

Now is the Time

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— Water Lines: - Drain all water lines and also protect lines that can't be drained.

To Learn About the Dairy Bill

The new dairy bill forces dairymen in a position of having to make some very important decisions very soon, according to Extension Dairy Agent, Glenn Shirk. Should I cut back production and participate? How can I determine if it would be profitable? What restrictions will be placed upon the sale and disposition of cows and heifers? When and how do I apply? What affect would my participation have upon my milk base and upon my milk prices after the 15 month contract ends? What affect will participation by me and other dairymen in this bill have upon future dairy legislation? This is a sampling of some of the questions and concerns that will be addressed at two meetings scheduled to inform dairymen about the new dairy bill. The meetings will be held Dec. 20 at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center, at 1:00 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m.

To Be Aware of Fertilizer Value of Manure

The 1983-84 Agronomy Guide lists, on page 12, the real fertilizer value in our livestock and poultry manure. As fertilizer costs increase, we need to make every effort to use and preserve these manure fertilizer elements. On the basis of the fertilizer content at

current fertilizer prices cattle manure has \$3.80 worth of fertilizer elements per ton, swine manure contains about \$5.00 worth and poultry manure contains about \$14.00 worth of fertilizer elements. This will vary depending on the moisture and bedding content. In addition, all types of manure add organic matter to the soil which is needed on most farms. For best results manure should be either incorporated into the topsoil or stored in a water-tight pit until it can be spread and mixed with the soil.

To Use a Real Tree For Christmas

This is the time of year that most people are considering the type of Christmas tree to buy. And I hear objections to using real trees as being wasteful. So let's take a look at this situation. Actually, the Christmas tree farmer is raising trees as a crop, and a source of income. This is much the same as the farmer who raises wheat, corn or soybeans to sell or use on his own farm. Christmas trees are raised on land not suited for other crops — not even pasture land. It's mostly rolling land and highly acid.

Also remember that these Christmas tree farmers are putting this land to good use; by conserving the soil and providing an excellent water shed. Keep in mind that Christmas tree farmers have a very slow turnover in their capital — from the time they plant the tree till it's ready for your living room can be from five to six years on the small trees to 10 to 15 years on the larger trees.

Another fact to consider is there is nothing like the fresh aroma of a real tree in your home during the Christmas season.

Greencastle Livestock

Monday, December 12

CATTLE: Butcher Steers - Choice 62.00-66.00; Butcher Steers - Medium - Good - 51.50-62.50; Butcher Heifers - Choice up to 63.00; Butcher Heifers - Medium - Good 43.50-59.00; Butcher Cows - Utility - Good 34.00-37.00 few to 39.00; Butcher Cows - Canners and Cutters 31.00-36.00; Butcher Cows - Shells 31.00 and down; Butcher Bulls - Medium - Good 43.00-52.10; Stock Steers - Medium - Good up to 67.00; Stock Heifers - Medium - Good up to 50.50.

CALVES: Medium-Good Calves - 160-220 lbs. 80.00-102.00; Medium-Good Calves - 120-150 lbs. 65.00-90.00; Medium-Good Calves - 100-120 lbs. 50.00-70.00; Medium-Good Calves - 80-100 lbs. 40.00-55.00; Holstein Bull Calves up to 96.00; Light and Green Calves down to 30.00.

HOGS: Good-Choice Butcher Hogs 190-225 lbs. 42.00-47.00; Good-Choice Butcher Hogs 225-250 lbs. 46.00-47.00; Good-Choice Butcher Sows 400 lbs., up to 37.00; Good-Choice Butcher Sows 400 lbs., up to 39.00; Heavy Boars up to 26.00; Pigs - Per Head 16.00-29.00.

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Wednesday, Dec. 14

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CATTLE 286: Supply included 49 feeder cattle. compared with last Wednesday's market, slaughter steers strong to 2.00 higher. Slaughter cows 1.00-3.00 higher. Choice 1000-1400 lbs. slaughter steers 62.50-64.75, one 65.25, few Good & Choice 1200-1400 lbs. holsteins 52.25-55.50, Good 56.25-62.75, Standard 47.00-55.50, few Utility & Low Standard 40.75-43.75.

