

Weekly Summary

Harrisburg, Pa.
Friday, December 14
16 Livestock Mkts.

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 5711. Compared with 5830 head last week, and 6589 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market: slaughter steers unevenly steady, heifers mostly steady to 1.00 lower, cows mostly 1.00-2.00 higher, bullocks steady to 1.00 lower, bulls strong to 2.00 higher. Sl. steers: Few high Choice & Prime 3-4 69.00-73.10, Choice 2-4 65.00-70.25, Good 57.00-64.00, Standard 49.00-57.00. Sl. heifers: Choice 60.00-66.00, Good 52.00-60.50, Standard 44.00-52.00. Sl. cows: Breaking Utility & Commercial 36.50-41.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 34.00-38.50, Canner & low Cutter 28.00-34.50, shells down to 22.00. Sl. bullocks: Choice 58.00-61.85, Good 52.00-58.50. Sl. bulls: Yield Grade 1 1000-1850 lbs. 44.50-53.25; Yield Grade 2 900-1500 lbs. 39.00-48.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, Medium Frame 1 300-650 lbs. 46.00-56.00; Medium Frame 2 300-650 lbs. 40.00-49.00. Heifers, Medium

Frame 1 325-700 lbs. 40.00-52.00; Medium Frame 2 300-700 lbs. 34.00-45.00. Bulls, Medium Frame 1 350-900 lbs. 45.00-58.75.

CALVES: 4258. Compared with 4654 head last week, and 4401 head a year ago. Uneven, mostly steady to 5.00 higher. Few Prime 92.00-114.00, Choice 72.00-95.00, Good 60.00-75.00; 110-130 lbs. 53.00-70.00, 90-110 lbs. 42.00-51.00, 65-90 lbs. 34.00-46.00. Hol. bulls 90-130 lbs. 47.00-49.00, mostly 60.00-75.00; heifers 85-140 lbs. 48.00-68.00.

HOGS: 6411. Compared with 7218 head last week, and 7401 head a year ago. Steady to 1.00, spots 2.00 higher. US 1-2 210-245 lbs. 51.50-54.25; 1-3 200-255 lbs. 49.00-53.00, 2-3 220-285 lbs. 48.00-52.00, 1-3 140-190 lbs. 39.00-46.00; Sows mostly .50-1.00 lower. 300-600 lbs. 38.00-44.00; 2-3 300-650 lbs. 36.50-40.00. Boars 30.00-40.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 968. Compared with 1294 head last week, and 1037 head a year ago. Uneven, mostly steady to 3.00 lower. 20-35 lbs. 15.00-25.00, 35-50 lbs. 21.00-33.00, 50-85 lbs. 28.00-45.00.

3 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES: 2362. Compared with 2330

Ag policy symposium planned

MEMPHIS, Tn. — The 1985 National Agribusiness Policy Symposium will be held at the Airport Hilton Inn, Memphis, Feb.

head last week, and 2559 head a year ago. Feeder pigs uneven, mostly steady to 8.00 higher. US 1-2 20-30 lbs. 112.00-150.00, 30-40 lbs. 94.00-120.00, 40-50 lbs. 92.00-109.00, 50-60 lbs. 85.00-99.00, 60-100 lbs. 64.00-88.00; 2-3 30-40 lbs. 96.00-128.00, 50-55 lbs. 85.00-88.00. All sales per hundredweight basis.

SHEEP: 1605. Compared with 1567 head last week, and 1193 head a year ago. Woolled lambs unevenly steady. High Choice & Prime 70-120 lbs. 62.00-74.00; Choice 70-110 lbs. 55.00-68.00; Good 40-100 lbs. 45.00-58.00; new lambs Christmas market Choice & Prime 25-50 lbs. 100.00-168.00; Good & Choice 25-45 lbs. 95.00-130.00; Choice 50-70 lbs. 75.00-100.00. Sl. sheep: 15.00-28.00.

18-20. The symposium is sponsored by Agricenter International and will feature top agricultural policy experts and panelists from national organizations and agribusiness firms.

The goal of this symposium is to provide an opportunity for agribusiness leaders to discuss prior agricultural policies and to develop recommendations to be considered in the 1985 Farm Bill. One of the speakers selected to achieve this goal is G. Edward Schuh, professor and head of the department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Minnesota. Schuh will be taking a position at the World Bank in Washington, D.C., as Director of Agricultural and Rural Development, effective Dec. 1.

"The Symposium will allow for dialogue in a neutral environment which should prove very beneficial

as work on the Farm Bill legislation begins," Van Oliphant, Memphis State University and Chairman of the Agricenter Agri-Institute Committee, said. "Early response to the Symposium invitations by agribusiness leaders confirms our belief that the 1985 Farm Bill is the hottest topic in agricultural circles across the nation and in Washington, D.C.," Dick Sneddon, Agricenter President, said. "We are looking for significant recommendations from major agribusiness firms. They realize more than ever that an ailing farm economy has a direct impact on the agribusiness industry and our nation's economy," he said.

For more information on the 1985 National Agribusiness Policy Symposium, contact Julie Emmett, Agricenter International, 7777 Walnut Grove Road, Memphis, Tennessee 38119.

12 plant varieties protected

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has issued certificates of protection for 12 new varieties of corn, red fescue, pea, perennial ryegrass and soybeans.

Kenneth H. Evans, an official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said developers of the new varieties will have the exclusive right to reproduce their products in the United States for 18 years. Certificates of protection are granted after a review of the breeders' records and claims that each new variety is novel, uniform and stable.

The corn varieties protected are LH143, developed by Holden's Foundation Seeds, Inc., Williamsburg, Iowa; and G35 and B47, developed by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Johnston, Iowa.

The red fescue being protected is Moncorde, developed by Mommmersteeg International B.V., Vligmen, The Netherlands.

The new protected pea variety is Frontier, developed by Wisconsin Crop Improvement Association, Madison, Wis.

The perennial ryegrass variety being protected is Lorina, developed by Saatucht Steinach, ub. Straubing, West Germany.

The newly protected soybean varieties include Hartz 6383, Hartz 5370, Hartz 7126 and Hartz 5252, all developed by Jacob Hartz Seed Co., Inc., Stuttgart, Ark. Asgrow Seed Company, Kalamazoo, Mich., also developed two new varieties of soybeans, A4997 and A3966.

The plant variety protection program is administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service and provides protection to developers of new and distinctive seed-reproduced plants ranging from farm crops to flowers.



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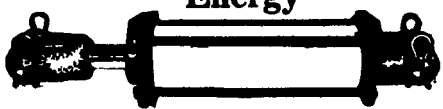


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