

Livestock market and auction news

Indiana Livestock

Homer City, Pa.
Thursday, March 6

Report supplied by PDA

CATTLE: 199. Choice steers 54.50-57.75; few Good 51.25-54.50; few Standard 44.00-50.00; Choice heifers 52.75-55.50; few Good 50.25-52.00; Standard 40.00-46.25; cows Breaking Utility & Commercial 36.25-39.25; Cutter & Boning 33.00-37.00; Canner & Cutter 28.00-33.50; few YG No. 1 bulls 1180-1800 lb. 44.00-47.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers few Med. No. 1, 305-570 lb. 55.00-61.00; heifers Med. No. 1, 505-670 lb. 44.00-50.25.

CALVES: Few Choice 80.50-86.00; Good 68.00-80.00; 90-120 lb. 52.50-59.00; 60-85 lb. 40.00-54.50; holstein bulls 95-135 lb. 66.00-90.00.

HOGS: 146. No. 1-2, 210-230 lb. 42.00; No. 1-3, 210-240 lb. 41.00-41.75; No. 2-3, 210-260 lb. 40.00-41.00; No. 1-3, 180-195 lb. 36.75-38.75; sows No. 1-3, 350-625 lb. 37.50-40.00.

SHEEP: 3. Few sl. ewes 15.00-31.50.

GOATS: 12. 28.00-53.00.

Chambersburg Livestock

Chambersburg, Pa.
Thursday, March 6

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CATTLE: 262. Cows 25-75 lower; few Good 47.25-48.50; few Holstein 44.00-48.25; few Good heifers 44.50-47.75; few Standard 40.00-43.75; cows Breaking Utility & Commercial 34.85-37.85; Cutter & Boning 33.75-36.25; Canner & Low Cutter 31.25-34.25; YG No. 1, 1090-2275 lb. bulls 42.85-49.00; few No. 2, 915-1195 lb. 38.00-41.60.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers few Large No. 2, 650-700 lb. 40.50-48.00.

CALVES: 403. few Choice 90.00-100.00; few Good 63.00-74.00; 90-110 lb. 52.00-60.50; 70-85 lb. 46.00-56.00; holstein bulls 90-130 lb. 57.00-99.00.

HOGS: 29. A lot No. 2-4, 265 lb. 40.50; sows No. 1-3, 285-485 lb. 33.25-37.25.

FEEDER PIGS: 34. A lot No. 1-3, 142 lb. 35.00 per hundred weight.

SHEEP: 10. Few Choice 100-115 lb. woolled lambs 59.00-64.00; 1 Choice 65 lb. spring lamb 107.50.

Few alfalfa, 48.00-76.00; few mixed 66.00-77.00; 1 straw 43.00.

Pennsylvania Tobacco

Intercourse, PA
Friday, Feb. 28

Total Volume Type 41: 82,150 lbs.; Average Overall: .48 per lb.; Top Grades: .55-.66 per lb.; Bottom Grades: .15-.45 per lb.

Monday, March 3

Total Volume Type 609: 25,154 lbs.; Average Overall: .88 per lb.; Top Grades: 1.18-1.19 per lb.; Out Grades: .10-.80 per lb.

Total Volume Type 41: 112,816 lbs.; Average Overall: .46 per lb.; Top Grades: .55-1.00 per lb.; Bottom Grades: .15-.45 per lb.

Season Summary

Total Volume Type 609: 3,228, 911 lbs.; Average Overall: 1.15 per lb.; Top Grades: 1.10-1.37 per lb.; Out Grades: .10-1.25 per lb.

Total Volume Type 41: 1,434,704 lbs.; Average Overall: .52 per lb.; Top Grades: .55-1.10 per lb.; Bottom Grades: .15-.50 per lb.

