

Livestock market and auction news

Weekly Summary

Friday, April 8

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CATTLE: 7177; compared with 5193 head last week, and 4777 head a year ago. Compared with last weeks market: Slaughter steers grading Choice 1.00-2.00 lower, Standard & Good steady to 1.00 lower; Sl. Heifers steady to strong; Sl. cows steady to weak; Sl. bulls steady. Sl. steers: High Choice&Prime 67.00-72.00; Choice 62.50-68.00; Good 57.00-63.00; Standard 50.00-58.00. Sl. heifers: Choice 58.00-65.00; Good 53.00-59.00; Standard 48.00-54.00. Sl. cows: Utility & Commercial 42.00-47.00; Cutters 39.50-44.00; Canner&L. Cutter 35.00-42.00; Shells down to 25.00. Sl. bullocks:(few) Choice 58.00-61.25; Good 52.00-60.00. sl. bulls: Yield Grade No.1, 1200-2100 lbs. 49.00-57.00; Yield Grade No.2, 900-1400 lbs. 44.00-51.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, Medium Frame No.1, 300-700 lbs. 56.00-58.00. Heifers, Medium & Large Frame No.1, 350-750 lbs. 50.00-60.00.

CALVES: 3561. Compared with

3653 head last week and 3153 head a year ago. Vealers steady to 5.00 lower. (Few) Prime 110.00-130.00; Choice 85.00-110.00; Good 70.00-90.00; Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 45.00-62.00; 70-90 lbs. 40.00-57.00; Utility 50-90 lbs. 30.00-50.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 65.00-101.00; Hol. Heifers 90-140 lbs. 70.00-132.00.

HOGS: 6512. Compared with 6964 head last week and 6982 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts uneven, mostly steady to 1.50 lower US No.1-2 200-250 lbs. 47.00-51.50 mostly 48.00-50.50; No.1-3 200-260 lbs. 46.00-49.00; No.2-3 230-290 lbs. 43.50-47.50; (Few) No.1-3 140-190 lbs. 44.00-47.00; Sows steady to 2.00 lower. US No.1-3 300-600 lbs. 42.00-48.00; (Few) No.2-3 450-700 lbs. 38.00-44.00. Boars 38.00-44.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 821. Compared with 922 head last week and 810 a year ago. Feeder pigs steady to strong. US No.1-3 25-35 lbs. 30.00-40.00 per head; No.1-3 35-55 lbs. 39.00-62.00 per head.

GRADED FEEDER PIG: SALES: 2849. Compared with 1730 head last week, and 2723 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs mostly weak to 8.00 lower

(Few) US No. 1-2 20-30 lbs. 150.00-169.50, 30-40 lbs. 120.00-142.00, 40-50 lbs. 110.00-138.00, 50-60 lbs. 96.00-122.00, 60-75 lbs. 85.00-116.00; US No.2-3 25-40 lbs. 128.00-137.00, 40-50 lbs. 84.00-105.00.

SHEEP: 511. Compared with 3426 head last week and 3443 head a year ago. Spring/lambs lower. Choice 25-50 lbs. 70.00-107.00; Choice 50-85 lbs. 70.00-95.00. Sl.ewes 10.00-26.00.

Beef Assn. meets in Wayne

PLEASANT VALLEY — The second annual roast beef dinner of the Wayne County Beef Association was held recently at the Pleasant Valley Grange. The following officers and directors were introduced: President, Don Januszewski, Ledgedale; Vice President, Frank Bell, Cherry Ridge; Secretary, Charles D. Boshinski, Hamlin; Treasurer, Bob Histed, Girdland; and Directors: Vernon Crum, Milanville; Bill Case, Welcome

Lake; Sam Bianchi, Waymart; Larry Crimi and Bob Histed, Girdland; Haydon Bagnick, Waymart.

A film and slide presentation on nutrition and management were given. A discussion followed on improving land and cattle, stressing the fact that in order to have a successful operation, it is important to have a thorough knowledge of the beef industry.

Some of the objectives of the association are to offer educational programs and marketing information, and to support youth beef programs and the beef industry. Anyone desiring to become a member may contact any of the directors in their area, or the Wayne County Beef Association secretary, Charles Boshinski; R1, Moscow.

Liquid lime for no-till corn

NEWARK Del. — Because no-tilled soil can form a thin, acidic crust that interferes with herbicide activity, the University of Delaware soil testing laboratory is now asking farmers for separate samples of the top two inches.

Only a small amount of lime is needed to neutralize this thin acid layer, explains soils scientist Leo Cotnoir. Overliming Delaware's sandy soils is not only expensive, but also results in micronutrient deficiencies in corn.

It's hard to apply small, even amounts of dry lime, notes extension agricultural engineer Tom

Williams. That's why some Delaware farmers have switched to liquid lime, also called slurry lime. Although liquid lime is more expensive, it can be distributed more uniformly at rates below a half-ton per acre. The extra cost of using liquid lime must be considered in relation to the price of corn.

Last year, Keith Carlisle of Greenwood and William Parker of Burrsville went into partnership to make and apply liquid lime. They suspended finely ground limestone in clay and water, added their fertilizer, and spread the solution on their no-till corn.

"It was a Cadillac program," Carlisle says, "but we were pleased with the results. We had good pH control and excellent weed control with less herbicide than usual."

Cotnoir says liquid lime is equal

to, but no better than any other lime in its chemical properties. Finely ground limestone does react more quickly than the coarser type, the scientist explains, but only up to a point. Recent research has demonstrated that the speed of the reaction levels off at 100 mesh.

The main advantage of liquid lime, Williams and Cotnoir agree, is that it enables farmers like Carlisle and Parker to give no-till corn just the amount of lime needed for good pH control and herbicide activity.



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