

# Livestock market and auction news

**THE OLD FARMER'S ALMANAC**

MARCH 7-13, 1983  
Think we saw a thaw.

Prune fruit trees now... FDR held first "Fireside Chat" March 12, 1933... Average length of days for the week, 11 hours, 40 minutes... Ford Motor Co. built first V-8 this week in 1932... Ear muffs patented March 13, 1877... Lend-Lease Act passed March 11, 1941... The pebble in the brook secretly thinks itself a precious stone.

**Ask the Old Farmer:** Did sailors ever take dogs to sea in the old days? I've heard of sea-going cats, but not dogs. D.G., Brooklyn.

**Sure they took dogs to sea, also pigs, goats, and hens. Cats were common aboard coastal vessels, but they were apt to go visiting when in port.**

**Home Hints:** Discolored bathroom tile can be brightened by washing with baking soda.

**OLD FARMER'S WEATHER FORECAST**

**New England:** Beginning of week clear with cold temperatures; starting midweek, heavy rain and snow, milder.

**Greater New York-New Jersey:** To start, cloudy and cold; rain and sleet middle of week; partly cloudy, seasonable for weekend.

**Middle Atlantic Coastal:** Cloudy; then rain, snow in mountains; then cloudy again; cold all week.

**Piedmont & Southeast Coastal:** Week starts partly cloudy, seasonable temperatures; rain midweek; then cloudy and cold.

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**Eighty-Four Auction**

Eighty-Four, Pa.  
Monday, Feb. 28  
Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE 320.** Compared with the market two weeks ago, slaughter steers \$1.50-\$2 higher. Slaughter cows fully steady. Choice slaughter steers 60.00-62.25, Good 58.00-61, Standard 53.00-57, few Utility 46.00-51. Choice slaughter heifers 58.00-61, Good 54.00-58.75, Standard 48.00-52, Utility 45.00-49. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 41.00-44.50, few 46.00, Cutters 38.00-41.25, Canner & Low Cutters 33.00-38.50, Shells down to 23.00. Yield Grade #1, 1100-1900 lbs. slaughter bulls 49.00-53.25, few #2 1000-1400 44.00-48. Medium Frame #1, 300-600 lbs. feeder steers 60.00-73, few Large #1 500-650 lbs. 60.00-62.75. Medium Frame #1, 300-530 lbs. feeder heifers 54.00-60, few Large 500-700 lbs. 56.00-59. Medium Frame #1, 400-600 lbs. feeder bulls 63.00-70.00.

**CALVES 306.** Vealers about steady. Choice vealers 95.00-117, Good 81.00-96, Standard and Good 90-120 lbs. 50.00-61, 60-85 lbs. 43.00-52. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs. 64.00-84.00.

**HOGS 128.** Barrows and gilts \$6-\$7 lower. US No. 1-2 2-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 51.50-52.60, few 54.00, No. 1-3 2-250 lbs. 50.00-51.25, lot No. 2-3 250 lbs. 49.00, No. 1-3 170-195 lbs. 49.00-51.25. US No. 1-3 350-500 lbs. sows 47.50-51.00. Boars 40.00-42.50.

**FEEDEP PIGS 0.** NO SALES.

**SHEEP 58.** Choice 70-80 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 70.00-79; Good 67-90 lbs. wool lambs 63.00-66.00. One Lot Good 97 lbs. shorn lambs at 62.75. Slaughter ewes 18.00-23.00.

**GOATS 3:** 16.00-30.00 per head.

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**Oklahoma Cattle**  
Thursday, March 3  
Report supplied by USDA

Estimated Receipts 1600  
Same Day Last Week 609

Feeder Steers and Heifers under 500 lb. steady to 1.00 lower; over 500 lb. steady to weak. Lack of loadlot availability a factor in the trade. Bulk supply Medium Frame 1 through 2 400-700 lb. Feeder Steers and 300-600 lb. Heifers. Actual head sold Wednesday through the auction 15,778 head.

**FEEDEP STEERS:** Medium few large Frame 1 400-500 lb. 75.00-83.00; lot thin and gaunt 410 lb. 83.00; 500-600 lb. 69.25-76.50; 600-700 lbs. 70.25-73.00; few 730-735 lb. 71.70-72.00; small lot 805 lb. 70.00; very fleshy 655 lb. 68.25; 775 lb. 67.10; 825 lb. 66.40; 855 lb. 65.40. Small Frame 1 450-650 lb. 64.25-71.25, very fleshy 565 lb. 61.90; 670 lb. 60.10. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 350-500 lb. 72.00-77.25; 500-750 lb. 65.00-70.25. Medium and Large Frame 2 375-500 lb. 68.00-72.25. Large Frame 2 Holsteins 500 lb. 59.00-825 lb. 52.75.

