

### Chambersburg Livestock

Chambersburg, Pa.  
Thursday, June 28, 1984  
Report Supplied by PDA

**CATTLE:** 254. Compared with last Thursday's market: Sl. cows 1.50 lower Choice 1 1200 61.35; (few) Good 52.50-58.00 (few) Good & Choice Holstein 51.00-53.75; (few) Standard 42.85-50.00; Sl. heifers (few) Standard 45.50-46.50. Sl. Ewes Breaking Utility & Commercial 40.50-43.85; (few) Cutter & Boning Utility 37.00-42.00; Canner & L. Cutter 35.25-38.00; Shells down to 33.00; Sl. bullocks: (few) Standard 45.00-50.50; Sl. bulls: (few) Yield Grade No. 1, 1160-1840 lbs. 47.25-52.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers, Medium Frame No. 1, 390-850 lbs. 42.00-45.00.

**CALVES:** 483. (few) Prime 75.00; (few) Choice 60.00-70.00; (few) Good 55.00-60.00; Standard & Good 75-105 lbs. 50.00-59.00; Utility 60-85 lbs. 35.00-51.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Hol. Bulls 90-130 lbs. 60.00-100.00 mostly 75.00-90.00; Hol. Heifers 85-120 lbs. 57.00-82.00.

**HOGS:** 74. No. 1-3 205-215 lbs. 53.50-54.35; Sows US No. 1-3 265-565 lbs. 40.00-44.00; (few) Boars 34.25-38.75.

**FEEDER PIGS:** 5.

**SHEEP:** 18. (few) Choice 40.00-45.00. Spring/sl. lambs 49.00-59.00. 1 lot Sl. ewes: 22.00.

**GOATS:** 8. (few) Large 17.00-37.00 per head.

### Belleville Auction

Belleville, Pa.

Wednesday, June 27

Report supplied by PDA

**CATTLE:** 165. Compared with last Wednesday's market, few Standard slaughter steers 44.50-50.10. Few Standard slaughter heifers 45.00-51.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 42.00-46.35, Couple Beef Type to 52.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 40.00-43.50, Shells down to 34.00. Yield Grade No. 1 865-2325 lbs. slaughter bulls, 46.25-53.25.

**CALVES:** 184. Individual Choice Vealer at 71.00, Standard & Good 75-105 lbs. 51.00-56.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Holstein Bulls 90-135 lbs. 60.00-99.00 Mostly 80.00-95.00, Holstein heifers 85-130 lbs. 49.00-57.00.

**HOGS:** 271. US No. 1-2 210-245 lbs. barrows and gilts 54.25-55.10, No. 1-3 215-260 lbs. 53.00-54.50, No. 2-3 260-360 lbs. 44.00-49.00. US No. 1-3 350-675 lbs. sows 38.00-45.00. Boars 30.00-38.35.

**FEEDER PIGS:** 164. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. feeder pigs 18.00-27.50 per head, No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 26.00-35.50 per head.

**SHEEP:** 86. Good & Choice 40-80 lbs. Spring slaughter lambs 40.00-

52.00, Couple to 55.00. Slaughter ewes 8.50-22.00.

**GOATS:** 18. 15.00-37.00 per head. Holstein Dairy Cows 430.00-880.00, Couple 960.00 per head.

### Valley Livestock

Valley Stockyards

Athens, Pa.

Monday, June 25

Report supplied by auction

**Holstein Hfr. Calves to 61.00; Veal Calves 60.00-70.50; Vealer Bull Calves 65.00-91.00; Slaughter Calves 45.00-50.00; Grassers & Feeders 32.00-40.00; Lambs 40.00-48.50; Sheep 10.00-25.00; Hogs, 200 to 250 42.00-51.50; Sows 36.00-44.50; Boars 30.00-34.00; Pigs each 15.00-25.50; Heifers 41.00-46.25; Steers, medium 44.00-49.75; Steers, feeder 34.00-48.25; Bulls 44.00-54.50; Cows, utility 41.00-43.75; Cows, fat 41.00-43.00; Cows, medium 36.00-39.00; Cows, poor or small 28.00-36.00; Cattle Market steady; Calf Market easier; Horses 240.00-290.00; Ponies none; Goats each 8.00-51.00.**

