

Peach Market News

July 13-17

Report Supplied by PDA

The Peach Market News Service is beginning for 1984. A report will be issued weekly through Sept. 5, summarizing prices and market conditions from the previous weekend to Wednesday morning. All prices quoted in these reports are wholesale, truckload, f.o.b. at the orchard or packing house in Adams, Franklin, York and Berks Counties. While this report deals primarily with the peach and nectarine market, information on other fruit markets, such as early apples, pears and plums will be reported when received from reporting growers.

It is too early in the season for a general market report. Many growers have just begun picking early varieties; others have not yet started. Supplies are light and not enough to establish a genuine market.

Due to a large supply of peaches in the southern states, especially South Carolina and Georgia, prices there are lower than first anticipated. According to U.S.D.A. Crop Reporting Service, South Carolina will have 9.1 million bushels, 78% higher than 1983. Georgia will pick 3.1 million bushels, a 33% increase over last year.

Crop estimates from U.S.D.A.

reflect the effects of the long summer drought and the extreme cold winter we experienced last year. In the Eastern production area, every state north of Virginia shows a decline in production estimates from last year, while states south of Virginia show an estimated increase. On the national level, peach production is expected to be up by 40% over 1983.

The Pennsylvania peach crop is estimated by U.S.D.A. on July 1 at 1,770,833 bushels compared with 1,958,333 bushels in 1983, down 9.5%. Fruit development is about 10 days to 2 weeks behind 1983, due to the late spring and size is reported to be very good, due to the excessive rainfall that we've had so far this summer.

The crop forecasts for nearby states indicates that they are all down from 1983. The New Jersey crop is estimated to be 729,166 bushels compared to 1,979,166 bushels in 1983, down 63%. Winter kill is attributed to this large decline. Maryland will have 395,833 bushels down by 13.7%. West Virginia will pick 302,083 bushels, down 30.8%. The New York crop will be 333,333 bushels, down 31%. The Ohio crop is estimated to be 41,656 bushels, down 71%. The Virginia estimate is 666,666 bushels, up 25%.

Prices summarized this week are from states where markets are established.

Georgia: 2 1/2" up - 3/4 bu. all

varieties \$6.00-7.00 f.o.b.; 2"-2 1/4" Min. - 3/4 bu. all varieties 2.75-3.25 f.o.b.

South Carolina: 2 1/2" up - 3/4 bu. - all varieties \$5.00-6.00 mo. \$5.50; 2"-2 1/4" min. 3/4 bu. all varieties 3.50. This 2" size show very few sales and quality is very good. 1/2 bu. baskets - roadside markets \$3.00-4.00.

New Jersey: Darby and Dixie Red - 38# box, field run \$6.00.

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, July 19

Report supplied by USDA

Receipts This Week 4,000
Week Ago 3,500
Year Ago 3,900

Compared with the previous week's close, Slaughter Steers fully steady. Slaughter Heifers weak to .50 lower. Cows and Bulls 2.00 lower. Slaughter supply mainly Choice Slaughter Steers and Mixed Good and Choice Heifers, around 15% Cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1275 lbs. 67.00-67.50, several 67.00-67.25, part load 2-3 1125 lbs. 67.75. Choice 2-4 1000-1250 lbs. 65.00-67.00; 900-1000 lbs. 61.00-64.00; 850-900 lbs. 60.00-61.00. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 61.00-64.00. Good 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 59.00-61.00; 850-900 lbs. 57.00-59.00. Mostly Good 2-3 1050-1400 lbs. Holsteins 52.00-57.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few lots mostly Choice, few Prime 2-4 925-1075 lbs. 64.50, part load 65.00.

Choice 2-4 900-1100 lbs. 63.00-64.50, mostly 63.00-64.00; 800-900 lbs. 59.00-62.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 900-1000 lbs. 59.00-62.50. Good 2-3 750-950 lbs. 56.00-59.00; 700-750 lbs. 52.00-56.00.

COWS: (Closing week sales) breaking Utility and Commercial 2-4 37.00-39.00. Cutter and Boning Utility 1-2 37.00-39.00. High-yielding boning Utility 1-2 39.00-40.00. Canner and low Cutter 1-2 33.00-37.00. Shelly canner 1-2 30.00-33.00; 650-800 lbs. 28.00-31.00.

BULLS: YG 1-2 1100-1800 lbs. 44.00-51.00, closing sales 44.00-49.00.

Wednesday's weekly sheep auction. Receipts around 400 head. Compared to last week, spring Slaughter Lambs 5.00-7.00 lower. Slaughter Ewes steady. Feeder Lambs 5.00-6.00 lower. Supply moderate, demand light to moderate.