Valley Livestock

Athens, Pa.
Monday, Mar. 3

Report supplied by auction

Holstein Hfr. Calves 50.00-56.00. Veal Calves 71.00-96.00. Vealer Bull Calves 77.00-101.00. Slaughter Calves 44.00-55.00. Grassers & Feeders 36.00-51.50. Spring Lambs 87.50-127.50. Lambs 55.00-77.00. Sheep 35.00-53.00. Hogs, 200 to 250 42.50-47.50. Sows 32.50-38.50. Boars 31.50-33.00. Pigs, each 20.00-32.00.

Heifers 31.25-43.50. Bulls 41.00-47.50. Cows, utility 35.00-37.75. Cows, fat 35.50-37.25. Cows, medium 31.00-35.00. Cows, poor or small 24.00-32.25. Cattle Market steady. Calf Market steady. Horses none. Ponies none. Goats 20.00-55.00. Hay: to 70.00 per ton. Lamb & Goat Sale - March 17. Feeder Sale 1st Monday of Each Month. Dairy Sale 3rd Thursday of Each Month.

Hackettstown Poultry & Egg

Hackettstown, N.J.
Tuesday, Mar. 4

Report Supplied by Auction

Rabbits: 60-1.00. Bunnies: 1.65-3.10.

Eggs

Grade A: White Jumbo X lge. .63-.85, Brown .74-.94.

Grade A: White Large .57-.75, Brown .55-.77.

Grade A: White Medium .46-.58, Brown .52-.58.

Grade A: White Small .40.

Grade A: White Pee Wees .33-.39.

Weekly Summary

Harrisburg, PA
Friday, March 7

Report supplied by PDA

15 Livestock Markets

CATTLE: 6044. Compared with 5654 head last week and 5582 head a year ago. Steers 1.00-2.00 lower; heifers steady to 2.00 lower; cows mostly .50 to 1.50 lower; bullocks not fully tested; bulls steady to weak; spots 1.00 lower; High Choice & Prime No. 2-4, 58.00-61.50; Choice No. 2-4, 54.75-58.85; Good 50.00-54.75; Standard 44.00-50.00; Choice heifers 52.00-55.75; Good 47.00-52.00; Standard 41.00-46.50; Breaking Utility & Commercial cows 36.00-39.00; Cutter & Boning 33.00-37.00; Canner & Cutter 28.00-34.25; shells 25.00; Choice bullocks 51.00-57.00; Good 47.00-51.00; YG No. 1, 1000-2275 lb. 43.00-49.00; No. 2 grade 900-1650 lb. 38.00-44.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: Large No. 1, 400-700 lb. steers 57.00-64.75; Large No. 2, 450-800 lb. 42.00-50.00; Med. No. 1, 350-700 lb. 50.00-66.00; heifers Med. No. 1, 350-600 lb. 44.00-54.00; bulls few Med. No. 1, 500-700 lb. 50.00-57.50.

CALVES: 3897. Compared with 3731 head last week and 4193 head a year ago. Vealers uneven; mostly steady to 5.00 lower on Good & Choice; Standard & Good steady to 5.00 higher; Prime 101.00-108.00; Choice 80.00-95.00; Good 65.00-80.00; 110-130 lb. 54.00-65.00; 90-110 lb. 50.00-60.00; 70-85 lb. 42.00-50.00.

FARM CALVES: 90-135 lb. 53.00-105.00; mostly 78.00-100.00; beef cross bulls & heifers 60-100 lb. 50.00-93.00.

HOGS: 5556. Compared with 5741 head last week and 6799 head a year ago. Mostly steady to 1.00 lower; No. 1-2, 210-245 lb. 40.35-42.00; No. 1-3, 215-250 lb. 39.50-41.75; No. 2-3, 215-265 lb. 39.00-41.00; No. 2-4, 225-285 lb. 38.00-40.00; No. 1-3, 150-200 lb. 32.00-38.00; sows steady to 1.00 higher, No. 1-3, 300-650 lb. 34.00-38.00; No. 2-3, 300-685 lb. 32.00-36.00; boars 25.00-32.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 719. Compared with 679 head last week and 643 head a year ago. Uneven to weak; 20-35 lb. 25.50-32.00; 35-50 lb. 28.50-35.00; 50-100 lb. 34.50-48.50.

