

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, March 24

Report supplied by USDA

Compared to last week's close, Slaughter Steers and Heifers .50-1.00 higher, advance coming at early week. Slaughter Cows firm to 1.00 higher. Slaughter Bulls steady.

Early advances in dressed beef prices and a good demand were prominent factors for higher prices on Monday, but by mid-week, declines in dressed beef prices turned most buyers on the cautious side. However, a few plants were in need of cattle for immediate requirements and on Tuesday and Wednesday, these plants were forced to buy at prices equivalent to Monday's advance. Steers comprised 44 pct. of the week's receipts, Heifers 35 pct., Cows 10 pct. and Feeders 10 pct.

Four Day Receipts 7526
Week Ago 7717
Last Year 9629

SLAUGHTER STEERS: On the close, two loads Choice, few Prime 2-4 near 1200 lbs. 65.75 and 66.00, one load Tuesday Choice 2-3 1329 lbs. 66.25. Scattered loads and part loads on the close, Choice 2-4 1050-1250 lbs. 64.00-65.50, some muddy cattle to 62.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1250 lbs. 63.00-64.50. Few Good 60.00-63.00. Choice 2-3 1100-1300 lb. Holsteins 57.00-57.50, few Mixed Good and Choice 55.00-57.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: On Tuesday, load reputation Choice, few Prime 2-4 1000 lbs. and load Choice 2-3 near 1100 lbs. 64.25. Closing sales scattered loads and part loads Choice 2-4 925-1100 lbs. 62.50-63.50, few 875-925 lbs. 61.00-62.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3

950-1100 lbs. 60.50-62.50. Few Good 57.00-61.00.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for 900-1100 lb. Choice Steers 64.50; 1100-1300 lbs. 65.35. Average cost Steers 64.07, average weight 1137 lbs., as compared 63.55 and 1144 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers 61.63, average weight 999 lbs., as compared 61.14 and 997 lbs. a week ago.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Closing sales Cutter and Utility 1-3 43.50-46.50. Canner and low Cutter 40.00-43.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 47.00-53.00, individual 56.00.

Morrison Cove Auction

Martinsburg, Pa.
Monday, March 21

Report supplied by USDA

CATTLE 159. High Choice & Prime slaughter steers 63.75-65.75, Choice 61.25-63.25, Good 58.50-60.50, Standard 54.50-57.50, Utility 45.50-53.50. Choice slaughter heifers 61.50-62.75, Good 60.25-61.10, Standard 56.50-58.75, Utility 45.50-52.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 44.50-48.25, Commercial 42.50-44.50, Cutters 40.25-42.75, Canner & Low Cutter 36.50-39.50, Shells down to 30.00. Choice slaughter bullocks 59.25-60.50, Good 56.50-58.75, Standard 52.75-54.50, Utility 45.25-50.75. Yield Grade #1 slaughter bulls 56.50-57.25; yield grade #2 51.50-56.25. Choice feeder steers 65.25-68.00, Good 58.50-60.50, Medium 50.50-56.50; Good feeder heifers 58.50-62.50, Medium 48.50-54.50; Good feeder bulls 58.50-61.50, Medium 48.50-56.50.

CALVES 334. Prime vealers

102.50-109.50, Choice 92.50-104.50, Good 87.50-92.50, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 67.50-76.50, 90-110 lbs. 60.50-72.50, 70-90 lbs. 52.50-59.50, Utility at 40.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 82.50-110.50; holstein heifers 90-130 lbs. 82.50-122.50.

HOGS 393. US No. 1-2 200-240 lbs. barrows & gilts 52.50-54.10, No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 52.00-52.25, No. 2-3 200-260 lbs. 51.50-52.00, No. 2-3 250-300 lbs. 48.25-50.50. US No. 1-3 350-600 lbs. sows 50.25-53.50, No. 2-3 300-600 lbs. 46.25-49.50. Boars 39.25-42.50, light weights 42.50-45.25.

FEEDER PIGS 34. US No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. feeder pigs 24.50-42.50, No. 1-3 40-60 lbs. 42.50-52.50 per head.

