

HOG MARKETS

New Holland Hogs

New Holland Sales Stables
Monday, December 24
Report supplied by USDA

Today 860
Last Monday 1898
Last Year 1398
TREND: Compared to last Monday barrows and gilts .50 lower early, later sales firm to .50 higher.
BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 210-250 lb. 53.00-54.00, early 52.00-53.00.
US 1 Few 200-250 lb. 54.00-56.00.
US 1-3 200-260 lb. 51.00-52.00, few late 52.00-53.00.

Peoria Hogs

Thursday, December 27
Report supplied by USDA

3000. Barrows and gilts moderate, .50 lower.
BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 210-250 lb. 50.00-50.50, 150 head 50.75-51.00. US 1-3 200-260 lb. 49.00-50.00.
SOWS: Uneven, mostly steady. (19%) US 1-3 300-450 lb. 38.50-39.00, some 39.50; 450-500 lb. 43.00-44.00; 500-650 lb. 44.00-45.00, bulk 44.50-45.00.

Four States Livestock

Hagerstown, Md.
Wednesday, December 19
Report supplied by Auction

SLAUGHTER: Fed Steers- No Choice offered. Good 54.00-54.50; Medium 53.00 down. Heifers- Good 46.00-48.75; Medium 40.00-45.00. Cows- Large run 1.00 lower. High Yield 39.00-41.00; Average 35.00-38.00; Big Middle 31.00-34.00; Fatty Herf. 32.00-37.00; Shelly 33.00 down. Fat Bulls- \$2.00 higher. Individual at 53.75. Good 46.00-49.75; Medium 42.00-45.00. Veal Calves- Very active, 3.00 higher. Choice 85.00-94.00; Good 70.00-84.00; Medium 60.00-69.00; Farm Hfrs. 53.00-57.50; Farm Bulls 65.00-76.50; Light Calves 44.00-52.00; Weak Calves 43.00 down Lambs- Few offered. Medium 58.00-60.00. Sows- 500-750 lbs. 40.00-42.00; 300-450 lbs. 40.00-44.00; Thin Sows 33.00-39.00.

STOCKER: Steers- 300-550 lbs. Steady prices. Choice 59.00-63.00; Good 53.00-58.00; Medium 48.00-52.00; Culls 47.00. Steers 600-850 lbs.- Choice 56.00-60.00; Good 50.00-55.00; Medium 49.00 down. Heifers (All Weights)- Choice 44.00-48.50; Good 40.00-43.00; Medium 35.00-39.00. Bulls- Choice 52.00-54.00; Good 47.00-51.00; Medium 42.00-46.00. Springing Heifers to 725.00. Pigs, Hd. 3.00 to 5.00 higher. 20-35 lbs. 22.00-37.00; 40-70 lbs. 38.00-54.00. Shoats by Lb.- 47.00-50.00. Slaughter Hogs- 1.50 lower. 200-230 lbs. 49.00-49.60; 240-280 lbs. 46.75-48.50.

Indianapolis Hogs

Thursday, December 27
Report supplied by USDA

1300. Barrows & gilts very slow, under 250 lb. mostly 75-1.00 lower than Wednesday's early bulk sales, instances steady over 260 lb.
BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 200-250 lb. 50.00-50.50, 60 head 50.75. US 1-3 couple lots 285-300 lb. 46.00-47.50.
SOWS: Slow, mostly 2.00-3.50 higher. (13) US 1-3 350-500 lb. 39.00-40.00; 500-700 lb. 40.00-44.50.
BOARS: Over 300 lb. 32.00-33.00; under 250 lb. 36.50.

St. Louis Hogs

Thursday, December 27
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5500. Barrows & gilts moderately active; steady to 1.00 lower.
BARROWS & GILTS: US 1-2 210-240 lb. 50.00 to mostly 50.50; 200-210 lb. 49.50-50.00; 240-260 lb. 49.00-49.50. US 1-3 260-270 lb. 48.00.
SOWS: All weights steady. (About 8%) US 1-3 300-500 lb. 40.50; 500-600 lb. 43.00-45.00.
BOARS: Over 250 lb. 37.50; under 250 lb. 37.00-37.50.

Westminster Livestock Auction

Westminster, Pa.

