

Weekly Summary

Fri., April 6

Report Supplied by PDA

Markets: 16.

CATTLE: 7856. Compared with 6281 head last week, and 7177 head a year ago. Compared with last Friday's market: Slaughter steers .50-1.50 lower; Sl. heifers uneven; Sl. cows mostly steady, 1.00 lower; Sl. bullocks 1.00-2.00 higher; Sl. bulls mostly steady to weak. Sl. steers: High Choice & Prime YG 3-4 68.00-70.60; Choice NO. 2-4, 60.50-68.75; Good 59.00-65.75; Standard 50.00-59.00. Sl. heifers: Choice 60.00-65.00, few at 67.00; Good 55.00-61.50; Standard 49.00-54.50. Sl. cows: Breaking Utility & Commercial 43.00-47.00; Cutter & Boning Utility 38.00-44.00; Canner & L. Cutter 33.00-40.50; Shells down to 25.00. Sl. bullocks: Choice 58.50-62.50; Good 53.00-58.50. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2400 lbs. 48.00-55.50, few to 60.00; Grade No. 2, 900-1450 lbs. 45.00-52.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, Medium & Large Frame No. 1, 300-750 lbs. 52.00-59.00, few at 67.00. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-600 lbs. 42.00-49.00. Bulls, Medium Frame No. 1, 400-800 lbs. 44.00-51.50.

CALVES: 3850. Compared with 3666 head last week and 3561 head a year ago. Vealers very uneven (few) Prime 115.00-125.00; Choice 83.00-95.00, few at 110.00; Good 65.00-84.00; Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 60.00-75.00; 90-110 lbs. 45.00-60.00; 65-90 lbs. 40.00-51.00; Utility 50-110 lbs. 30.00-46.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 54.00-107.00, mostly 74.00-

94.00; few Hol. Heifers 90-130 lbs. 54.00-63.00.

HOGS: 7710. Compared with 7717 head last week and 6512 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts unevenly steady. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 48.00-50.10, some at 51.50; No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 47.00-49.00; No. 2-3 200-285 lbs. 44.00-47.00; No. 1-3 lightweights 140-190 lbs. 40.00-46.00; Sows steady to weak. US No. 1-3 300-585 lbs. 38.00-47.75; No. 2-3 300-750 lbs. 34.00-40.00. Boars 28.00-36.50.

FEEDER PIGS 1110. Compared with 1025 head last week and 821 a year ago. Feeder pigs uneven. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 15.00-30.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 29.00-45.00; No. 1-3 50-80 lbs. 45.00-65.00.

SHEEP: 1979. Spring sl. lambs steady to strong, bulk of supply spring sl. lambs for Easter trade. Compared with 1419 head last week and 511 head a year ago. High Choice & Prime 20-40 lbs. 88.00-135.00; 40-60 lbs. 70.00-95.00; 60-100 lbs. 60.00-80.00; Good 20-40 lbs. 60.00-90.00; 40-80 lbs. 50.00-60.00. Choice woolled sl. lambs 71-110 lbs. 60.00-71.50; Good 60-95 lbs. 50.00-66.00. Sl. ewes: 10.00-30.00.

3 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES: 1861. Compared with 1486 head last week, and 2849 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs went for 8.00. Spots to 18.00 lower. US No. 1-2 20-30 lbs. 144.00-157.00, 30-40 lbs. 115.00-144.00, 40-50 lbs. 92.00-128.00, some at 134.00, 50-60 lbs. 83.00-116.00, 60-70 lbs. 80.00-92.00; US No. 2-3 30-45 lbs. 85.00-106.00, 65-70 lbs. 67.00-79.00.

PLUMSTEADVILLE — Approximately 250 members and friends of the Bucks Co. Unit of the National Farmers Organization attended the 18th annual dinner at the Plumsteadville Firehouse. President William Garges, a Bucks dairy farmer, introduced the speaker of the evening, Robert Kessler, a member of the national Board of Directors of NFO, and a Louisville, Ill. grain farmer of 540 acres.

