No. 2-3 300-700 lbs. 47.00-50.50. Boars 40.00-48.50.

FEEDER PIGS 1081: Compared with 849 head last week and 1005 a year ago. Feeder pigs weak to 5.00 lower. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 20.50-40.50; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 37.00-55.00; No. 1-3 50-80 lbs. 43.00-59.50 per head.

GRADED FEEDER PIGS: 3065 Compared with 2577 head last week, and 2746 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs 2.00-9.00 lower. US No. 1-2 20-30 lbs. 146.00-170.00, 30-40 lbs. 130.00-158.00, 40-50 lbs. 127.00-152.00, 50-60 lbs. 108.00-142.00, 60-70 lbs. 100.00-113.00; US No. 2-3 25-40 lbs. 120.00-142.00, 40-60 lbs. 105.00-136.50.

SHEEP: 1068 Compared with 283 head last week and 535 head a year ago. Wooled SI. lambs steady to 2.00 lower, spots 3.00 lower. 57.00, few to 65.00; Good 50-95 lbs. 42.00-54.00; Utility 35-80 lbs. 40.00-48.00, few down to 125.00. SI. ewes 14.00-29.00.

Good hunting for grouse, squirrels

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's hunters are expected to find rather good populations of grouse and squirrels during the latter part of this month following the opening of the early small game season last Saturday. Seasons on most of the other species of small game do not open until Oct. 30.

Wildlife population surveys just completed by the Game Commission indicate the upswing in grouse numbers is continuing and squirrels remain at relatively high levels, with local exceptions.

Of the 128 district game protectors surveyed, fourteen reported excellent grouse populations, 72 rated numbers as good, 40 figured they had fair supplies, while just two predicted poor hunting in 1982. Largest numbers of the state's bird are in western, northcentral and northeastern sections of the state.

Grouse harvests have risen sharply in recent seasons, going from about a quarter million birds

annually during the 1972-78 period to over a half million in 1981.

According to conservation officers, squirrel hunting should be excellent in 14 districts and good in 72 others. Forty officers rate populations of bushytails as only fair, while two anticipate poor hunting. Squirrels seem most numerous in eastern counties.

Pennsylvania hunters harvest more squirrels than any other game animal. Last year, according to commission surveys, hunters took over 3 million. Squirrel harvests have been rising also, climbing from 1.3 million in 1978.

Studies show about 570,000 persons hunted grouse in Pennsylvania last year. About 700,000 hunted squirrels.

Six squirrels may be taken daily. Hunters may have twelve in possession after the opening day. Hunters may take two grouse per day, with a possession limit of four.

The initial season for squirrel and grouse will end on Saturday, Nov. 27. An extended or winter season for squirrel and grouse will open statewide Monday, Dec. 27. The season closes statewide on squirrels on Jan. 8. Grouse hunting in the late season will continue through Jan. 29, except in twelve counties where it closes Jan. 8.

Along with early season squirrel and grouse hunting, woodcock and common or Wilson's snipe can also be hunted starting Oct.

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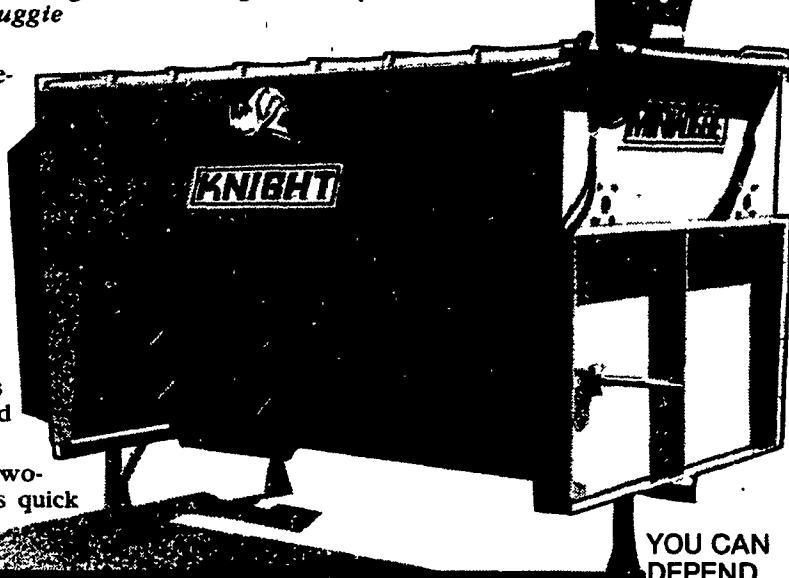
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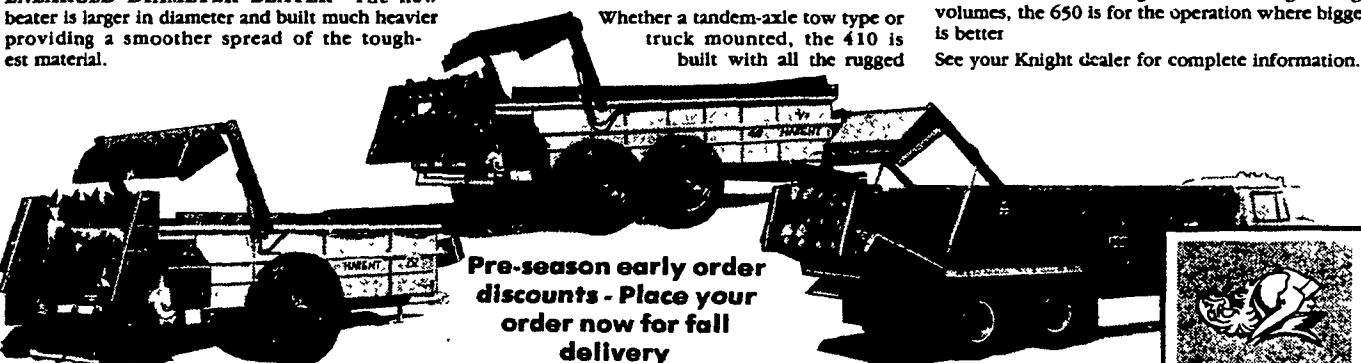
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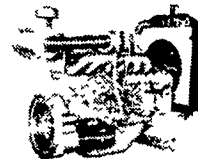
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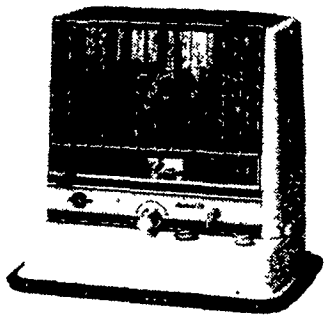
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