3 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES: 1535. Compared with 2089 head last week and 860 head a year ago. Uneven; weights under 60 lb. steady to 4.00; spots 14.00 lower; over 60 lb. steady to 6.00 higher; No. 1-2, 30-40 lb. 80.00-87.00; 40-50 lb. 64.00-82.00 50-60 lb. 66.00-76.00; 60-70 lb. 58.00-77.00; No. 2-3, 35-50 lb. 60.00-70.00; all per hundred weight.

SHEEP: 778. Compared with 478 head last week and 1011 head a year ago. Woolled lambs steady to strong; High Choice & Prime 80-120 lb. 77.00-83.00; Choice 70-105 lb. 65.00-80.00; Good 70-100 lb. 60.00-75.00; spring lambs Choice & Prime 75-100 lb. 75.00-108.00; 35-70 lb. 91.00-136.00; sl. ewes 18.00-35.00.

PSU prof named weed 'innovator'

UNIVERSITY PARK - Nathan L. Hartwig, associate professor of weed science at The Pennsylvania State University, was recently named 1986 "Innovator of the Year" by the Northeastern Weed Science Society for his research on the use of crownvetch as a "living mulch."

The award is given for innovation in weed science, including teaching, research and extension.

Hartwig's work has shown that the characteristics that make crownvetch an excellent ground-cover also make it an excellent mulch for crop production. Crownvetch is currently used in no-till and minimum-till corn, small grains and forages, and shows longer-range potential for use in other cropping systems.

His research has demonstrated the value of crownvetch in alleviating soil erosion and in reducing nutrient and pesticide run-off.

Ellis named to Water Task force

TRENTON - New Jersey Farm Bureau President Walter Ellis has been appointed to serve on a four-state task force that will consider alternative financing plans for water projects crucial to the Delaware River Basin area.

The task force, called the Walter Project Financing and Water Charges Advisory Committee, will make its recommendations to the Delaware River Basin Commission. Members, selected to represent commercial, agricultural, industrial and regulatory groups, are from New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Ellis said a major topic for the task force's consideration will be whether a water-user fee structure should be implemented, and, if so, how it should be applied.

"I do not want to see our farmers faced with fees for using water," Ellis said. "Farmers do not need yet another expense to eat into potential profits that are increasingly difficult to come by. Farmers have had a difficult time for the past four years, with Mother Nature and market prices combining to put more and more farmers in debt."

Ellis served on the Citizens

The Innovator of the Year award is sponsored by the American Hoechst Corp.

While at the NEWSS Conference in January, Hartwig presented papers on the best way to kill orchard grass before planting no-till corn, and on the feasibility of using two grass herbicides that kill weed grasses and leave forage grasses such as alfalfa unharmed.

Advisory Committee to the Drought Emergency Task Force and he is a current member of the State Water Supply Advisory Council. The Drought Emergency Task Force was created to aid state officials during the past summer's drought. The Water Supply Advisory Council is comprised of gubernatorial appointments.

The Delaware River Basin Commission is faced with statutory restrictions in its efforts to finance several water projects - the Francis Walter Reservoir Modification and the Blue Marsh Beltville water projects.

"There are statutory restrictions which curtail the ability of the DRBC to finance additional water projects," Ellis explained. "Anyone who was a user prior to the DRBC compact cannot be charged for water projects under the old rules."

Ellis underscored the need for New Jersey's farmers to obtain water usage certificates, which establish a pattern of usage and protect farmers from unfair allocations. The certificates, which are filed with local county agricultural agents, estimate a farm's annual water usage. The certificate is good for five years, although annual updates are required.

"Farmers should obtain these certificates for a purely selfish reason - protection," Ellis said. "Although agriculture received favorable treatment during the past drought, water allocation is and will continue to be a critical issue for all of New Jersey."

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