

Livestock market and auction news

Joliet Cattle

Thursday, May 23

Report Supplied by USDA

CATTLE: Friday through Wednesday's salable receipts 1200; 5 days last week 848; same period a year ago 1574. Trading moderate for the week. Slaughter steers ended the week steady to weak, instances 50 to 1.00 lower, with the decrease on weights over 1250# & carrying more than 10% 4's. Slaughter heifers ended the week mostly steady.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1100-1250# 56.75-58.50 Monday; 57.00-58.50 Wednesday; 1450-1400# 56.00-57.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 1050-1200# 56.00-57.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 950-1125# 57.00-59.25 Monday; 56.00-58.00 Wednesday. Mixed good and choice 2-3 900-1050# 54.50-56.50 Monday; 53.50-56.00 Wednesday.

COWS: Few breaking utility 2-3 41.50. Cutter and boning utility 1-2 40.00-43.00.

down to 35.00. Choice Slaughter Bullocks 55.00-58.25, Good 52.00-55.00. Yield Grade No. 1 1200-1965 lbs. Slaughter Bulls, 48.00-52.85, Yield Grade No. 2 800-1200 lbs. 42.00-48.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers 350-750 lbs. 55.00-62.50.

CALVES 147: Choice Vealers 80.00-94.00, Good 65.00-80.00, Standard & Good 90-110 lbs. 55.00-65.00, 60-90 lbs. 45.00-55.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein Bulls 90-120 lbs. 60.00-70.00, Few to 84.00.

HOGS 451: Barrows & Gilts - US No. 1-2 210-235 lbs. barrows & gilts 44.00-45.75 (33 head, 46.50), No. 1-3 190-250 lbs. 43.25-44.00, No. 2-3 290-600 lbs. 33.00-35.00. Boars - 30.00-32.00.

FEEDER PIGS 309: US No. 1-3 20-40 lbs. feeder pigs 25.00-40.00 per head; No. 1-3 40-60 lbs. 60.00-52.00 per head.

SHEEP 22: High Choice & Prime Spring Slaughter Lambs 72.50-80.00, Choice 65.00-75.00.

Eighty-Four Livestock

Eighty-Four, Pa.

Monday, May 20

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE 246: Compared with last Monday's market, Slaughter Steers 1.50-2.00; Slaughter Cows 1.00 higher. Few Choice 56.00-60.00, Few Good 53.50-55.25, Standard 46.00-52.00, Utility 42.00-46.00. Few Choice Slaughter Heifers 54.00-59.00, Few Good 50.50-53.50, Standard 49.00-50.00, Utility 42.00-46.00. Breaking Utility & Commercial Slaughter Cows 41.00-45.50, Individual 46.25, Cutter & Boning Utility 38.00-41.50, Canner & Low Cutter 33.00-38.50, Shells down to 24.00. Yield Grade No. 1

1000-2000 lbs. Slaughter Bulls, 48.00-55.00, Yield Grade No. 2 900-1300 lbs. 43.50-47.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers Medium Frame #1 350-600, 58.00-69.00, Few #2 400-650 lbs. 42.00-55.00; Heifers Medium Frame #1 380-680 lbs. 47.00-58.00; Bulls Few Medium Frame #1 500-700 lbs. 50.00-62.00.

CALVES 191: Vealers Good & Choice Steady Standard & Good 2-4 higher. Choice 80.00-96.00, Good 70.00-81.00, Standard & Good 90-120 lbs. 54.00-61.00, 60-85 lbs. 48.00-54.50, Few Utility 50-90 lbs. 35.00-41.00.

FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls 90-130 lbs. 65.00-104.00.

HOGS 93: Barrows & gilts steady to strong, US No. 1-2 210-250 lbs. barrows & gilts 42.00-42.75, Few No. 1-3 205-230 lbs. 41.40-42.10, Few No. 1-3 114 lbs. at 46.50, Few 162 lbs. at 40.00. **SOWS:** US No. 1-3 350-550 lbs. sows 37.00-39.00. Few Boars 29.00-31.00.

FEEDER PIGS 23: US No. 1-3 40-70 lbs. feeder pigs 29.00-38.00 per head, Few No. 1-3 22 lbs. at 18.50.

SHEEP 261: Spring Slaughter Lambs about steady. High Choice & Prime 65-90 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 80.00-85.00, 100-107 lbs. 70.00-73.00, Choice 65-90 lbs. 69.00-78.00, Good 45-60 lbs. 60.00-66.00, Few Utility 37 lbs. at 51.00. Slaughter Sheep 16.00-20.00.

GOATS 5: 11.00-30.00.

Chambersburg Livestock

Chambersburg, Pa.

Thursday, May 23

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CATTLE: 230. Cows steady to .50

higher. Few Choice Sl. Steers 53.85-56.00, few Good 50.00-53.35, few Standard 45.00-46.25; Cows Breaking Utility and Commercial 41.85-45.35, Cutter and Boning 40.50-43.25, Canner and Cutter 37.50-40.50; Few Yield Grade 1 Sl. Bulls 1100-1865 lbs. 48.25-55.10, few Grade 2 830-920 lbs. 43.25-46.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers, few Medium No. 1 300-660 lbs. 48.50-60.00.

