Livestock market and auction news

Livestock Hackettstown, NJ Tuesday, May 14 Report supplied by auction Calves- 22.00-95.00. Cows 21.00-48.75. Easy Cows 16.00-38.50. Heifers 33.00-49.00. Bulls 42.25-53.00. Steers 43.00-55.75. Hogs 29.50-39.50. Roasting Pigs, each 25.00-36.00. Boars 32.00-34.00. Sows 30.00-34.00. Sheep 20.00-51.00. Lambs, each 30.00-52.00. Lambs, per lb. .54-1.14.

North Jersey

Weekly Summary

Goats, each 22.00-91.00.

Kids, each 6.00-39.00.

Total 1101.

Harrisburg, Pa. Friday, May 17 Report Supplied by PDA 15 Livestock Markets

CATTLE: 7322. Compared with 7729 head last week, and 7943 head a year ago. Compared wiuth last Friday's summary: Sl. Steers steady to 3.00 higher, sl. heifer steady to 2.00 higher, sl. cows mostly .75-1.50 higher, Sl. bullocks steady to strong, sl. bulls strong to 2.00 higher. Sl. Steers: Choice & Prime Yield Grade 3-4 55.00-59.85, few 60.50; Choice 2-4 54.00-59.00, Good 50.00-54.75, Standard 45.00-51.00. Sl. Heifers: Choice Yield Grade 52.00-57.00, Good 48.00-53.50, Standard 43.00-48.50. Sl. Cows: Breaking Utility & Commercial 41.00-44.50, few at 48.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 39.50-43.50, few to 44.50, Canner & low Cutter 37.00-40.50, some down to 32.00, Shells down to 30.00. Sl. Bullocks: Choice 52.00-56.75, Good 50.00-54.00, few Standard 46.75-50.85. Sl. Bulls: Yield Grade 1 1000-2050 lbs. 46.50-54.00, Yield Grade 2 900-1450 lbs. 43.00-48.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Large Frame 2 350-750 lb. steers 45.00-57.00; Medium Frame 1 325-650 lbs. 55.00-69.00. Heifers Medium Frame 1 300-850 lbs. 45.00-59.00. Bulls Med. Frame 1 500-950 lbs. 46.00-59.00.

CALVES: 2959. Compared with 3007 head last week, and 3660 head a year ago. Vealers steady to 2.00. spots 5.00 lower. Prime 100.00-116.00, Choice 85.00-100.00, some down to 75.00, Good 62.00-85.00, Standard and Good 110-130 lbs. 58.00-73.00, 90-110 lbs. 50.00-58.00,

65-90 lbs. 43.00-53.00; Utility 50-95 lbs. 30.00-45.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. bulls 90-125 lbs. 55.00-94.00, mostly 63.00-87.00. Hol. heifers 90-130 lbs. 54.00-

HOGS: 6416. Compared with 6039 head last week, and 6900 head a year ago. Barrows and Gilts .50-1.00, spots to 2.00 higher. US 1-2 210-245 lbs. 43.00-44.60, some to 45.75;; 1-3 210-250 lbs. 42.00-43.50, some to 44.00; 2-3 220-285 lbs. 39.00-42.00, some down to 36.00; 1-3 140-200 lbs. 37.00-40.00. Sows steady to 2.00 lower, US 1-3 300-600 lbs. 32.00-39.50, few to 41.00; 2-3 300-685 lbs. 30.00-34.50. Boars 28.00-35.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 966. Compared with 846 head last week, and 897 head year ago. Feeder pigs steady to strong US 1-3 20-35 lbs 20.0035.00 per head; 1-3 35-50 lbs. 31.00-46.00.

SHEEP: 1091. Compared with 1007 head last week, and 1611 head a year ago. Spring sl. lambs uneven. High Choice and Prime 70-110 lbs. 78.00-86.00; Choice 30-50 lbs. 80.00-102.00, 50-105 lbs. 69.00-78.00; Good 35-100 lbs. 52.00-70.00. Sl. ewes 10.00-25.00 few at 35.00.

3 GRADED FEEDER PIGS SALES: 2391. Compared with 2399 head last week, and 2130 head a year ago. Feeder pig weights under 40 lbs. uneven, over 40 lbs. 5.00-12.00 higher. US 1-2 20 -40 lbs. 90.00-120.00, few at 134.00, 40-50 lbs. 82.00-110.00, 50-60 lbs. 75.00-98.00, 60-70 lbs. 71.00-91.00, US 2-3 20-40 lbs. 66.00-98 00, 40-60 lbs. 60.00-

Indiana Livestock

Homer City, Pa. Thursday, May 16 Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 166. Compared with last week's market: Steers strong to .50 higher, cows .50 to 1.00 higher. Sl. Steers: High Choice & Prime 58.00-60.50, Choice 55.25-58.25, Good 51.50-54.00, Standard 44.50-51.00. Sl. Heifers: Choice 54.00-57.50, Good 51.00-53.50. Sl. Cows: Breaking Utility & Commercial 40.50-44.50, Cutter & Boning Utility 38.25-41.00, Canner & low Cutter 32.25-38.50. Sl. Bulls: few Yield Grade 1 1400-1940 lbs. 48.00-54.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: few Medium Frame 1 400-600 lb. steers 50.00-64.00.