Livestock market

Few Choice slaughter heifers 58.00-60.25. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 36.00-40.85, few Commercial yield grade 3-4, 38.00-43.25, Cutters 34.00-37.00, Canner & Low Cutters 30.75-34.75, Shells down to 27.25. Few Good & Choice slaughter bullocks 56.25-61.75, few 66.50, few Standard 50.00-52.00. Yield grade #1 1270-1875 lbs. slaughter bulls 48.25-52.00, few 56.75, #2 975-1350 lbs. 42.75-48.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: Large Frame #2 375-800 lbs. feeder steers 40.50-44.00. Few Medium Frame #2 500-560 lbs. feeder bulls 37.50-46.00.

CAVLES 201: One Prime vealer at 109.00, few Choice 84.00-91.00, few Good 70.00-80.00, Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 45.00-48.00, 70-85 lbs. 37.00-45.00, Utility 90-100 lbs. 35.00-43.00, 50-85 lbs. 25.00-35.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein Bulls 90-130 lbs. 45.00-93.00, mostly 70.00-90.00.

HOGS 307: Barrows and gilts 4.00-4.50 higher. US No. 1-3 205-250 lbs. barrows and gilts 47.00-47.75, No. 1-3 205-250 lbs. 46.75-47.50, lot No. 2-3 265 lbs. at 46.50, lot No. 1-3 180 lbs. at 44.50. US No. 1-3 290-630 lbs. sows 33.50-36.00, few 36.75, Medium 280-400 lbs. 31.00-34.00. Boars 25.00-27.50, few light weights 29.00-30.50.

FEEDER PIGS 268: ALL SALES PER HUNDREDWEIGHT BASIS. US No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. feeder pigs 66.00-77.00, No. 1-3 50-60 lbs. 56.00-62.00.

SHEEP 76: High Choice & Prime 35-60 lbs. lambs 80.00-105.00, 65-80 lbs. 66.00-75.00, few Choice 70-115 lbs. 50.00-57.00, Utility & Good 45-70 lbs. 43.00-50.00. Slaughter sheep 10.00-23.00.

GOATS 29: Large Adult 31.00-38.00, one 55.00, Large Kids 21.00-32.00 per head.

Keister's Livestock

Tuesday, December 13

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CATTLE 411: Compared with last Thursday's market, slaughter steers grading Good and Choice \$1-\$2 higher. Slaughter cows \$1.50-\$2.75 higher, spots \$5 higher. Choice 2-4 1050-1430 lbs. slaughter steers 62.75-65.35, couple 66.50, Good 57.00-62.25; few Good holsteins 52.85-56.25, Standard 48.00-54.25, few Utility 44.00-46.75. Few Choice slaughter steers 58.00-63.75, few Good 55.00-58.50. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 36.25-40.25, few 44.75, one 48.00, Cutters 34.00-36.50, Canner & Low Cutters 32.85-34.50. Individual Good slaughter bullock at 56.25. Yield Grade #1 1000-1895 lbs. slaughter bulls 43.75-50.35.

FEEDER CATTLE: Medium Frame #1 375-875 lbs. feeder steers 52.50-58.50, couple 61.50, Large #2 400-750 lbs. 40.00-46.00. Medium Frame #1 450-675 lbs. feeder heifers 45.00-48.00.

CALVES 196: Few Choice vealers 80.00-85, few Good 70.00-77, Standard & Good (few) 105-120 lbs. 50.00-55, 70-100 lbs. 38.00-48, Utility 60-80 lbs. 30.00-36.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein Bulls 90-130 lbs. 50.00-90, mostly 75.00-85.00.

HOGS 236: Barrows and gilts \$6 higher. US No. 1-2 210-235 lbs. barrows and gilts 49.00-50, No. 1-3 2-250 lbs. 48.00-49, No. 2-3 190-270 lbs. 46.50-48. HOGS 72. (12-12-83) NO PRICES QUOTED. US No. 1-3 350-600 lbs. sows 32.00-34.50.

FEEDER PIGS 97: Us No. 1-3 20-30 lbs. feeder pigs 12.00-17 per head, No. 1-3 50-65 lbs. 33.00-35 per head.

SHEEP 32: Few Choice 90-100 lbs. woolled slaughter lambs 52.00-57, Good & Choice 70-130 lbs. 48.50-51.00.

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