Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Weekly Thursday, April 18 Report supplied by USDA

Slaughter Steers and Heifers prices moved sharply downward this session with closing levels mostly 2.50 lower than a week ago. At week's end, prices stood at their lowest points since October 1982. Broad downturns in dressed beef realizations proved the major factor in the lower trade with most interests quite bearish at week's end. An increased number of steers weighing over 1300 lbs. took the brunt of the decline when outlets narrowed for this kind. Choice Steers weighing 1100-1200

lbs., suitable for C.M.E. deliveries, enjoyed the best of the market as buyers filled out some of the 75 loads delivered here this week. Overall finish continued excellent, while yield grade 4 percentages showed some increase. Slaughter Cows steady-1.00 lower, decrease on breaking Utility and Commercial. Bulls steady.

Estimated 5 day receipts 9700; actuals last week 11,185 and last year 8023. Steers comprised 49 pct of the week's receipts; Heifers 43 pct; Cows 5 pct; Feeders 2 pct.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: at the close, Choice 2-4 1075-1350 lbs. 56.50-58.00. Several lots Choice 3-4

1350-1450 54.00-56.50. Mixed Good and Choice 2-3 1000-1150 lbs. 55.50-57.00. Few Good 54.00-56.00. Few lots Mixed Good and CHoice 2-3 1200-1400 lb. Holsteins 50.50-51.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 975-1150 lbs. 55.50-56.00, load and package 57.00, load Choice 3-4 53.00. Mixed good and Choice 2-3 900-1050 lbs. 54.50-56.00. Good 53.00-54.50.

Average of LS-214 detailed quotations for 900-1100 lb. Choice Steers 57.60; 1100-1300 lbs. 58.10. Average cost Steers 58.05, average weight 1217 lbs.; as compared 59.18 and 1226 lbs. a week ago. Average cost Heifers 56.88, average weight

1065 lbs.; as compared 58.02 and 1065 lbs. a week ago.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-3 40.25-43.00. Cutter and boning Utility 1-2 39.00-42.25, few high dressing individuals to 44.50. Canner and low Cutter 37.25-39.00, low dressing to 33.00.

BULLS: 1-2 few 48.00-48.75.

Greencastle Livestock

Greencastle, Pa. Monday, April 15

CATTLE 469. Butcher Steers-Choice up to 59.25; Butcher Steers-Medium-Good 50.00-58.00; Butcher Heifers- Choice 54.00-56.00; Butcher Heifers- Medium-Good 45.00-54.50; Butcher Cows- Utility-Good 40.00-44.00, Few to 46.25; Butcher Cows- Canners and Cutters 37.00-43.00; Butcher Cows- Shells 37.00 and down; Butcher Bulls- Medium-Good 46.00-57.00; Stock Steers-Medium-Good up to 67.00; Stock Heifers- Medium-Good 56.50.

CALVES 301. Medium-Good Calves 160-220 lbs. 65.00-87.00; Medium-Good Calves 125-160 lbs. 60.00-75.00; Medium-Good Calves 100-120 lbs. 55.00-65.00; Medium-Good Calves 80-100 lbs. 48.00-60.00; Holstein Bull Calves up to 96.00; Holstein Heifer Calves 70.00; Light and Green Calves down to 30.00.

SHEEP and LAMBS 15. Butchering Ewes and Bucks 15.00-21.00.

HOGS 247. Good-Choice Butcher Hogs 190-225 lbs. 39.00-42.50; Good-Choice Butcher Hogs 225-250 lbs. 41.00-42.50; Good-Choice Butcher Sows 400 lbs. down, up to 39.00; Good-Choice Butcher Sows 400 lbs. up 41.00; Heavy Boars up to 30.00; Pigs - Per Head 20.00-33.00.

23 Loads Hay & Straw 55.00-100.00 per ton.

Penns Valley Livestock

Centre Hall, Pa. Tuesday, April 16 Report supplied by Auction

Beef Cows: Utility and Commercial 40.75-43.00; Cutters 38.25-40.50; Canners 35.75-38.00; Shells 22.00.

Heifers: Commercial 42.75-48.00.

Steers: Good 50.50-54.75;

Standard 44.00-49.50.

Bulls: Good 50.50-51.00;
Standard 46.75-48.00.

Feeder Cattle: 300-500 lbs. large frame 49.00-61.00; 300-500 lbs. small frame 44.00-50.00; 500-700 lbs. large frame 48.00-58.00; 500-700 lbs. small frame 46.00-55.00.

Veal Calves: Choice 69.00-75.00; Good 56.00-68.00; Standard 49.00-55.00; Utility 43.00-48.00.

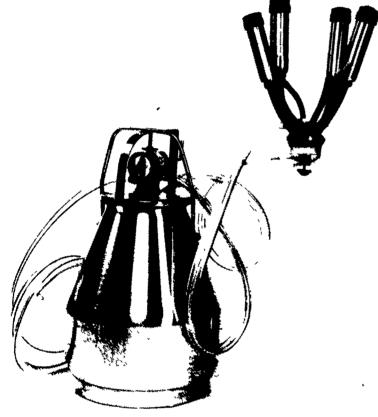
Farm Calves: Bulls 58.00-79.00; Heifers 55.00-77.00.

Hogs: 38.50-43.00. Sows: 36.50-39.50. Boars: 29.50-32.25.

Shoats: 25-30 lbs. per head 17.50-30.00; 30-35 lbs. per head 35.00-60.00; 35-50 lbs. per head 48.00-85.00.

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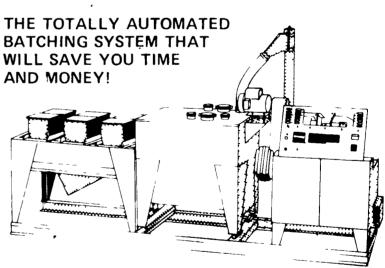
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