SPRING SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 100-120 lbs. 55.00-59.00, mostly 58.00-59.00; 90-100 lbs. 52.00-57.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Few Utility to Good 9.00-13.00.

FEEDER LAMBS: Few Choice and Fancy 75-95 lbs. 46.00-47.50.

FEEDERS: (Including around 900 at the regular Thursday auction.) Feeder steers and feeder heifers steady, except steers over 800 lbs. 1.00-2.00 higher. Trading moderately active, demand good, supply moderate.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and large frame 1: 300-500 lbs. 64.00-66.00; 500-600 lbs. 62.00-63.00; 600-800 lbs. 59.00-64.00; 800-1,000 lbs. 59.00-62.50.

Medium and large frame 1-2: few 300-700 lbs. 56.00-60.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and large frame 1: Few 300-400 lbs. 52.00-54.00; 400-600 lbs. 53.00-56.50. Medium and large frame 1-2: Few 300-400 lbs. 43.00-51.00; Few 600-700 lbs. 43.00-47.00.

Indiana Livestock Auction

Homer City, Pa.

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CATTLE: 197. Compared with last Thursday's market: Slaughter steers fully steady; Sl. cows .50-1.00 lower. Sl. steers; Choice 63.00-66.50; Good 56.00-63.50; Standard 50.00-56.00; (few) Utility 46.00-50.50. Sl. heifers: (few) Choice 59.00-61.00; Good 54.00-59.00; Standard 48.50-53.00; Utility 43.00-48.75. Sl. cows: Breaking Utility & Commercial 42.00-45.50, one at 49.75, Cutter & Boning Utility 38.00-42.50; Canner & L. Cutter 30.00-38.00; Shells down to 26.00. Sl. bullocks: two Choice at 56.00; (few) Good 53.00-55.00. Sl. bulls: (few) Yield Grade No. 1 1300-1800 lbs. 47.50-53.50; Yield Grade No. 2 950-1400 lbs. 44.00-48.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, (few) Large Frame No. 2 450-600 lbs. 40.00-46.50. Heifers, (few) Medium Frame No. 1 500-700 lbs. 45.00-50.00.

CALVES: 120. (few) Choice 66.50-76.00; (few)m Good 58.00-64.00; Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 50.00-58.00; 60-85 lbs. 40.00-50.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 68.00-80.00.

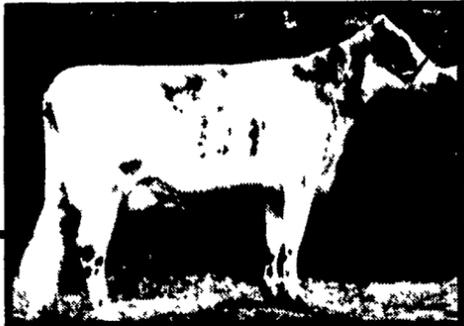
HOGS: 225. Barrows and gilts .75-1.00 lower. US No. 1-2 210-250 lbs. 55.10-56.25; No. 1-3 205-260 lbs. 54.00-55.20; No. 2-3 240-290 lbs. 52.00-54.00; few No. 1-3 180-190 lbs. 52.00-53.00; Sows US No. 1-3 400-600 lbs. 41.00-43.50; No. 2-3 350-650 lbs. 36.50-41.50. Boars 31.50-38.00.

FEEDER PIGS 58. US No. 1-3 25-40 lbs. 18.00-31.00 per head.

SHEEP: 28. Lot high Choice 90 lbs. 60.00; lot Good 75 lbs. 50.00. Sl. ewes: 8.00-14.00.

GOATS: 9. 10.00-46.00 per head.

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(Production and Type Averages For Cows Bred By Owner)

Years of C.B.A. Awards	% Bred	No. Cows in Avg.	Mature Equivalent 2X			Converted M.E. 4% Milk
			Milk	Average %	Fat	
24	100	108	19,465	4.1	806	19,875

LEADING DHIR AVERAGE (RECORD COMPUTED TO AN M.E. 2X, 4% BASIS)

Cows	Milk	Actual %	Fat	Mature Equivalent		M.E. 4% Milk
				Milk	Fat	
108	17,825	4.2	748	19,465	806	19,875

25,000 LB. RECORDS (ACTUAL MILK IN 305 DAYS 2X)

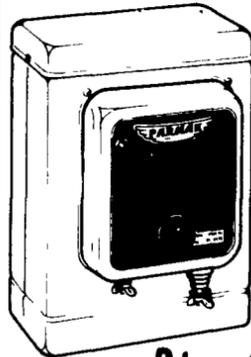
Ardrossan S. Bell Ring 802548	8-07	26,710	987
Ardrossan Classic Pearlina 836906	5-08	26,620	1105
Ardrossan Classic Betty 7988836	9-03	25,110	955
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