

Livestock market and auction news

Indiana Livestock Auction

Homer City, Pa.

Thursday, June 7

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 176. Compared with last Thursday's market: Slaughter steers steady \$1.00 higher. Sl. steers: 2 Choice 60.75 & 61.25 (few) Good 55.00-58.75; (few) Standard 50.75-54.00. Sl. heifers: Choice 57.75-61.25; (few) Good 54.00-57.25; (few) Standard 46.00-48.00. Sl. cows: Breaking Utility & Commercial 44.00-47.50, few to 49.75-52.00; Cutter & Boning Utility 40.50-45.00; Canner & L. Cutter 36.00-40.50; Shells down to 24.25. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1 1290-2055 lbs. 51.00-53.85; one Yield Grade No. 2 1120 lbs. 47.25.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, (few) Medium Frame No. 1 400-635 lbs. 50.50-55.75. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1 365-575 lbs. 44.50-51.75; Medium & Large Frame No. 2 315-660 lbs. 36.50-43.50. Bulls, few Medium & Large Frame No. 1 470-635 lbs. 45.00-52.25. Good & Choice 60.00-66.00; Standard 50.00-59.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 60.00-65.50; Standard & Good 60-85 lbs. 54.50-62.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 70.00-108.00; few Hol. Heifers 90-120 lbs. 64.00-71.00.

HOGS: 191. Barrows and gilts 2.00-3.00 higher. US No. 1-2 215-245 lbs. 51.00-51.25; 1-2 195-205 lbs. 49.25-50.00; No. 1-3 205-255 lbs.

49.25-50.00; No. 2-3 245-275 lbs. 48.00-48.75; No. 1-3 175-195 lbs. 45.00-48.75; Sows US No. 1-3 270-460 lbs. 39.50-44.00; Few Medium 245-305 lbs. 35.00-38.25. Boars 31.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS 46. US No. 1-3 20-30 lbs. 16.00-27.00 per head; 1 lot No. 1-3 147 lbs. 42.25 per hundredweight.

SHEEP: 65. Spring & Woolled sl. lambs (few) High Choice & Prime 75-95 lbs. 58.50-62.00; Few Choice 60-80 lbs. 52.00-57.00. Sl. ewes: 9.00-19.00.

Chambersburg Livestock Auction

Chambersburg, Pa.

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CATTLE: 207. Compared with last Thursday's market: Sl. cows 1.00-1.50 higher. Sl. steers: one Choice 1150 lbs. 59.00; (few) Good 54.50-58.00; (few) Standard 47.85-52.00. Sl. heifers: Good at 51.00; (few) Standard 43.60-48.25. Sl. cows: Breaking Utility & Commercial 43.85-46.50, couple 48.25; Cutters & Boning Utility 41.50-45.50; Canner & L. Cutter 38.00-41.50; Shells down to 34.00. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1 1100-1640 lbs. 48.00-55.10.

CALVES: 440. (few) Prime 81.00-90.00; (few) Choice 70.00-82.00; Good 60.00-70.00; Standard & Good 110-125 lbs. 60.00-65.00; 75-105

lbs. 55.00-66.00; Utility 55-90 lbs. 38.00-58.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-120 lbs. 70.00-130.00 mostly 90.00-115.00, few 140-165 lbs. 65.00-80.00; Hol. Heifers 85-140 lbs. 65.00-85.00.

HOGS: 55. Barrows and gilts about steady. No. 1-3 210-245 lbs. 48.00-49.00; Sows US No. 1-3 1480 lbs. at 41.00. Boars 1 at 34.00.

FEEDER PIGS 31. (few) US No. 1-3 30-45 lbs. 21.50-29.00 per head.

SHEEP: 6. 1 Choice 20 lbs. Spring Sl. Lamb 55.00. few Sl. ewes: 13.00-14.00.

GOATS 6. Few Large 18.00-26.00 per head.

Pennsylvania Auction Summary

Friday, June 8

Report Supplied by PDA

Markets: 16.

CATTLE: 6926. Compared with 4576 head last week and 8954 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market: Slaughter steers & heifers mostly weak to 2.00 lower; Sl. cows .50-1.00, with spots 1.00 higher; Sl. bulls steady to weak. Sl. steers: High Choice & Prime 3.00-4.00 lbs. 61.50-65.75, few to 67.75; Choice NO. 2-4, 60.00-64.75, few to 66.70; Good 56.00-60.00, few to 62.00; Standard 47.00-56.00. Sl. heifers: Choice 57.00-62.50; Good 52.00-58.00; Standard 45.00-53.00. Sl. cows: Breaking Utility &

Commercial 43.00-46.50, few to 47.50; Cutter & Boning Utility 40.50-44.75, few to 45.50; Canner & L. Cutter 37.00-40.50, few to 41.50; Shells down to 25.00. Sl. bullocks: Choice 54.75-59.00; Good 51.50-56.00; Standard 46.50-51.00. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2250 lbs. 50.00-57.50, few down to 47.00; Grade No. 2, 900-1450 lbs. 44.00-52.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, Medium Frame No. 1, 350-750 lbs. 45.00-55.00, few to 61.00. Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1, 450-650 lbs. 40.00-51.75. Bulls, Medium Frame No. 1, 300-500 lbs. 45.00-55.00, few to 59.00.