CALVES: Few Choice vealers 75.00-87.00, Good 63.00-73.00, Standard and Good 70-105 lbs. 50.00-61.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. Bulls 90-125 lbs. 60.00-88.00. Heifers 90-110 lbs. 60.00-66.00.

HOGS: 1.00 higher. Few lots 1-2 207-235 lbs. 43.50-44.00. Sows few 1-3 295-500 lbs. 34.25-36.25.

FEEDER PIGS - SHEEP - No Sales.

Weekly Summary

Harrisburg, Pa.

Friday, May 24

Report supplied by PDA

13 Livestock Markets

CATTLE: 7384. Compared with 7322 head last week, and 7969 head a year ago. Compared with last week's market: Sl. Steers unevenly steady, heifers mostly steady, cows steady to .75 higher, bullocks steady to weak on a small supply, bulls steady to 2.00 higher. High Choice & Prime steers 3-4 55.00-58.50, Choice 2-4 54.00-58.00, Good 52.00-54.50, Standard 47.00-52.00; Choice sl. heifers 52.00-57.00, Good 48.00-53.50, Standard 45.00-50.00; Sl. cows Breaking Utility and Commercial 41.75-45.00, Cutter and Boning Utility 40.00-43.50, Canner and Cutter 37.00-40.50, Shells 29.00; Choice sl. bullocks 52.00-55.00, Good 50.00-52.50; Yield Grade 1 Bulls 1000-2000 lbs. 48.00-54.00, No. 2 900-1500 lbs. 45.50-50.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Large Frame 1 400-700 lb. steers 58.00-69.00, No. 2 300-800 lbs. 45.00-54.00, Medium 1 350-750 lbs. 55.00-64.00. Heifers Medium Frame 1 300-700 lbs. 47.00-58.00, No. 2 300-550 lbs. 40.00-49.00. Bulls Medium Frame 1 400-700 lbs. 50.00-63.00, No. 2 300-650 lbs. 46.00-54.00.

CALVES: 2772. Compared with 2959 head last week, and 3946 head a year ago. Vealers highly uneven, few Prime 92.00-110.00, Choice 74.00-100.00, Good 63.00-75.00, 110-130 lbs. 61.00-71.00, 90-110 lbs. 50.00-61.00, 65-90 lbs. 43.00-55.00.

FARM CALVES: Hol. bulls 90-130 lbs. 60.00-116.00, mostly 69.00-90.00; few heifers 90-135 lbs. 60.00-66.00.

HOGS: 5803. Compared with 6416 head last week, and 7397 head a year ago. Mostly steady to 1.00 higher. US 1-2 210-245 lbs. 43.00-45.75, 1-3 200-250 lbs. 41.00-44.00, 2-3 215-285 lbs. 39.00-41.00, 1-3 140-195 lbs. 38.00-49.50.

FEEDER PIGS: 908. Compared with 966 head last week, and 1131 head a year ago. Steady to 5.00 higher. US 1-3 20-35 lbs. 23.00-40.00 per head, 35-60 lbs. 32.00-52.00.

3 GRADED FEEDER PIGS SALES: 2333. Compared with 2391 head last week, and 2592 head a year ago. Mostly 2.00-8.00 lower. US 1-2 20-40 lbs. 87.00-115.00, 40-50 lbs. 80.00-100.00, 50-60 lbs. 78.00-92.00, 60-80 lbs. 65.00-83.00; US 2-3 30-45 lbs. 64.00-82.00.

SHEEP: 1465. Compared with 1091 head last week, and 1443 head a year ago. Spring lambs highly uneven. High Choice & Prime 65-110 lbs. 70.00-85.00, Choice 35-105 lbs. 62.00-82.00, Good 45-115 lbs. 50.00-78.00. Sl. ewes 12.00-27.00.

Holstein group honored

WASHINGTON - The House Agriculture Committee has unanimously approved a resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

The resolution was sponsored by Chairman Kika de la Garza, D-Tex., and Rep. Edward R. Madigan, R-Ill., Ranking Minority Member of the Committee.

The resolution notes that the association, including more than 44,000 breeders of purebred, registered Holstein dairy cattle was organized on May 25, 1885. U.S. Holsteins, which produce more than 90 percent of the nation's milk supply, are recognized worldwide as superior breeding stock.

The resolution, which will now be forwarded to the House, expresses the sense of the House that "recognition be extended to the Holstein-Friesian Association of America for its most noteworthy contribution to the great American agricultural revolution and ... its contribution to the genetic advancement and the efficiency of the national dairy herd."

Scaling named

SCS chief

WASHINGTON - Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block has appointed Texas rancher Wilson Scaling to be chief of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS).

Scaling will be the eighth SCS chief in the agency's 50-year history. He replaces Peter C. Myers who has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate as assistant secretary of agriculture for natural resources and environment.

"Like Peter Myers before him, Wilson Scaling will bring the perspective of the agricultural community to the office of the chief of the Soil Conservation Service," said Block. "Wilson is an active conservationist and a leader in the agricultural community."

Scaling, 46, is general manager for the family ranching operation, which dates back to the early 1880s, in north-central Texas. The ranch is a cow-calf and yearling operation.

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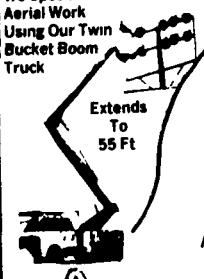
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