**FEEDEP HEIFERS:** Medium few Large Frame 1 300-500 lb. 64.50-67.25; 500-600 lb. 62.75-66.40; 600-835 lb. 62.00-65.20. Small Frame 1 350-400 lb. 62.40-62.75; 425-600 lb. 57.25-61.00. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 300-500 lb. 61.00-64.75; 500-600 lb. 57.50-61.25. Medium and Large frame 2 250-500 lb. 55.25-61.25; 500-730 lb. 52.00-57.00.

**FOR THE WEEK:** Feeder Steers steady to 1.00 higher. Feeder Heifers weak to 1.00 lower. Slaughter Cows 1.00-1.50 lower. Late sales Utility and Commercial 2-4 39.00-43.50. Cutter 1-2 38.00-

41.00. Canner and Low cutter 34.00-37.50. Bulls firm to 1.00 higher. YG 1-2 1500-2200 lb. mostly 53.00-57.00 instances 58.00; 1100-1500 lb. 49.00-55.25. Receipts this week near 25,000 head compared to 10,646 head last week and 22,597 head last year. Feeder Steers and Heifers made up 95 percent of the weeks total run; Cows and Bulls near 5 percent.

**Keisters Livestock**

Middleburg, Pa.  
Tuesday, March 1  
Report supplied by the auction

**CATTLE 295.** High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 64.00-65.10, Choice 61.50-64.85, Good 58.85-61.50, Standard 52.00-58.00, utility 45.00-52.00. Choice slaughter heifers 60.00-62.60, Good 55.00-60.25, Standard 50.00-55.00, Utility 42.00-50.00. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 40.00-42.25, few to 45.85, Cutters 38.00-41.75, Canner & Low Cutter 35.00-38.00, Shells down to 33.00. Few Choice slaughter bullocks at 58.35, Good 54.50-58.25. Yield Grade #1 1200-2190 lbs. slaughter bulls 54.00-58.60; yield grade #2 800-1200 lbs. 45.00-54.00. Few Medium Frame #1 400-700 lbs. feeder steers 50.00-58.00.

**CALVES 209.** Prime vealers 100.00-105.00, Choice 90.00-100.00, Good 80.00-90.00, Standard & Good 50.00-62.00, 70-90 lbs. 45.00-50.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-125 lbs. 75.00-96.00; holstein heifers 90-125 lbs. 85.00-102.00.

**HOGS 618.** (Monday, February 28, 1983). US No. 1-2 210-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 53.10-54.60, few to 54.85, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 52.75-53.10, No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 51.25-52.75. US No. 1-3 275-500 lbs. sows

47.25-51.75. Boars 200-760 lbs. 42.00-46.75.

**FEEDEP PIGS 238.** US No. 1 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 20.00-45.00 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 45.00-62.00 per head, No. 1-3 100-175 lbs. 48.00-52.50 cwt.

**SHEEP 26.** Few Choice 30-40 lbs. new crop lambs at 120.00, Choice 85-125 lbs. weaned slaughter lambs 62.00-66.50, Good 60-100 lbs. 55.00-58.00.

**Joliet Cattle**

Thursday, March 3  
Report supplied by USDA

**CATTLE:** Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 2550; 5 days last week 2182; same period a year ago 2029. Trading slow on Monday; moderately active Wednesday. Slaughter Steers ended the week .50-1.00 lower compared with Wednesday of last week. Slaughter Heifers ended the week steady to 1.00 lower. Cows closed the week steady.

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** Mixed high Choice and Prime 3-4 1200-1350 lbs. 64.00-64.25, load 65.00; 64.50-65.00 Wednesday. Choice 2-4 1025-1350 lbs. 62.00-64.00 Monday; 62.50-64.00 Wednesday. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 61.00-62.50.

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Load Choice few Prime 2-4 1030 lbs. 63.50 Monday. Choice 2-4 875-1050 lbs. 60.50-62.50, one load Monday 63.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 850-1050 lbs. 58.00-60.50.

**COWS:** Cutter & Utility 1-3 38.00-42.00 Monday.