CALVES: 3911. Compared with 2624 head last week and 3703 head a year ago. Vealers steady to 5.00 lower. (few) Prime 95.00-118.00; Choice 75.00-96.00; Good 60.00-75.00; Standard & Good 110-130 lbs. 55.00-65.00; 90-110 lbs. 50.00-70.00, Non-certified 35.00-50.00; 65-90 lbs. 45.00-65.00, Non-certified 19.00-47.00; Utility 50-110 lbs. 35.00-58.00, Non-certified 3.00-35.00.

FARM CALVES: Active. Hol. Bulls 90-135 lbs. 60.00-130.00, mostly 90.00-118.00; Hol. Heifers 80-130 lbs. 60.00-94.00.

HOGS: 6830. Compared with 5803 head last week and 7036 head a

year ago. Barrows and gilts mostly 2.00-3.00 higher. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 50.50-53.50, few to 54.00; No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 49.00-52.50; No. 2-3 200-285 lbs. 45.00-49.50; No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 41.00-45.00; Sows mostly 2.00-3.00 higher. US No. 1-3 300-600 lbs. 38.00-43.00, few to 45.00; No. 2-3 300-685 lbs. 35.00-39.00. Boars 30.00-37.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 1405. Compared with 1089 head last week and 1505 a year ago. Feeder pigs 3.00-5.00 lower. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 14.00-30.00, few down to 12.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 27.00-42.00; No. 1-3 50-85 lbs. 37.00-56.50.

3 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES: 1136. Compared with 1427 head last week, and 3369 head a year ago. All sales by CWT. Feeder Pigs mostly 2.00-9.00 higher. US No. 1-2 30-40 lbs. 86.00-108.00, 40-50 lbs. 83.00-98.00, 50-60 lbs. 75.00-96.00, few to 102.00, 60-80 lbs. 79.00-89.00; US No. 2-3 25-30 lbs. 96.00-97.00, 35-65 lbs. 70.00-84.00.

SHEEP: 1864. Compared with 379 head last week and 1250 head a year ago. Spring sl. lambs weak to 3.00 lower. High Choice & Prime 70-110 lbs. 63.00-79.00; Choice 60-100 lbs. 55.00-66.00; Good 50-85 lbs. 45.00-57.00. Sl. ewes 5.00-23.00, few 31.00.

Colostrum is good for calves

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Many dairy farmers have found that colostrum is an excellent and low cost source of nutrients for raising young calves.

This "first milk" that cows produce after living also contains valuable antibodies that are passed on to calves.

According to Dr. Donald Otterby, animal scientist at the University of Minnesota, excess colostrum from the milking herd may be preserved, either by natural souring or by treating with acid and stored for later use. However, the acids formed during the fermentation process can reduce palatability — especially during hot weather — and calves may refuse to drink. Dairymen experiencing this problem may want to consider adding sodium bicarbonate, Otterby says.

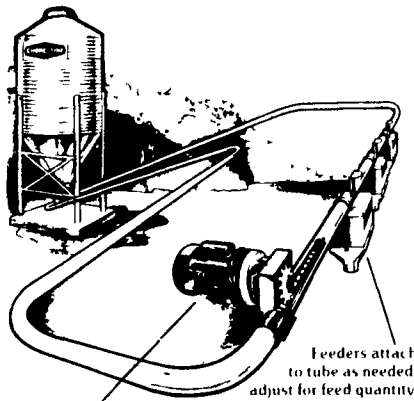
In a feeding trial, Minnesota

researchers added sodium bicarbonate to colostrum which had been acidified to a pH of 3.8 to 4.0 to duplicate natural fermentation conditions. Bicarb raised the pH level to 6.0.

Consumption indicated that sodium bicarbonate improved palatability of the colostrum. During the three-week trial, calves fed acidified colostrum refused almost 50 pounds of liquid. In contrast, calves fed acid colostrum neutralized with sodium bicarbonate refused less than three pounds of liquid during the trial.

"Before feeding, add bicarb at about 0.5 to 0.6 lb. per 100 pounds or about one ounce per gallon of colostrum," he says. "But even with bicarb added, fermented or acid-preserved colostrum should not be held for extreme periods. Three to four weeks is maximum for most situations."

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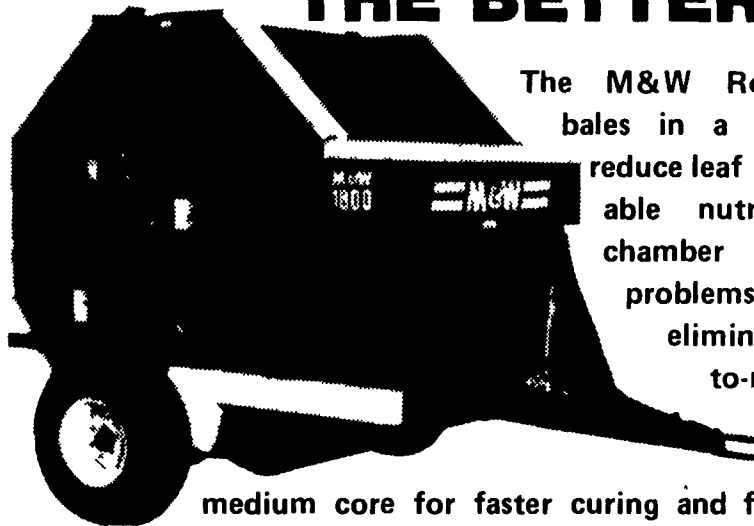
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