

Weekly Summary

Friday, May 18

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CATTLE: 7943. Compared with 9671 head last week, and 7476 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers weak to 1.00 lower, spots 2.00 lower; Sl. heifers uneven; Sl. cows steady to 2.00 higher; Sl. bulls & bullocks steady to 1.00 higher. Sl. steers: High Choice & Prime No. 3-4, 65.50-67.50; Choice NO. 2-4, 63.00-67.00; Good 58.00-63.50; Standard 50.00-58.00. Sl. heifers; Choice 59.00-63.00; Good 54.00-60.00; Standard 47.00-54.00. Sl. cows: Utility & Commercial 45.00-49.25; Cutters 41.00-45.50; Canner & L. Cutter 37.00-43.00; Shells down to 25.00. Sl. bullocks; Choice 58.50-62.85; Good 52.00-58.10; (few) Standard 50.75-53.75. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1 1000-2250 lbs. 49.00-57.75; Yield Grade No. 2 900-1450 lbs. 44.00-52.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, Medium Frame No. 1, 350-700 lbs. 50.00-60.00. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1 300-750 lbs. 42.00-54.00; Medium Frame No. 2 300-700 lbs. 34.00-47.00. Bulls, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-750 lbs. 44.00-58.00.

CALVES: 3360. Compared with 3948 head last week and 3286 head a year ago. Vealers unevenly steady. (few) Prime 90.00-119.00; Choice 80.00-90.00; Good 64.00-85.00; 110-130 lbs. 60.00-75.00; 90-120 lbs. 50.00-

65.00; 65-90 lbs. 45.00-55.00; (few) Utility 50-110 lbs. 30.00-52.00.

FARM CALVES: Fairly active. Hol. Bulls 90-135 lbs. 60.00-120.00, mostly 80.00-110.00; Hol. Heifers 85-140 lbs. 55.00-90.00.

HOGS: 6900. Compared with 8858 head last week and 7276 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts .50-2.00 higher. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 49.00-51.50 No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 47.00-50.00; No. 2-3 200-285 lbs. 44.00-47.75; No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 43.00-47.00; Sows strong to 2.00 higher. US No. 1-3 300-685 lbs. 32.00-38.00. Boars 30.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS 897. Compared with 1327 head last week and 1278 a year ago. Steady to 2.00 higher. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 20.00-34.50 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 31.00-44.00; No. 1-3 50-85 lbs. 40.00-54.00.

3 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES: 2130. Compared with 2911 head last week, and 2789 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs uneven, mostly steady to 10.00 higher. US No. 1-2 20-30 lbs. 130.00-152.00, 30-40 lbs. 104.00-125.00, 40-50 lbs. 100.00-122.00, 50-60 lbs. 91.00-105.00, 60-85 lbs. 67.00-101.00; US No. 2-3 30-40 lbs. 106.00-116.00, 40-50 lbs. 92.00-98.00, 50-70 lbs. 71.00-89.00.

SHEEP: 1611. Come, ed with 1249 head last week and 1103 head a year ago. Steady to 3.00 lower. High Choice & Prime 80-110 lbs. 64.00-78.00; Choice 35-100 lbs. 58.00-70.00; Good 30-80 lbs. 40.00-63.00. Sl. ewes: 8.00-25.00.

Pa. egg dealer charged

with violating avian flu quarantine

LANCASTER — Harry Hostetter, in business as Harry Hostetter Egg Hauling, Atglen, Pa., has been charged with violating a federal avian influenza quarantine in southeastern Pennsylvania, a U.S. Department of Agriculture veterinarian reports.

Dr. Gerald Fichtner, director of the state-federal-industry avian influenza task force headquartered at Lancaster, said Hostetter moved eggs on Jan. 4, 11, 16 and 20, 1984, interstate from a quarantined area — Oxford, Pa., to Elizabeth, N.J. — without obtaining a permit. In addition, Hostetter moved the eggs on each occasion without having them cleaned and sanitized. Emergency regulations restrict the movement of eggs and poultry from quarantined areas to prevent the spread of avian flu.

Hostetter has 20 days to respond to the charge and may request a hearing before an administrative law judge. USDA officials are asking for a civil penalty of \$4,000 if Hostetter is found in violation.

"Success in the eradication of avian influenza requires everyone in the quarantine zone to strictly

observe regulations and procedures," Fichtner said. "So far, we have had to destroy nearly 12 million birds because of the disease. We just cannot afford to permit the problem to spread." He

added that a previous spread of the disease from Pennsylvania to New Jersey was successfully contained and eliminated, but at considerable cost and trouble.

Studies indicate high-path AI evolved from low-path

(Editors note: The following information was taken from the May 4, National Broiler Council "Washington Report," as printed in this week's Pa. Poultry Federation newsletter).

LANCASTER — Dr. Robert Webster — Director of the World Health Organization Influenza Reference Center at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and a member of USDA's outside avian influenza technical advisory committee — told NBC this week there is no doubt the highly pathogenic form of the H5N₂ avian influenza virus in Pennsylvania evolved from the low pathogenic

form. Mapping of the genetic amino acid sequences in the two viruses, which contain in the neighborhood of 1,700 amino acids each, indicates the two viruses differ only a few sequences, which apparently can result through normal mutational changes.

Webster also said that although there has been no evidence to date that the low pathogenic form of the virus exists in wild waterfowl, they have found component parts of the virus. He postulated that the low pathogenic virus indeed may have originated from such waterfowl since viruses in the wild are constantly mixing (mutating).

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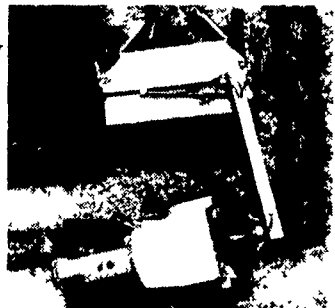
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