

Livestock market and auction news

Now is the Time

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To Consider The Nutritive Value of Drouthy Corn

Even drouth-stricken corn may make silage of relatively good energy content. Listed below, are expected nutrient contents of different corn silages, on a dry matter basis:

	Crude Protein	TDN
Normal, dent-stage	8.3%	69%
Drouthy, few ears	9.9%	61%
Drouthy, no ears (estimate)	10.0%	55%

Drouthy corn may be lower in energy and higher in protein. The analysis may vary considerably from farm to farm. Thus, forage testing is strongly encouraged; also test for nitrate levels, especially if the crop had a recent "recovery" rain, according to Glenn Shirk, Extension Dairy Agent.

If additional energy is needed in the ration, and you'll be needing to feed more grain, but you have inadequate grain storage, consider adding some processed (ground, crimped, rolled) grain to the silage. But, be sure the moisture content, the length of cut, the distribution, and the packing of the silage and the storage structure is adequate enough to insure good fermentation and preservation. Otherwise, you'll be risking the loss of the added grain. How much grain will you need to add per ton of corn ensiled at 60% moisture to raise its TDN fine points, from 61%

to 66%? About 81 pounds of barley, oats or rye (76% TDN), about 88 pounds of cob chop (72% TDN), or 75 pounds of shelled corn or wheat (80% TDN). This may seem like a lot of grain, but remember, good corn silage normally consists of about one half stalk and one half ear.

To Keep Seed In The Bag

August is a time when many new alfalfa seedings are made. However, as dry as it is now, the best price for alfalfa is in the bag. Dry soil conditions would probably result in uneven and delayed germination and emergence. The stand may not become established well enough to survive the winter. If soil moisture is not adequate enough to assure good germination, it will probably be wise to delay planting until early next spring. Alfalfa seedings are too costly to risk seeding failures or a poor stand.

Oklahoma City Livestock

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Report Supplied By USDA

Estimated Receipts: 9,500

Same Day Last Week: 11,832

Trade moderately active. Demand moderate. Feeder steers and heifers steady to weak. Buyer attendance moderate. Majority receipts Medium Frame 1 and Mixed 1-2 500-850 lb. feeder steers and 500-700 lb. feeder heifers.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium Few Large Frame 1 Few 385-415 lb. 66.50-69.25; 500-600 lb. 61.90-63.40; pkg 545 lb. 64.60; 600-700 lb. 60.00-63.80; 700-800 lb. 60.25-62.00; 800-900 lb. 59.90-61.20.

Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 445-500 lb. 63.50-65.00; 500-600 lb. 58.75-62.80; 600-700 lb. 58.50-61.70; 700-800 lb. 58.00-60.80; 800-925 lb. 58.50-59.60. Medium and Large Frame 2 665-800 lb. 57.00-60.80; 800-925 lb. 54.10-58.50.

Large Frame No. 2 Holsteins 885-1080 lb. 40.70-42.60.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium

and Large Frame 1 500-750 lb. 53.00-55.75. Medium and Large Frame Mixed 1-2 475-650 lb. 52.50-53.10.

WEEKLY CATTLE SUMMARY: Compared to last Wednesday, Feeder Steers under 500 lb. 1.00-2.00 higher, over 500 lb. steady. Feeder Heifers under 500 lb. 1.00-2.00 lower, over 500 lb. steady. Cattle under 500 lb. were scarce in midweek trading. Slaughter cows lost their early advance to close steady with Utility and Commercial 2-3 38.50-40.40, few lots high dressing 40.80-41.00; Cutters 1-2 35.50-39.00; Canner and low Cutters 30.25-35.50. Slaughter bulls were 1.00-2.00 higher with YG 1 1075-1775 lb. 47.00-52.80, few high dressing 54.00-56.00. Salable receipts this week estimated at 21,100 head compared with 19,671 head last week and 19,817 head last year. The majority receipts consisted of feeder steers and heifers; cows and bulls made up 9 percent of salable supply.

New Wilmington Livestock

New Wilmington, Pa.

Monday, August 8, 1983

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 167. Compared with last Monday's market, slaughter cows steady, Few Choice slaughter steers 59.50-60.25, few Good 55.50-58.50, few Standard 48.00-53.00. One good slaughter heifer at 52.00, few Standard 44.00-47.25. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 40.00-46.00, Cutters 38.00-41.50, Canner & Low Cutter 32.00-38.50, Shells down to 26.00. Few Yield Grade #1 1280-1880 lbs. slaughter bulls 49.75-51.00, one at 57.25; few yield grade #2 940-1570 lbs. 40.25-47.00. Medium & Large Frame #1 485-705 lbs. feeder heifers 40.00-45.50; few Large frame #2 300-585 lbs. feeder bulls 38.00-45.00.