Kessler called farming the "greatest profession in the world" and farmers "the most critical person in the world".

"Farmers are attacked by consumers who do not realize that what they pay for food has very little to do with the price that the producer receives for his product," Kessler said. "The label on a can of tomatoes costs more than the farmer receives for raising the product going into the can."

"Farm debt has grown from \$12.7 million in 1960 to \$220 billion in 1983," he said, "and servicing the interest on that debt took the entire farm income plus all the payments from all the government programs in 1983. Higher prices for farmers' products is in the best interest of all consumers, since many jobs are generated by farm-purchasing power."

Kessler said that U.S. grain is being exported to other nations at a lesser price than the cost of production, and "while American

250 attend Bucks NFO dinner

livestock producers were receiving poor prices last year, beef was being imported equal to 80,000 animals per week and pork equal to 100,000 head to meet the demand of our consumers."

"A farm-worker now feeds himself and 80 other persons,

compared to 6 others in the early 20th century," Kessler said. "If farmers would work together, resolving their differences, they can be in control of setting their prices for their production, so that all will be able to stay in business and pay off the enormous debt."

AEB names cholesterol group

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — In one of his first actions as new AEB Chairman, Edward L. Houston, has appointed a Special Cholesterol Action Group to develop, on an expedited basis, a cholesterol educational communications program to present the positive aspects of egg nutrition.

Selected to head this group, is Sheldon A. Vermes, Crystal Foods, Inc., Gaylord, Mn. Other members are: Norman J. Hecht, Hecht's Started Pullets, Walden, N.Y.; and John W. Buffington, Olson Farms, Inc., Sherman Oaks, Cal. All are members or alternates of American Egg Board.

The group will seek to find ways to balance the recent negative publicity on cholesterol and eggs which has resulted from the

National Institute of Health Study released several weeks ago.

Chairman Houston has instructed the group to coordinate closely with United Egg Producers and other animal agriculture organizations in the development of AEB's effort. The first meeting of the group is scheduled for early April.

In a related action, AEB has approved a recommendation to conduct focus group interviews in four geographic locations around the country to determine if any consumer attitudes or behaviors can be determined which will be helpful in the development of the cholesterol communications program, as well as AEB's general advertising and promotion.

Arbor Day to be observed

DOVER, Del. — Delaware will be joining 17 other states this month in observing the 112th anniversary of Arbor Day. Since Arbor Day traditionally falls on the last Friday of April, this year's observance will be on April 27.

Walter F. Gabel, Delaware State Forester, says several special events have been planned to promote the importance of tree planting for the future. And, he says this year's observance takes on special meaning.

"This just happens to be Smokey Bear's 40th birthday, so we'll be

having Smokey help us distribute seedlings to school children and civic groups in observance of Delaware Arbor Day. Nobody promotes the message of forest conservation better than Smokey."

Gabel and county foresters will be visiting several schools throughout the state prior to Arbor Day. Many students will receive a seedling grown at the state nursery near Ellendale.

Persons wanting more information about Arbor Day or Delaware's forest resources should contact the State Forester's Office at 736-4811 or 800-282-8685.

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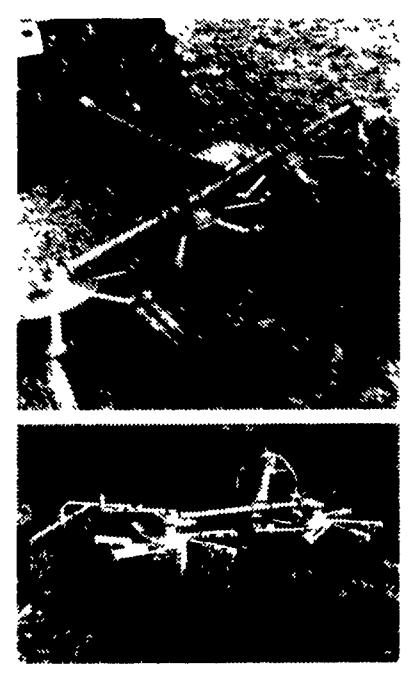
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