

# Livestock market and auction news

## Weekly Summary

Harrisburg, PA  
Friday, August 2

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13 Livestock Auction Markets

**CATTLE:** Est. 4451. Compared with 6614 head last week and 6929 head a year ago. Mostly .75-2.00 lower; heifers .50-1.00 lower; cows steady to 1.50 lower; bullocks uneven on light test; bulls mostly steady to 1.00 lower; High Choice & Prime 3-4, 48.00-52.00; Choice 2-4, 44.75-52.75; Good 45.00-49.75; Standard 41.00-45.00; Choice heifers 47.00-51.00; Good 43.00-48.00; Standard 40.00-43.75; cows Breaking Utility & Commercial 36.00-38.50; Cutter & Boning 33.00-37.00; Canner & Cutter 27.00-34.00; Shells 22.00; Choice bullocks 49.50-54.00; Good 46.00-48.75; Yield Grade 1000-1995 lb. 43.00-51.50; No.

2 900-1500 lb. 39.25-46.00.

**FEEDER CATTLE:** Steer Med. Frame 1, 400-900 lb. 45.00-54.00; heifers Med. Frame 1, 325-675 lb. 41.00-48.00; bulls Med. 1, 400-800 lb. 39.25-47.00.

**CALVES:** Est. 2790. Compared with 4031 head last week & 4922 head a year ago. Vealers steady to 5.00 but 10.00 lower; a few prime 100.00-110.00; Choice 61.00-81.00; Good 50.00-60.00; 110-130 lb. 45.00-50.00; 90-110 lb. 42.00-50.00; 65-90 lb. 34.00-45.00.

**FARM CALVES:** Holstein bulls 90-130 lb. 48.00-75.00; heifers 90-130 lb. 44.00-56.00.

**HOGS:** Est. 5335. Compared with 5766 head last week and 7294 head a year ago. Mostly 2.00-4.00 lower; 1-2, 210-245 lb. 42.00-42.50; 2-3, 210-250 lb. 40.00-43.00; 2-4, 220-285 lb. 38.00-40.00; 1-3, 150-200 lb. 38.00-40.00; Sows steady to 1.00 lower; 1-3, 300-

625 lb. 31.00-37.00; few 2-3, 300-650 lb. 28.00-34.00; boars 29.00-33.00.

**FEEDER PIGS:** Est. 991. Compared with 937 head last week and 1375 head a year ago. Mostly 5.00-10.00 lower; 1-3, 20-35 lb. 13.00-32.00; 35-50 lb. 20.00-35.00; 50-85 lb. 35.00-44.50.

**3 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES:** Est. 1995. Compared with 1304 head last week and 2507 head a year ago. Mostly steady to 10.00 lower; 1-2, 30-40 lb. 81.00-93.00; 40-50 lb. 73.00-85.00; 50-60 lb. 65.00-85.00; 60-70 lb. 58.00-70.00; 2-3, 30-40 lb. 72.00-94.00; 40-60 lb. 60.00-83.00.

**SHEEP:** Est. 967. Compared with 1180 head last week & 1117 head a year ago. Steady to 4.00 lower; High Choice & Prime 65-100 lb. 65.00-74.00; Choice 70-105 lb. 59.00-70.00; Good 50-85 lb. 48.00-60.00; slaughter sheep 10.00-28.00.

## USDA wants to amend fresh tomato standards

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes to amend the voluntary U.S. standards for grade of fresh tomatoes to bring them in line with current sizing practices.

John J. Gardner, a marketing official with USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, said the action has been proposed at the request of the Florida Tomato Exchange and the California Fresh Market Tomato Advisory Board.

"The requested change in the diameter requirements of the current generic size designations would reduce the industry's present difficulty in meeting these

size requirements and would promote more uniform trading practices," Gardner said.

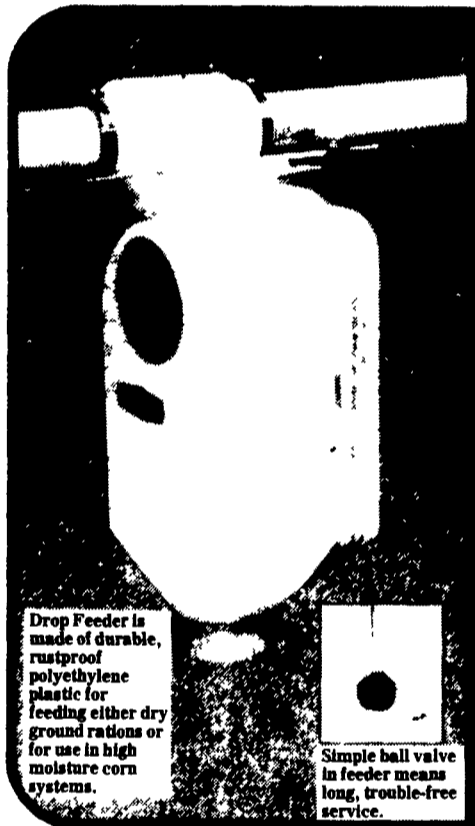
AMS establishes grade standards and provides official grading for many agricultural products. Use of the standards and the grading service is voluntary and is paid for by the user.

The proposed revised standards are scheduled to be published in the July 24 Federal Register. Suggested changes in the revisions may be sent to the Fruit & Vegetable Division Clerk, Room 2069-S, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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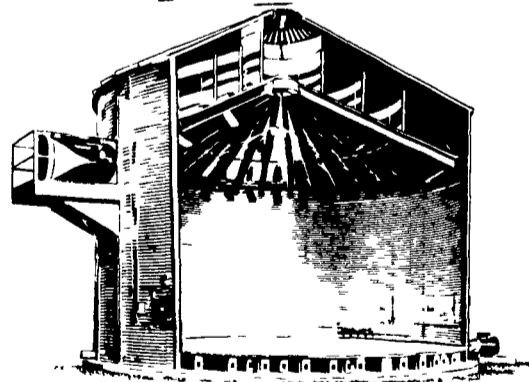
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