Tuesday, December 18

Report supplied by auction
SLAUGHTER COWS: Active \$1.00 higher. Utility 37.00-40.25; Utility 37.00-40.25; Cannors 34.00-38.00; Shelly 33.00 down. Bulls- Few offered. Standard to 40.50. Fed Steers- Steady prices. Choice 62.00-65.75; Good 55.00-61.00. Fed Heifers- Few Commercial 41.00-44.50. Veal Calves- Few Good 125-150 lbs. 50.00-60.00; Killers 80-110 lbs. 45.00-51.00; Weak/Rough 30.00 down. Farm Calves- Holstein Bulls 95-120 lbs. 60.00-78.50; 85-95 lbs. 50.00-63.00. Butcher Hogs- Steady prices. US #1&2 215-240 lbs. 50.75. US #1&3 220-260 lbs. 48.00-49.00; 300-360 lbs. 42.00-47.00. Sows- Few offered 340-505 lbs. 34.50-37.00. Boars- Few to 31.50.

STOCK CATTLE: 50 head, no fair test. Steers- Few offered. 300-750 lbs. 50.00-56.50; 850-950 lbs. 49.00-55.50. Heifers- 300-700 lbs. 38.00-44.00. Bulls- 300-800 lbs. 40.00-46.50. Lambs- 25 head, strong demand. 50-70 lbs. 62.00-85.00, mainly 65.00-73.00; 125-140 lbs. 40.00-45.00; Feeders 72 lbs. 47.50. Sheep- 7 head. 14.00-22.00. Goats- 30 head. Kids & Mature Nannys 26.00-35.00; Mature Billys 50.00-55.00. Pigs & Shoats- 100 head. By the head- 15-25 lbs. 10.00-20.00; 30-55 lbs. 23.00-36.50; 60-95 lbs. 37.00-50.00. By the pound- 130-180 lbs. 42.00-46.50. Stock Boars- 200-250 lbs. 35.00-38.00. Hay- 9 loads. Good Alfalfa 69.00-99.00 per ton; Mixed Hay 53.00-85.00 per ton.

Frederick Co. Hay and Straw

Buckeystown, Md.

Thursday, December 27

Report supplied by auction
72 loads. Market weaker to \$20 lower. Demand fair.
Alfalfa, 8 loads fair to good, 90.00-131.00; 11 loads fair, some dark, 67.50-83.00; timothy, 16 loads fair to good, 90.00-104.00; alfalfa, mixed, 4 loads fair to good, 89.00-114.00; timothy mixed, 3 loads good, 87.50-90.00; 1 load dark, 65.00; stubble hay, 65.00; straw, 6 loads, some dark, 65.00-97.50; fire wood, 8 loads hardwood, 64.00-72.00/cord; 8 loads mixed, 35.00-54.00/cord.

U.S. Inspected Livestock Slaughter

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
Estimated Daily Livestock				
Week To Date (Est.)	310,000	31,000	788,000	71,000
Same Pd. Lt. Wk. (Est.)	532,000	52,000	1,280,000	104,000
Same Pd. Lt. Yr. (Act)	397,000	36,000	992,000	79,000

Chicago Grain Futures

(Closing Bids as of Thursday, December 27)

Mo.	Corn	Wheat	Soybeans	Soybean Meal
Jan.			5.76 ¹ / ₄	140.40
March	2.66 ¹ / ₂	3.45	5.90 ¹ / ₄	146.40
May	2.74	3.38 ³ / ₄	6.03 ³ / ₄	152.20
July	2.77	3.32	6.13 ¹ / ₄	157.40
Aug.			6.17 ¹ / ₂	160.50
Sept.	2.74	3.33 ¹ / ₂		
Dec.	2.71	3.43 ³ / ₄		

Trends - Corn - Weaker; Wheat - Weaker; Soybeans - Weaker; Soybean Meal - Weaker.

Futures Trading

(Closing Bids as of Thursday, December 27)

Mo.	Chicago Cattle	Chicago Hogs	NY Maine Potatoes
Feb.	66.62	53.80	
April	67.85	50.40	
May			3.93
June	67.82		
July		55.12	
Aug.	66.20	53.90	
Oct.	63.87	49.00	

Trends - Cattle - Stronger; Hogs - Stronger.

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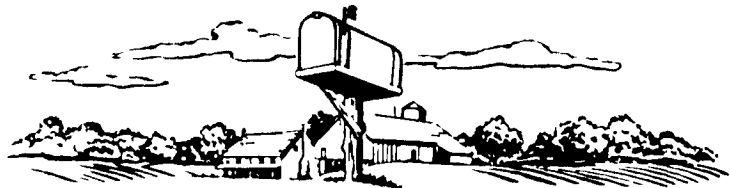
For market information contact Ken Smoker or Ollie Nagle at 717-397-5136.

NOTICE: Weekly Feeder Pig Sale Will Be Held On Fri., Jan. 4th.

- HOLIDAY SCHEDULE -
WE WILL BE OPEN FOR BUSINESS MONDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1984.
CATTLE AUCTION WILL START AT 8:00 A.M. AND THE HOG AUCTION AT NOON. NO MARKET ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

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