

# Livestock market and auction news

## Weekly Summary

Friday, May 27

Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE:** 8075. Compared with 7476 head last week, and 7316 head a year ago.

Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers mostly 1.00-1.50 lower; Sl. heifers steady to 1.00 lower; Sl. cows steady to 1.00 lower spots 2.00 lower; Sl. bullocks mostly 1.00 lower; Sl. bulls uneven. Sl. steers: High Choice & Prim No. 3-4, 65.00-68.50, few 69.00; Choice NO. 2-4 63.00-67.00; Good 58.00-63.00; Standard 51.00-58.00. Sl. heifers: Choice 59.00-63.75; Good 55.00-59.00; Standard 52.00-56.50. Sl. cows: Utility & Commercial 44.00-49.00; Cutters 42.00-47.00; Canner & L. Cutter 38.00-44.00; Shells down to 28.00. Sl. bullocks; Choice 59.25-63.35; Good 54.00-59.25; (few) Standard 49.00-55.00. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2100 lbs. 50.00-59.75; Yield Grade No. 2, 900-1500 lbs. 48.00-53.50.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers, Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 350-800 lbs. 58.00-70.00. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-700 lbs. 50.00-56.25. Bulls, Medium Frame No. 1, 350-750 lbs. 53.00-63.00.

**CALVES:** 3678. Compared with 3266 head last week and 3769 head a year ago. Vealers grading Good &

Choice steady to 5.00 higher. Standard & Good mostly 5.00 lower. (few) Prime 118.00-130.00; Choice 90.00-110.00; Good 70.00-90.00; (few) Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 65.00-80.00; 90-110 lbs. 60.00-78.00; 65-90 lbs. 50.00-65.00; Utility 50-100 lbs. 45.00-65.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 74.00-125.00, mostly 80.00-

110.00; Hol. Heifers 85-145 lbs. 65.00-139.00, mostly 85.00-110.00.

**HOGS:** 7411. Compared with 7276 head last week and 8027 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts mostly steady to 1.00 lower. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 47.00-49.50, few to 50.50; No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 46.00-47.50; No. 2-3 200-285 lbs. 43.00-46.00; few No. 1-3

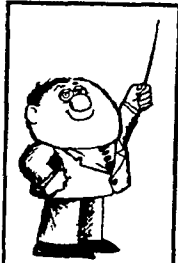
140-190 lbs. 40.00-45.00; Sows 1.00-2.00 lower. US No. 1-3 300-585 lbs. 38.00-43.50; No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 35.00-40.00. Boars 33 00-37 50.

**FEEDER PIGS:** 1023. Compared with 1278 head last week and 1262 a year ago. Steady to 2.00 higher. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 23.00-40.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 37.00-47.50, few to 51.50.

**SHEEP:** 1285. Compared with 1103 head last week and 1135 head a year ago. Weak to 5.00 lower.

Choice 25-100 lbs. 60.00-85.00; Good 40-75 lbs. 54.00-66.00. Sl. ewes: 10.00-27.00.

**GRADED FEEDER PIGS:** 3 Sales: 2940. Compared with 2789 head last week, and 2012 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs uneven, mostly 5.00-6.00 higher. US No. 1-2 20-30 lbs. 110.00-135.00, 30-40 lbs. 96.00-120.00, 40-50 lbs. 84.00-112.00, 50-60 lbs. 78.00-100.00, 60-80 lbs. 70.00-86.00; US No. 2-3 25-45 lbs. 75.00-112.00.



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WASHINGTON, D.C. May 5 — A U.S. Department of Agriculture official has approved 14 non-USDA laboratories to run contagious equine metritis — CEM — tests on imported horses.

John K. Atwell, deputy administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, said the East Coast laboratories are in Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Virginia. They are authorized to perform diagnostic tests for the disease under USDA quarantine regulations.

"This action reduces the expense and dif-

## Equine test labs approved

ficulty of submitting test samples within the 48-hour minimum required for valid diagnostic testing," Atwell said.

Previously, testing for horses imported from countries affected with this disease was authorized only on the USDA National Veterinary Service Laboratories at Ames, Iowa. Atwell said veterinarians sometimes experiences difficulty in getting samples to the laboratory in time.

This change in federal animal health regulations also clarifies the procedures for testing and quarantining horses imported from countries affected with contagious equine metritis.

Public comments on this action will be accepted through July 5 by the deputy administrator for veterinary services, APHIS, USDA, Room 870 Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, Md., 20782.

Addresses for area laboratories are:

In Maryland: Animal Health Laboratory, 4901 Calvert Rd., College Park, Md.

In New Jersey: New Jersey Department of Agriculture Diagnostic Laboratory, Division of Animal Health, John Fitch Plaza, Rm. 201, CN-330 Trenton, N.J. 08625.

In Virginia: Richmond Regulatory Laboratory, 1 North 14th St., Richmond, Va. 23219; Warrenton Regulatory Laboratory, 234 Shirley Ave., Warrenton, Va. 22186.

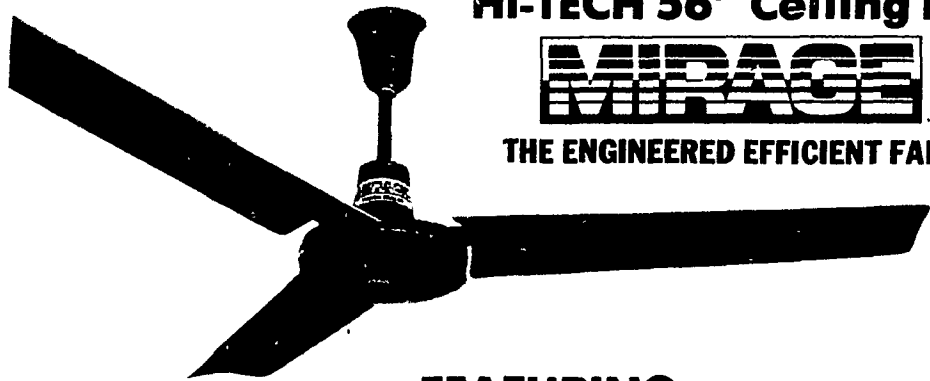
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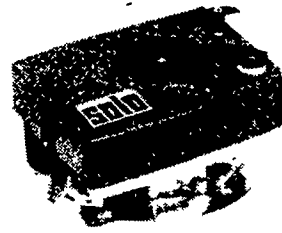
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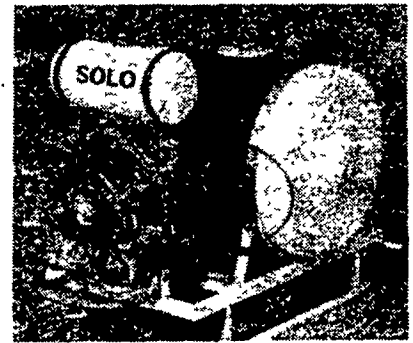
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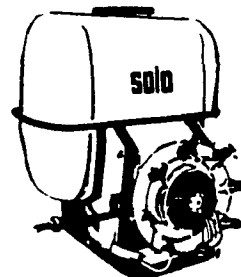
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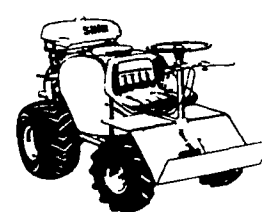
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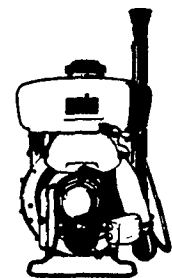
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