

Livestock market and auction news

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, March 17

Report supplied by USDA

Receipts This Week 4,800
Week Ago 4,400
Year Ago 5,500

Compared to the previous week, Slaughter Steers generally steady. Slaughter Heifers weak to .50 lower. Cows firm to 1.00 higher. Bulls steady. Slaughter supply mainly Choice and Prime and Mixed Choice and Prime Slaughter Steers, around 35% Heifers and 10% Cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 63.00-64.00, closing sales 63.50-64.00. Choice 2-4 950-1275 lbs. 61.75-63.50, closing 62.00-63.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-4 900-1220 lbs. 60.00-62.50. Good 2-3 900-1200 lbs. 58.00-60.50. Standard to Good 2-3 1050-1400 lb. Holsteins 48.00-55.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 875-1075 lbs. 61.00-61.50, most closing sales 61.50, package early 62.00. Choice 2-4 800-1050 lbs. 59.50-61.50, closing 60.00-61.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 800-1000 lbs. 58.00-60.00. Good 2-3 750-975 lbs. 56.00-58.00.

COWS: (Closing week sales) Utility and Commercial 2-4 40.00-

44.00 boning Utility 1-2 44.00-45.00. High-yielding Utility 1-2 45.00-46.00, few 47.00. Cutter 1-2 39.00-43.00. Canner and low Cutter 35.00-39.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1050-2000 lbs. 48.00-54.00.

Wednesday's Weekly Sheep Auction. Receipts about 300 head. Compared last Wednesday, Slaughter Lambs firm to 2.00 higher. Other classes scarce and prices not well tested. Supply mainly old-crop woolled and shorn lambs.

New crop Slaughter Lambs: Few small lots Choice and Prime 43-61 lbs. 59.00-70.00. Old Crop Shorn Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 99-117 lbs. with mostly No. 1-2 pelts 63.00-67.00, mostly 64.50-66.00. Old Crop Woolled Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 90-120 lbs. 60.00-62.00, lot 133 lbs. 52.00. Few lots Choice 70-75 lbs. 54.00-58.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Few individual head Good 17.50-23.00.

FEEDERS: (including around 2,000 at the regular Thursday auction). Feeder Steers generally steady. Feeder Heifers 1.00-2.00 higher. Overall quality not quite as attractive as a week ago with an

increased percentage of Mixed Medium Frame 1-2 and small Frame 1 Steers and Heifers. Large buyer attendance.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium, few Large Frame 1: six lots reputation 190-290 lbs. 88.00-96.00; 300-500 lbs. 71.25-75.50; lot thin 448 lbs. 78.50; 550-700 lbs. 65.00-69.50; 750-850 lbs. 61.50-67.00. Medium Frame 1-2 and Small Frame 1: 450-600 lbs. 61.00-68.25. Large Frame 2 Holsteins several lots 375-675 lb. 50.75-56.75.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium Frame, few Large Frame 1; seven lots reputation 160-275 lbs. 72.00-84.00; 300-500 lbs. 60.00-65.00; 500-700 lbs. 59.00-62.50. Medium Frame 1-2 and some small frame 1: 400-600 lbs. 57.00-59.00.

Omaha Cattle

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Compared to previous week's close, Slaughter Steers ended the period .50 higher; Heifers .50-1.00 higher. Cows and Bulls steady.

Early week losses were more than recouped by midsession when dressed beef prices registered wide gains and salable numbers ran very light. Demand

narrowed on the close as many buyers turned cautious in anticipation of downward adjustments in beef prices. Mild weather and drying feedlots have prompted some improvements in dressing percentages, although general rains this week could alter the situation. Steers comprised 45 pct. of the week's receipts; Heifers 35 pct; Cows 10 pct; Feeders 8 pct.

Four Day Receipts 7748
Week Ago 7692
Last Year 7753
STEERS: Scattered loads and part loads Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbsd. 64.00-65.50. Mixed good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 62.50-64.00. Good 60.50-62.00.

HEIFERS: Load Choice 2-3 near 950 lbs. 64.00. Choice 2-4 925-1100 62.00-63.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 60.50-62.00. Good 57.00-60.50.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for 900-1100 lb. Choice Steers 63.80; 1100-1300 lbs. 64.72. Average cost Steers 63.55, average weight 1144 lbs.; as compared 63.21 and 1147 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers 61.14, average weight 997 lbs.; as compared 60.85 and 998 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: High Cutter, Utility and Commercial 1-3 40.50-43.00. Cutter 38.50-42.00. Canner and low Cutter 35.00-39.00.

BULLS: 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 47.00-53.00.

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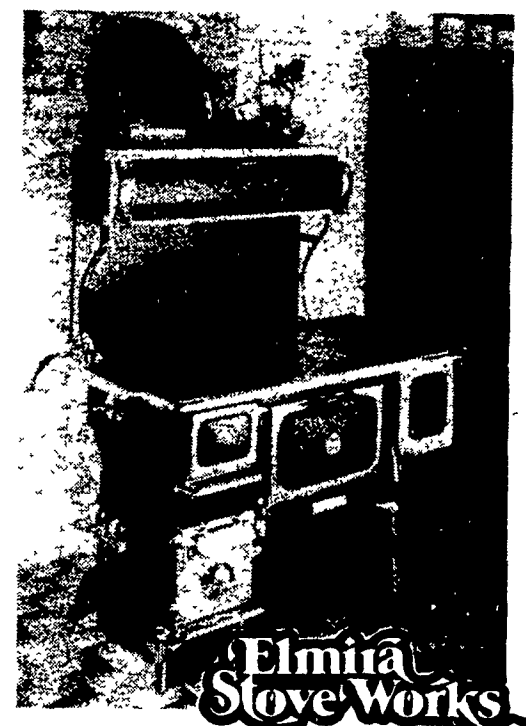
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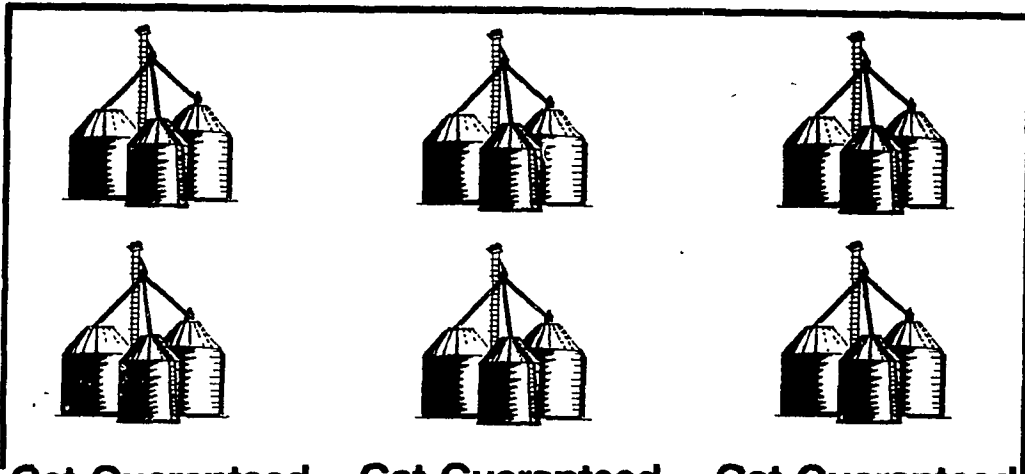
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