

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Cattle

Thursday, December 15
Report supplied by USDA

Weekly 51 - Cattle - Compared to last week's closing trade, Slaughter Steers and Heifers ranged 1.00-1.50 higher through Wednesday, ending the week at the highest level since July 1983. Buyer demand proved excellent, with advances in the beef trade providing the main incentive. Boxed beef prices on a cwt. basis improved 4.18 from a week ago, while carcass levels ranged up 1.00-3.00 for the same period. Finish ran on the ordinary side with many cattle carrying some degree of mud and/or showing signs of weather stress. A liberal supply of cows was well received in

early week trading at 1.00-2.00 higher prices. However the market faltered and prices at the close only 50c up.

Steers comprised 47 pct. of the week's receipts; Heifers 38 pct; Cows 10 pct; Feeders 4 pct. Estimated 5 day receipts 13693; actuals last week 13883 and last year 16408.

STEERS: Scattered loads and lots Choice 2-4 1050-1300 lbs. 63.00-65.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1050-1150 lbs. 61.00-63.00. few Good 58.00-60.00.

HEIFERS: Scattered loads and lots Choice 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 61.50-63.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1050 lbs. 60.00-61.50. Good 56.00-59.00.

Average of LS 214 detailed

quotations for 900-1100 lb. Choice Steers 62.30, 1100-1300 lbs. 63.75. Average cost Steers 62.34, average weight 1151 lbs.; as compared 60.49 and 1138 lbs a week ago. Average cost Heifers 61.19, average weight 1008 lbs.; as compared 58.98 and 1010 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-3 32.50-33.50, few 34.00. Cutter and Boning Utility 1-3 29.50-33.00. Canner and low Cutter 26.00-29.50.

BULLS: 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 40.00-43.00, few high dressing to 45.00.

Morrison Cove Livestock

Monday, December 12
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CATTLE 235. High Choice &

Prime slaughter steers 62.50-65.25, Good 59.50-63.25, Standard 59.25-61.50, Utility, 52.50-55.00. Good slaughter heifers 59.50-61.25, Standard 53.50-56.50, Utility 47.50-53.25. Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 39.50-41.25, Commercial 34.50-38.25, Cutters 32.00-34.25, Canner and Low Cutters 28.50-31.50, Shells down to 25.00. Yield Grade #1 slaughter bulls 48.50-50.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Medium Frame #1 500-700 lbs. feeder steers 42.00-49.50.

CALVES 424. Choice vealers 75.50-84.25, Good 60.50-73.50, Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 50.25-58.50, 90-110 lbs. 46.50-48.50, 70-90

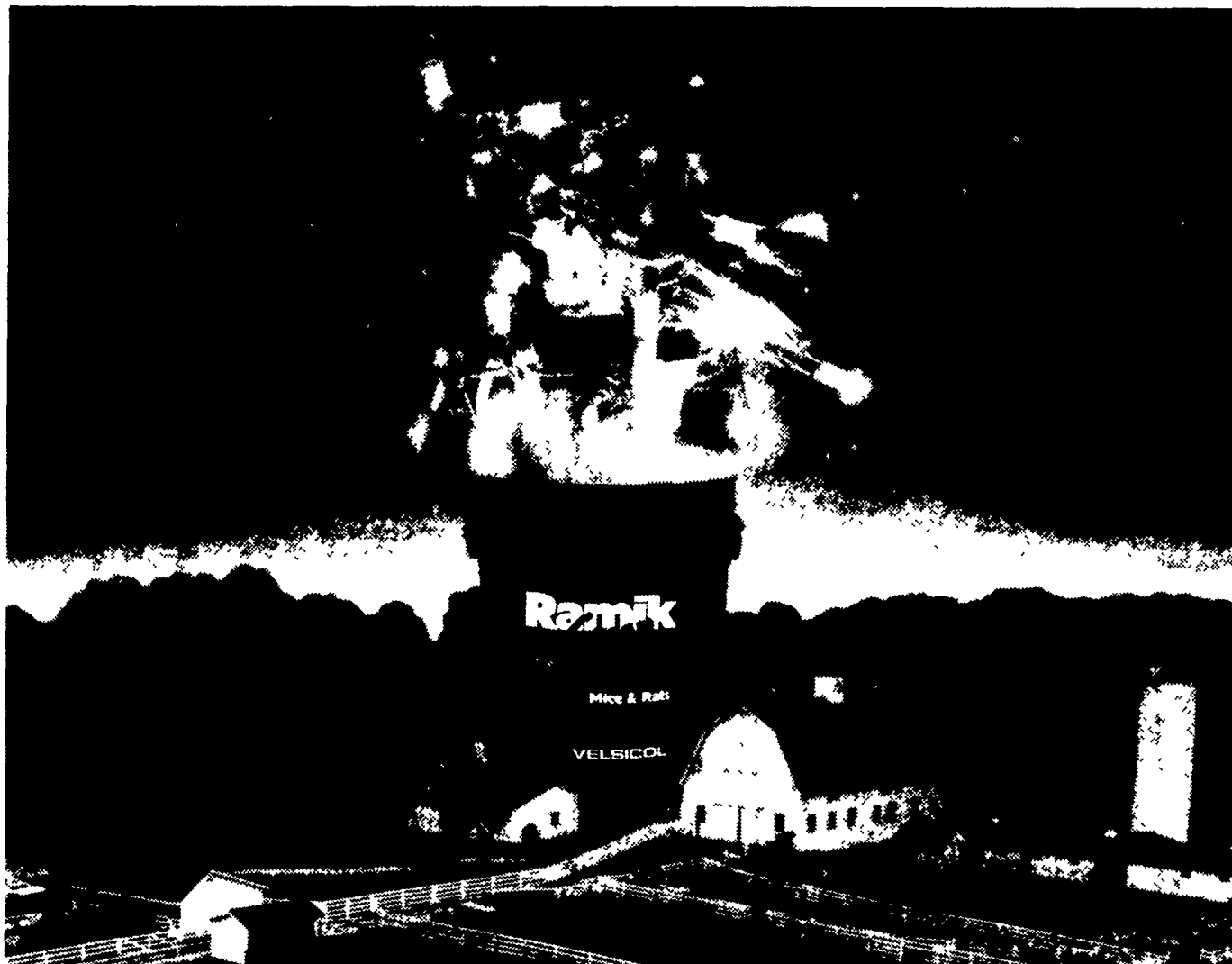
lbs. 42.50-46.25, Utility 50-70 lbs. 38.00-42.25.

FARM CALVES: Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs. 75.50-96.50; Hol. Heifers 95-120 lbs. 55.50-67.50.

HOGS 140. US No. 1-2 215-240 lbs. barrows and gilts 48.50-49.25, No. 1-3 220-260 lbs. 47.50-48.25, No. 2-3 215-240 lbs. 46.50-47.25, 220-260 lbs. 46.50-47.25, No. 1-3 215-270 lbs. 45.25-46.25. US No. 1-3 300-500 lbs. sows 32.50-35.50. BOARS 25.50-27.25.

FEEDER PIGS 32. US No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. feeder pigs 12.50-21.50 per head.

SHEEP 6. Choice 95-115 lbs. wooled slaughter lambs 49.50-50.25. Slaughter ewes 9.50-12.00.



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