

Livestock market and auction news

Omaha Weekly

Thursday, Jan. 9

Report Supplied by USDA

CATTLE: Slaughter steers and heifer prices dropped sharply this week with closing levels standing 2.00-2.50 below last week's closing trade. A broad downturn in wholesale beef realizations (3.00-4.00 lower on carcasses, 2.00 lower on boxed beef) led the live price structure lower. A fairly liberal F.I.S. slaughter rate also kept downward pressure on the market. Overall finish proved just so fair, as many producers continue to market cattle with shorter than normal feeding period. Slaughter cows .50 lower for the week. Slaughter bulls steady.

Estimated 5 day receipts this week 8,100 compared to actuals last week of 5,415 (for the holiday week) and actuals last year of 9,652. Slaughter Steers comprised 45 percent of the receipts, slaughter heifers 39 percent, slaughter cows 9 percent and feeder cattle 6 percent.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: at the close Choice 2-4 1100-1325 lbs. 60.00-61.00; mixed good and choice 2-3 1050-1200 lbs. 58.00-61.00; Good 56.00-58.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: at the close, limited offerings choice 2-4 975-1100 lbs. 58.50-59.00; mixed good and choice 2-3 925-1025 lbs.

56.00-59.00; good 54.50-56.00.

Average of LS 214 detailed price quotations for choice 900-1100 lb. steers 59.60, 1100-1300 lbs. 60.60. Average cost of all steers this week 59.85, average weight 1,185 lbs. compared to 62.19 and 1,195 lbs. last week. Average cost of all heifers this week 58.65, average weight 1,053 lbs. compared to 61.20 and 1,063 last week.

SLAUGHTER COWS: few breaking utility and commercial 2-3 31.50-33.75; cutter and boning utility 1-2 32.00-33.50, occasional high dressing to 35.00; canner and low cutter 28.50-32.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Few 1-2 1200-1900 lbs. 39.00-44.25.

St. Louis Cattle

Thursday, Jan. 9

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Receipts this week	4,000
Week Ago	1,800
Year Ago	3,800

Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers fully 2.00-2.50 lower. Slaughter heifers fully 2.00, instances 2.50 lower. Cows and bulls generally steady. Slaughter supply mainly choice steers and heifers, around 25% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Mixed choice and prime 2-4 1100-1325 lbs. 61.00-61.50, mostly 61.00, couple loads 62.00. Choice 2-4 950-1300 lbs.

60.00-61.00. Mixed good and Choice 2-3 900-1250 lbs. 58.50-60.50. Good 2-3 900-1200 lbs. 57.00-58.50. Mostly good 2-3 1150-1400 lb. Holsteins 46.00-52.50. Standard to good 2-3 1075-1325 lbs. 43.00-46.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Mixed choice and prime 2-4 900-1150 lbs. 59.00-59.50, several 59.00, load 60.00. Choice 2-4 825-1075 lbs. 58.00-59.00. Mixed good and choice 2-3 800-1050 lbs. 56.50-58.00. Good 2-3 750-1000 lbs. 54.00-56.50.

COWS: (closing week sales) breaking utility and commercial 2-4 30.00-33.00. Cutter and boning utility 1-2 32.00-34.00. High yielding cutter and boning utility 1-2 34.00-35.00. Canner and low-cutter 1-2 30.00-34.00. Shelly canner 1-2 26.00-30.00.

BULLS: Yield grade 1-2 1100-1900 lbs. 41.00-46.00, mostly 41.00-45.00. Not tested late.

Wednesday's weekly sheep auction. Receipts around 400 head. No comparison because of holiday weeks. Quality improved. Good demand.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 95-115 lbs. 62.00-65.50. Choice 90-105 lbs. 58.00-62.50.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility to Good 20.00-24.00. Cull 13.00-17.00.

FEEDER LAMBS: Choice and Fancy 50-90 lbs. 61.00-66.00.

Penns Valley Livestock

Centre Hall, Pa.
Tuesday, Jan. 7

Report supplied by Auction

Beef Cows: Utility and Commercial 36.00-40.10; Cutters 32.50-35.85; Cannors 30.60-32.25; Shells 23.50.

Heifers: Standard 45.50-49.50; Commercial 40.00-45.00.

Steers: Standard 41.00-44.50; Bulls: Good 45.10-47.85;

Standard 40.00-44.85.

Feeder Cattle: 300-500 lb. 46.50-50.50; 500-700 lbs. small frame 42.00-47.50; 500-700 lbs. large frame 44.00-49.00; 500-700 lbs. small frame 40.00-45.00.

Veal Calves: Choice 71.00-84.00; Good 55.00-69.00; Standard 46.00-53.00; Utility 40.00-45.00.

Farm Calves: Bulls 80.00-100.00; Heifers 60.00-66.00.

Hogs: 42.75-45.50.

Sows: 32.50-36.25.

Boars: 28.00-31.00.

Shoats: 25-30 lbs. per head

18.00-24.00; 30-35 lbs. per head

26.00-31.00; 35-50 lbs. per head

33.00-41.00.

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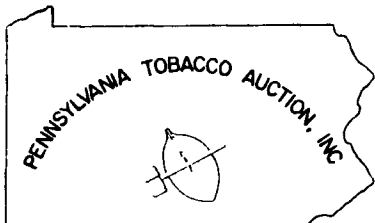
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Abe Diffenbach, Auctioneer AU225L
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TYPE 609: Let's hope for some damp weather. It is important that you strip your Type 609 as promptly as you can in order to keep our buyer interest.

TYPE 41: We will be scheduling to sell some Type 41 tobacco for sales beginning Jan. 13. We have a few southern buyers with orders who have expressed interest in buying 41 over the auction. We will also be inviting local Type 41 buyers. The success of our sale on January 13 will determine when future Type 41 sales will be held.

We have certified Type 609 seeds for sale at the auction.

Directions: Sale is held 2 1/4 miles east of Intercourse along Rt. 340 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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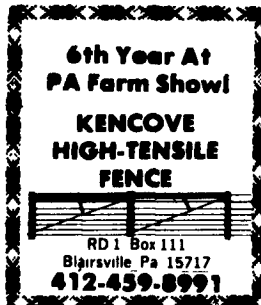
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