

Livestock market and auction news

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, Feb. 10

Report supplied by USDA

Receipts this week 4,200; Week ago 3,100; year ago 4,300. Compared to the previous week, slaughter steers 1.50-2.00 higher. Slaughter heifers 1.00-1.50 higher. Cows 2.00 higher. Bulls mostly 2.00 higher. Slaughter supply mainly choice 2-4 slaughter steers, around 35 percent heifers and 10 percent cows.

The supply of mixed choice and prime slaughter steers was below average for the week.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed choice and prime 2-4 1050-1225 lbs. 61.00-61.50. Choice 2-4 950-1250 lbs. 59.50-61.00. Mixed good and choice 2-4 900-1200 lbs. 58.50-60.00. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 56.50-58.50. Standard to good 2-3 1050-1275 lb. Holsteins 47.00-52.00. Load mostly good 52.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed choice and prime 2-4 875-1075 lbs. 58.50-59.00. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 57.00-58.50. Mixed good and choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 55.00-57.00. Good 2-3 750-975 lbs. 52.00-55.00.

COWS: (Closing week sales) utility and commercial 2-4 39.00-43.00. Boning utility 1-2 43.00-45.00. High-yielding utility 1-2 45.00-46.00. Cutter 1-2 38.00-42.00 Canner and low cutter 1-2 34.00-38.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1050-1950 lbs. 47.00-53.00, closing 48.00-53.00. Few YG 1 1500-1860 lbs. 54.00-54.25. Individual high yielding YG 1 1490 lbs. 56.25.

Wednesday's weekly sheep auction. Receipts about 450 head. Compared last Wednesday, slaughter lambs uneven, early sales 1.00-2.00 lower; Shorn offerings late firm to 1.00 higher. Other classes in light supply and prices poorly tested.

SHORN SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Several lots choice and prime 101-118 lbs. with no. 1-2 pelts early 60.00-62.00, with deck and couple part decks 106-128 lbs. late 63.50-64.00. Few lots choice and prime 136-164 lbs. 57.00-59.00.

WOOLED SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and prime 105-137 lbs. 56.50-59.50. Small lot 95 lbs. with muddy fleeces 53.50.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Few head good 17.00-18.00. Few culls 5.00-8.00. Couple aged bucks 10.00.

FEEDERS: (including around 1400 at the regular Thursday auction.)

Feeder Steers and Heifes 2.00-3.00 higher. Overall quality much improved over last week and most other recent week. Supply mainly Medium Frame 1 350-800 lb. Steers and Heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Frame 1: lot 265 lbs. 76.25; 350-500 lbs. 68.25-74.25; 500-600 lbs. 65.25-70.50; scattered lots 650-800 lbs. 63.00-66.75; 800-900 lbs. 61.00-63.50. Scattered lots very fleshy 800-925 lbs. 58.25-60.50. Medium Frame 1-2 and some small frame 1: 325-550 lbs. 63.50-65.75; 550-750 lbs. 58.00-63.50; few lots fit .ay Small Frame 1700-750 lbs. 55.00-55.25.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame 1: lot 285 lbs. 62.25; 300-500 lbs. 57.50-62.00; 500-700 lbs. 57.00-60.00, several lots fleshy 725-850 lbs. 56.00-57.00. Medium Frame 1-2 350-500 lbs. 50.50-55.75.

Valley Livestock

Valley Stockyards

Athens, Pa.

Monday, Feb. 7

Report supplied by auction

Total No. of head 461. Holstein Hfr. Calves to 72.00; Veal Calves to 89.50; Vealer Bull Calves to 76.50; Slaughter Calves 58.00-63.00; Grassers & Feeders 31.00-64.00; Lambs, 48.00-55.00; Sheep 10.00-24.00; Hogs, 200-250 lbs. 57.60-60.50; Sows 46.50-48.00; Boars 40.00-42.00; Pigs 22.00-50.00; Heifers 41.00-46.75; Steers, no good steers; Steers, feeder 42.50-53.00; Bulls 46.00-53.75; Cows, utility 41.75-44.00; Cows, fat 39.00-42.50; Cows,

medium 37.00-38.50; Cows, poor or small 31.00-36.00; Cattle market real good; Calf market slaughter calves higher; Horses small to 280.00; Ponies to 40.00; Goats to 44.00; Hay to 51.00; Straw none.

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, Feb. 10

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Weekly 51 Cattle Compared to last week's closing levels, Slaughter Steers and Heifers ended the week .25 higher. Cows 2.00-3.50 higher. Bulls 1.00 higher.

IN spite of declines in the dressed beef trade, live prices held on a firm note, as buyers were forced into at least minimum purchases from the light salable numbers. The character of the receipts proved consistent with recent weeks, as muddy cattle and "short feds" again constituted a large percentage of the total. Slaughter Cow prices advanced sharply, even though numbers of these kinds the largest in some time.

Steers comprised 45 pct of week's receipts; Heifers 36 pct; cows 15 pct; Feeders 3 pct. Four day receipts 10,685, Week Ago 7,082, Last Year 12,758.

STEERS: Three loads Choice 2-3

1200-1250 lbs. 61.75-62.00. Scattered loads and part loads Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 60.25-61.50; muddier lots 58.00-59.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1200 lbs. 59.00-60.00. Few Good 57.00-59.00. Two loads Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 near 1275 lb. Holsteins 52.00.

HEIFERS: Scattered loads and part loads Choice 2-4 950-1125 lbs. 59.50-60.50, part load 60.75; some 875-950 lbs. 58.50-59.50; few muddier lots to 57.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 925-1050 lbs. 58.00-59.50. Good 55.50-58.00.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for Choice 900-1100 lb. Steers 60.95; 1100-1300 lbs. 61.35. Average cost Steers 60.35, average weight 1154 lbs.; as compared 59.45 and 1164 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers 59.05, average weight 1013 lbs.; as compared 58.24 and 987 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: Utility and Commercial 1-3 42.00-43.50, package 44.50. Cutter 40.50-42.50. Canner and low Cutter 37.50-40.50.

BULLS: 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 48.00-53.00.



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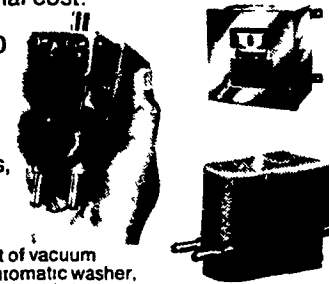
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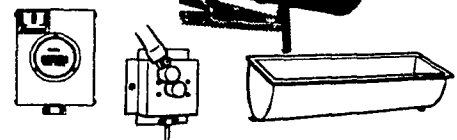
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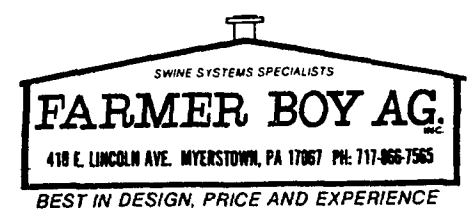
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