SHEEP 5. Choice 100-115 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 64.50-65.50, Good 100-115 lbs. 54.25-62.50. Slaughter ewes 20.50-22.50.

GOATS 13. 20.00-37.50 per head.

Oklahoma Cattle

Thursday, March 24

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Trade moderate, very limited sales Feeder Steers and Heifers about steady. Cows and Bulls not established. Actual sale ring total 320. Majority receipts Medium Frame 1 and Mixed 1-2 400-700 lb. Feeder Steers and Heifers. Cows and Bulls made up 12 percent of estimated receipts.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium, few large frame 1 260-270 lb. 82.50-83.00; 400-450 lb. 77.75-80.50; 500-575 lb. 69.75-72.75; Pkg. 511 lb. thin and gaunt 78.25; 600-700 lb. 69.00-71.00; few 800-900 lb. 64.80-65.10, small lot 801 lb. 69.00. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 pkg. 391 lb. 76.00; 500-580 lb. 68.00-69.60; Lot 610 lb. 66.25.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium

the lower income people, such as Social Security recipients, unemployed and those with gross incomes under \$10,000.

The idea is similar to the Wick check program, which gives so much milk, cheese, cereal etc. to mothers and children under 5 years. A card would allow a family one gallon of milk per week per person, two lbs. of cheese per month per person and two lbs. of butter per month per person. Also, the limits on the Wick program could be increased in the dairy area. The child's age limit could be moved from five years to six years, since most children are six before they are on the school lunch program. We'd have a healthier nation, a lower milk surplus and be helping those in need.

The real problem is the extra milk, not the paying of the \$13/cwt. for the milk. Let's look what would happen if a farmer would dump one 100-cwt. tank of milk per month at \$13/cwt. He would have approximately 14 milk pickups for the month (14X\$13X100=\$18,200). If the deduction goes through, the farmers would get less money even with a whole month of pickups (15X\$12X100=\$18,000). This would help cut down on the surplus milk. The farmer would be making out a bit better than with the dairy deduction.

Please, consider these ideas. They won't solve the whole surplus milk problem but would help.

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Frame 1, pkg. 297 lb. 67.20; 340-450 lb. 63.50-65.90; 525-780 lb. 60.50-61.95. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 325-500 lb. 60.00-63.50. Medium and Large Frame 2 400-475 lb. 53.00-60.10; pkg. 651 lb. 58.50; 799 lb. 56.90.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Utility 2-3 47.00-47.75; Cutters 1-2, one lot 1159 lb. 42.80.

Thursday Feeder Cattle Auction and Weekly Summary.

FOR THE WEEK: Compared to late last week, Feeder Steers under 700 lb. steady to 1.00 higher; over 700 lb. weak to 1.00 lower. Utility and Commercial Slaughter Cows closed steady to 1.00 higher; Canners and Cutters 1.00-2.00 higher. Late sales Utility and Commercial 2-4 45.00-47.80, pkg. young 1110 lb. 51.50; Cutters 1-2 42.00-46.25; Canner and Low-Cutter 38.20-40.80. Slaughter Bulls 3.00-4.00 higher with YG 1-2 1300-1800 lb. 55.00-59.75, couple lots high-dressing 1305-1465 lb. 61.70-62.40. Salable receipts this week 12,300 head compared with 24,149 head last week and 26,485 head last year.

Feeder Steers and Heifers made up majority of this weeks receipts. Cows and Bulls numbered 1,100 head and made up 9 percent of estimated supply.

New Holland Horse

New Holland Sales Stables
Monday, March 21

Report supplied by auction
Reported receipts of 215 head of horses, mules, and ponies. Market: steady.

Local Better horses 550.00-950.00; Driving horses 375.00-800.00; Riding horses 375.00-500.00; Lightweight killers 350.00-475.00; Heavyweight killers 525.00-660.00; Mares 35.00-100.00; Colts 15.00-30.00; Geldings 35.00-100.00; Larger ponies 150.00-270.00.

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