### Weekly Summary

Friday, June 29

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**CATTLE:** 8372. Compared with 8574 head last week, and 6676 head a year ago. Compared with last Friday market: Slaughter steers uneven mostly steady spots 50-1.00 lower; Sl. heifers weak 2.00 lower; Sl. cows 1.00-1.50 lower most decline from middle of the week on! Sl. bullocks uneven; Sl. steers: High Choice & Prime Yield Grade 3-4 64.00-67.50; Choice Yield Grade 2-4 61.50-65.50; Good 55.00-59.00; Standard 49.00-55.50; Sl. heifers: Choice 57.64; Good 52.00-57.25; Standard 45.00-52.00; Sl. cows: Breaking Utility & Canner 42.00-45.50; Cutters & Boning Utility 37.00-43.50; Canner & L. Cutter 34.00-39.75; Shells down to 26.00. Sl. bullocks: (few) Standard 45.00-52.75; Sl. bulls: Yield Grade No. 1, 1000-2350 lbs. 49.00-57.00; Yield Grade No. 2 900-1400 lbs. 46.00-50.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** Steers, Medium Frame No. 1 350-850 lbs. 48.00-58.50; Heifers, Medium Frame No. 1 350-750 lbs. 43.00-49.00; Bulls: Medium Frame No. 1 350-850 lbs. 45.00-55.00.

**CALVES:** 4436. Compared with 4357 head last week and 3963 head a year ago. Vealers weak-5.00 lower. Spots 20.00 lower. (few) Prime 90.00-108.00; Choice 60.00-71.00; Good 50.00-61.00; Good 90-120 lbs. 50.00-60.00; 65-90 lbs. 42.00-52.00; Utility 50-100 lbs. 30.00-40.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Hol. Bulls 90-130 lbs. 60.00-100.00, mostly 75.00-95.00; Hol. Heifers 85-135 lbs. 49.00-82.00.

**HOGS:** 7504. Compared with 7021 head last week and 6965 head a year ago. Barrows and gilts mostly

steady \$1 higher. US No. 1-2 200-245 lbs. 53.00-55.75; No. 1-3 200-250 lbs. 50.50-54.50; No. 2-3 200-280 lbs. 48.00-50.50; (few) No. 1-3 140-190 lbs. 45.00-48.00; Sows steady 1.00 higher. US No. 1-3 300-585 lbs. 39.00-45.00; No. 2-3 300-650 lbs. 34.00-40.00. Boars 28.00-35.00.

**FEEDER PIGS:** 1447. Compared with 1633 head last week and 1532 a year ago. Uneven steady-5.00 lower. US No. 1-3 20-35 lbs. 15.00-37.00 per head; No. 1-3 35-50 lbs. 23.00-40.00; (few) No. 1-3 50-85 lbs. 33.00-50.00 per head.

**GRADED FEEDER PIGS:** 1703 all sales CWT. Compared with 2415 head last week, and 1941 head a year ago. Feeder Pigs highly uneven extremes 8.00 higher-7.00 lower. Spots 20.00 lower. US No. 1-2 30-40 lbs. 66.00-121.00, 40-50 lbs. 71.00-113.00, 50-60 lbs. 60.00-106.00, 60-75 lbs. 51.00-94.00, US No. 2-3 30-40 lbs. 60.00-107.00, 40-60 lbs. 50.00-90.00.

**SHEEP:** 1707. Compared with 1275 head last week and 1434 head a year ago. Spring sl. lambs steady-5.00 lower, High Choice & Prime 50-110 lbs. 54.00-68.00; Choice 40-110 lbs. 45.00-64.00; Good 40-100 lbs. 38.00-53.00; Sl. ewes: 8.00-22.00.

## Thin those fruit trees

**NEWARK, Del.** — For a healthy supply of orchard fruits every year, backyard gardeners should be prepared to thin their fruit crops in June, says University of Delaware extension agriculture agent Derby Walker.

Fruit trees naturally thin themselves this time of year, he points out. In a process called June drop, small, poorly pollinated fruits fall to the ground, leaving the healthier specimens on the tree. But gardeners can't always rely on nature to remove the right amount of fruit for optimal crop production.

If your fruit trees seem to be dropping too much fruit this year, it could mean that you applied an insecticide such as Sevin too soon after bloom, Walker says.

Often home fruit growers face the opposite problems — too much fruit left on the tree after June drop. Branches can break under the strain, resulting in yield loss for several seasons. Also, unthinned trees have more insect pests and diseases because it is difficult to get good spray coverage when fruits are touching each other. Peaches and apples

## Library adds new books

**STEWARTSTOWN** — A half-dozen new books have been added to the Stewartstown Library's "farm collection," according to librarian Dorothy Davis.