CALVES: 177. Mostly steady. Choice vealers 75.00-86.00, few Good 62.00-70.00, 90-120 lbs. Standard and Good 54.00-60.00, 60-85 lbs. 44.00-54.00.

HOGS: 251. .75-1.00 lower. US 1-2 200-250 lbs. 40.80-42.00; 1-3 205-255 lbs. 39.50-41.00; few 2-3 240-260 lbs. 35.50-37.00; 1-3 360-560 lb. Sows 36.00-38.00, 2-3 400-600 lbs. 35.00-

FEEDER PIGS: 10. Few US 1-3 30-40 lbs. 21.00-24.00 per head.

SHEEP: 42. Few High Choice & Prime 90-95 lb. spring lambs 74.00-78.00; Choice 50-75 lbs. 60.50-70.00.

Measure acreage before planting spring crops

WASHINGTON - Before planting spring crops that may be covered by acreage reduction and have crops measured prior to crop land diversion program in 1985, farmers should request pre-measurement of their acreages.

Farmers should make sure that they don't lose program benefits because of failure to comply with acreage requirements, officials said. To be eligible for price support loans, target prices and other program benefits, farm program participants are required to report actual planted acreages.

Before crop planting time, ASCS will stake and measure any type of acreage, or portions thereof, that a farmer requests. To be assured that program requirements are met, producers must plant within the stakes that are placed when the land is pre-measured. After planting, they are required to report their crop acreages to

Pre-measurement is important in helping farmers decide which land to devote to the acreage conservation reserve and which fields to plant.

The service costs of \$12 plus hourly rate of \$.15 includes measuring, referencing and marking fields with stakes prior to planting. Acres pre-measured by ASCS are guaranteed for the program year.

Other producer services include measuring total cropland, field or subdivisions to be planted and land areas for other purposes. Fees vary, depending on the type of service rendered.

Early measurement service is available to producers who wish to

acreage certification for compliance purposes.

County ASCS offices provide

these services. Contact the county office immediately for prompt

Penn State names Hinish interim agriculture dean

UNIVERSITY PARK - Dr. W. Wayne Hinish has been named interim dean of the College of Agriculture and director of both the Cooperative Extension Service and the Agricultural Experiment Station at The Pennsylvania State University, effective June 1. He has served as the associate dean and associate director of the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service since January 1983.

Prior to that he was interim associate dean for Extension and assistant dean and assistant director for administration, management and training for the Extension service.

Dr. Hinish, a professor of agronomy, also served as coordinator of Extension agronomy programs from 1977 to 1980 and was in charge of the Penn State Soil Testing Program from 1956 to 1980. He has been a member of the faculty since 1954.

Making the announcement, William C. Richardson, Executive Vice President and Provost of the university, said "Dr. Hinish's familiarity with the college, its programs and personnel should make the transition a smooth one."

Dean Samuel H. Smith will be leaving Penn State to assume the Presidency of Washington State University effective July 1, 1985.

According to Dean Smith, "Dr. Hinish comes to this position with an exceptionally fine record of administrative service, more than 30 years of experience in Extension, and an in-depth knowledge

of the Commonwealth and its agricultural community.'

University president Bryce Jordan and executive vice president and provost Richardson are forming an advisory search committee to screen candidates for the deanship of the College of Agriculture.

USDA reviews methods used

to evaluate corn moisture

WASHINGTON - A subcommittee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection Advisory Committee will review laboratory methods used in official testing of moisture in corn at a June 10 public meeting.

The session begins at 1 p.m. at the Agri Industries Office, 2829 West To: Parkway, West Des Moines .. wa, say officials of USDA's Federal Grain Inspection Service. The subcommittee is chaired by Ray W. Chartier, general manager of Farmers Cooperative Company, Dallas Center, Iowa.

The subcommittee will review laboratory methods that are more accurate than the USDA air oven method for determining corn moisture. The USDA method,

which is used to calibrate electronic moisture meters used for official testing, understates moisture content by 0.7 percent when compared with other reference methods.

The method, unchanged from its adoption 26 years ago, requires drying of whole kernel samples for 72 hours at 103 degrees Centigrade

Persons who wish to address the subcommittee should submit written comments before the meeting to Chartier at 1107 Sycamore Ave., Dallas Center, Iowa 50063; telephone: (515) 992-3767. Written comments also may be submitted at the meeting.

The subcommittee will make recommendations to the full advisory committee at a July 15 public meeting.



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