CALVES 244. Vealers about steady. One Prime vealer at 95.00, few Choice 75.00-84.00, Good 60-75 lbs. 60.00-75.00, Standard & Good 90-125 lbs. 40.00-58.00, 65-85 lbs. 33.00-42.00, Utility 50-125 lbs. 20.00-31.00. Farm calves, holstein bulls 95-130 lbs. 67.00-100.00; holstein heifers 85-125 lbs. 55.00-75.

HOGS 469. Barrows & gilts fully \$2.50 higher. US No. 1-2 210-245 lbs. barrows & gilts 48.00-49.00, No. 1-3 195-250 lbs. 47.00-48.10, No. 2-3 250-275 lbs. 46.25-47.50, few No. 1-3 140-180 lbs. 42.50-47.00. Sows \$1 lower. US No. 1-3 260-750 lbs. sows 30.00-35.00. Boars 28.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS 106. US No. 1-3 30-40 lbs. feeder pigs 15.00-21.00 per head, No. 1-340-60 lbs. 20.00-30.00 per head.

SHEEP 89. High Choice & Prime 70-100 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 48.00-56.50, few to 65.00, Good to Low Choice 70-95 lbs. 43.00-49.00. Slaughter ewes 5.00-15.00.

Weather/harvest

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yields may total 1750 lbs. to acre and Pa. at 1800 (again likely high).

Nation - The USDA says the corn crop will be down 38 percent and guesses the harvest will total 5.24 billion bushels. The Farm Bureau puts that figure even lower at 4.96 billion bushels.

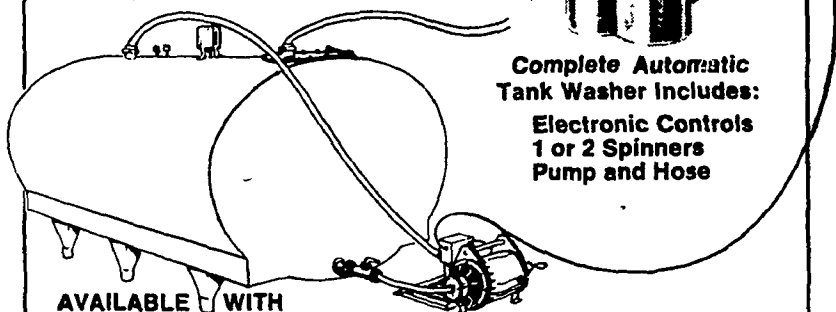
In neighboring Maryland, corn yields are expected to be down 32 percent from last year, soybeans 20 percent lower and tobacco down 20 percent, with average per acre yields at 1150 lbs.

In all cases, the drought has cut into yields even more than PIK. But the combination of the two will have significant effects during the coming months.



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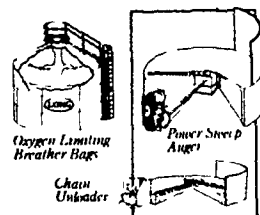
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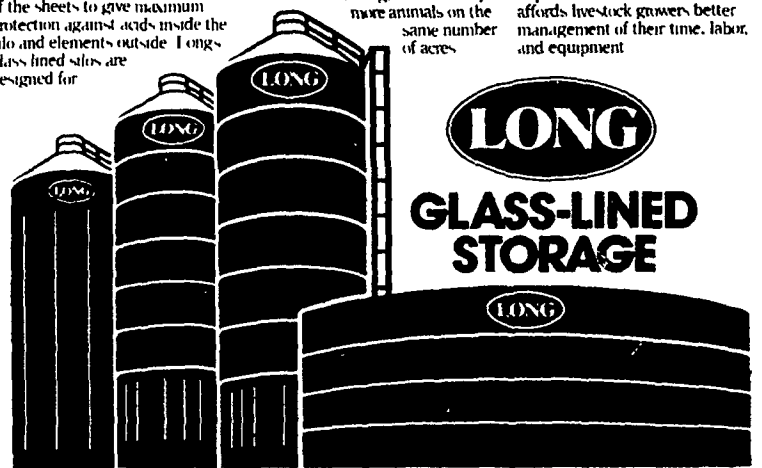
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