New volumes just added to the collection include: "The Pear," by Tom van Der Zwet; "Modern Fruit Science," by Norman Childers; "The Complete Guide to Beekeeping," by Roger Morse; "Technology of Wine Making," by M.A. Amerine; "Forage Crops," by Darrell Miller; and "Estate Planning," by Robert Holzman.

For further information on these new volumes, or other topics included in the farm collection, interested readers may contact Mrs. Davis at 717-993-2404.

## Westminster honors Armstrong

**NEW WILMINGTON** — Gibson E. Armstrong, resident of Refton and Representative in the State Legislature from District 100, was awarded an Alumni Achievement Citation by Westminster College, New Wilmington, at a recent special alumni ceremony.

A graduate with a degree in business from Westminster in the class of '65, Armstrong had been a resident of Lancaster County since his return from active duty in Viet Nam where he served in the United States Marine Corps.

First elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 1976, Armstrong is now serving in his fourth term. He is the Republican party's nominee for the State Senate seat, District 13, currently held by Richard A. Snyder, who declined to run for another term.

The plaque presented to Armstrong by the college reads, "Presented to Gibson E. Armstrong, 1984 Alumni Achievement Citation for Community Service". Since being elected to the House,

Mr. Armstrong has served on the Appropriations, Labor Relations, Consumer Affairs, Insurance, State Government and Veterans' Affairs Committees.

The Westminster alumnus is an active member of Boehm's United Methodist Church, Willow Street, and a member of the Willow Street Lions Club. He has also been active in Boy Scout work.

At Westminster Armstrong starred as a running back for four years on the Titan's outstanding football teams. He also was a member of the track team, setting a district record in the high hurdles. He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon social fraternity.

While serving with the Marines, where he attained the rank of captain, Armstrong saw action as an intelligence officer, a nuclear weapons courier and a top secret flight controller.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and their four children reside on a farm near Refton.

should be spaced so there is 6 to 10 inches between them. This allows enough space for each to develop to medium or large size, and permits sunlight to reach the fruit so it will color better.

Walker says it's best to grow a smaller number of large fruits than many small fruits. The core or pit of a small fruit is almost as big as that of a large fruit, so a tree that is not thinned wastes much of its energy growing inedible pits or cores. A thinned tree, on the other hand, produces good-sized fruit that is easier to harvest with less waste.

Thinning fruit trees now will also prevent a cycle of heavy crops followed by light crops. A heavy crop drains a tree of nutrients, resulting in reduced bud set in August and a small crop the following year. Thinning the fruit in a heavy year breaks the cycle, promoting a medium-sized crop

every year.

Chemical thinning is generally not practical for home gardeners, Walker says. Instead, remove by hand fruit that looks misshapen or smaller than the rest. Peaches can sometimes be thinned by striking the branch sharply with a hard hose or rubber mallet. Many of the weaker fruit will fall, although some final hand thinning may be necessary. The mallet approach will not work with apples, which must be hand-thinned one at a time, Walker says.



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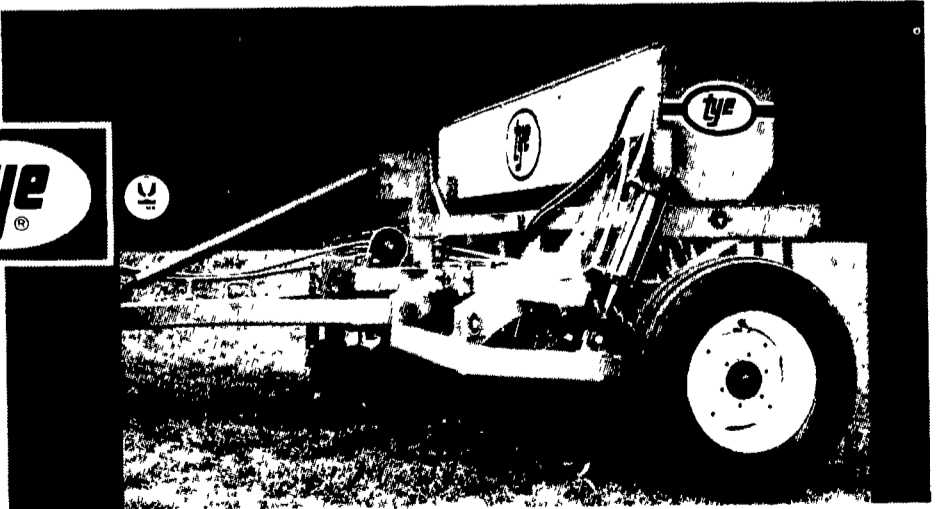
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