

Livestock market

Leesport Livestock

Leesport, PA

Wednesday, April 30, 1986

Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 235. SUPPLY INCLUDED 52 HEAD FEEDER CATTLE. Compared with last Wednesday's market: Slaughter steers steady to \$1 higher; Cows \$1-\$2 higher. Choice 2-4 1000-1300 lbs. slaughter steers 51.25-54.25, one 56.75, few yield grade 3-4 1400-1700 lbs. 42.85-46.75, Good 47-51.50, Good & Choice 1250-1500 lbs. holsteins 45.00-47, one 48.50, Standard 42.75-45.50. Few Choice slaughter heifers 46.75-51, few Good 42.85-44, few Standard 37.00-43. Breaking Utility & Commercial slaughter cows 35.50-38, few 39.00, Cutter & Boning Utility 33.50-37.25, Canner & Low Cutter 29.75-34, Shells down to 27.35. Few High Good & Choice slaughter bullocks 50-52.75, few Good 45.75-48.50, few Standard 42.75-45.75. Few Yield Grade No. 1 1150-1850 lbs. bulls 45.25-51.50. Feeder Cattle: Few Large Frame No. 1 350-700 lbs. steers 60.00-62, Medium #1 350-700 lbs. 54.50-58.50. Few Large & Medium Frame #1 475-700 lbs. 38-44.50, one lot to 50.00, few Large #2 450-760 lbs. 37-39.50. Few Medium Frame #1 350-600 lbs. bulls 46.00-55, few Large #2 5-800 lbs. 36.00-41.00.

CALVES 142. VEALERS UNEVENLY STEADY. Few Choice 80.00-89, few Good 64.00-79, few Standard and Good 110-130 lbs. 45.00-51, 90-110 lbs. 43.00-45, 70-85 lbs. 40-43.50, few Utility 90-105 lbs.

40.00-42, few 55-65 lbs. 25.00-35. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 95-130 lbs. 82.50-101, some down 50.00; few Holstein Heifers 95-110 lbs. 48.00-69; few Beef cross bulls & heifers 85-110 lbs. 48.00-97.50.

HOGS 412. Barrows and gilts \$1-\$1.50 higher. US No. 1-3 205-250 lbs. 42.00-45, mostly 43.75-44.60, few No. 1-3 2-205 lbs. 41.00-43, few No. 2-3 210-250 lbs. 40.85-42.85, few No. 2-4 240-275 lbs. 39-40.50, few No. 1-3 160-185 lbs. 39-40.50. **SOWS UNDER 500 LBS.** \$3-\$3.50 HIGHER, HEAVIER WTS. 50 CENTS-\$1.50 HIGHER. US No. 1-3 3-650 lbs. sows 35.50-38, few 41.00, few Medium 3-425 lbs. 32-34.50; Few Boars 32.75-34.50, light weights 35.75-43.

SHEEP 173. Choice 25-50 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 135-172.50, 50-60 lbs. 100-137.50, few 70-100 lbs. 76.00-88; few Good 25-45 lbs. 100.00-135. Slaughter sheep 15.00-30.

GOATS 52: Few Large Adults 38.00-42, few Medium 23.00-31, Large Kids 27.00-54, few Small Kids 10.00-24 - all per head.

Weekly Summary

Harrisburg, PA

Friday, May 2

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15 Livestock Markets

CATTLE: 6315. Compared with 6021 head last week and 7829 head a year ago. Steers uneven, mostly steady to .75 lower; heifers uneven; cows mostly steady to 1.00 higher; bullocks not fully tested; bulls steady to 1.00 higher; High Choice & Prime 2-4, 51.75-55.00;

Choice 50.50-54.50; Good 47.00-51.50; Standard 39.00-47.00; Choice heifers 48.00-53.00; Good 44.00-48.75; Standard 37.00-44.00; cows Breaking Utility & Commercial 34.00-38.00; Cutter & Boning 33.00-37.00; Canner & Cutter 49.50-34.50; shells 22.00; few Choice bullocks 47.25-52.75; few Good 44.00-48.50; few Standard 42.75-45.75; YG 1, 1000-2250 lb. 44.00-48.75; Grade 2, 900-1650 lb. 38.00-45.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: Steers Med. & Large 1, 300-600 55.00-64.00; Med. 1, 500-875 lb. 46.00-55.00; heifers Med. & Large 1, 325-700 lb. 40.00-53.00; Large 2, 500-800 lb. 35.00-39.50; bulls Med. & Large 1, 400-750 lb. 46.00-55.00.

CALVES: 2969. Compared with 3109 head last week and 3336 head a year ago. Steady to 5.00 higher; few Prime 109.00-118.00; Choice 80.00-93.00; Good 65.00-80.00; 90-120 lb. 45.00-55.00; 65-85 lb. 38.00-47.00.

FARM CALVES: Active; holstein bulls 85-95 lb. 45.00-75.00; 95-135 lb. 75.00-105.00; heifers 90-130 lb. 45.00-82.00; beef cross bulls and heifers 50-100 lb. 48.00-76.00.

HOGS: 4947. Compared with 5401 head last week and 6598 head a year ago. Mostly .50 to 1.00 higher; 1-2, 210-245 lb. 42.00-44.75; 205-250 lb. 41.00-44.00; 2-3, 210-260 lb. 40.00-43.00; 2-4, 230-285 lb. 37.00-40.50; 1-3, 140-190 lb. 39.00-41.00; sows mostly steady; 1-3, 300-650 lb. 33.00-39.50; 2-3, 300-590 lb. 31.00-35.00; boars 26.00-33.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 610. Compared with 1036 head last week and 915 head a year ago. Steady to 5.00 lower; 20-35 lb. 21.00-32.00; 35-50 lb. 29.00-41.00; few 50-85 lb. 44.00-47.00; all per head.

3 GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES: 1477. Compared with 2842 head last week and 1800 head a year ago. Uneven; mostly steady 6.00 higher; 30-40 lb. 91.00-100.00; 40-50 lb. 80.00-96.00; 50-60 lb. 79.00-95.00; 2-3, 30-45 lb. 80.00-94.00.

SHEEP 2997 Compared with

2995 head last week and 1223 head a year ago. Bulk of supply spring sl. lambs sold to Greek Easter trade. High Choice & Prime 20-40 lb. 125.00-160.00; 40-60 lb. 89.00-132.50; 60-110 lb. 75.00-85.00; Good & Choice 20-75 lb. 75.00-108.00; sl. sheep 15.00-36.00.

Conservation Tillage Increases On Farmland

Another two percent of the Nation's farmland was farmed under some form of conservation tillage in 1985, according to a report from the Conservation Tillage Information Center at Fort Wayne, Indiana (CTIC). Last year, 31.4 percent of the cropland, or 99.6 million acres, was planted under some form of this soil protecting practice.

Delaware led the nation with 77.3 percent, followed by Maryland with 68.9 percent. Pennsylvania's percentage was 42.8. The greatest acreages were in Iowa, over 12 million acres, and in Kansas, with over 11 million acres.

John Spitzer, Agronomist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service in Pennsylvania, defined conservation tillage as any planting or tillage system in which 30 percent or more of the soil remains covered with plant residue after planting. Spitzer said that the 30 percent residue cover is the amount needed to reduce erosion by one-half that of conventional tillage with no cover after planting.

Spitzer noted that there are five types of conservation tillage included in the report. They are no-till, ridge-till, strip-till, mulch-till, and reduced-till. "The greatest erosion control is gained with no-till," noted Spitzer. In no-till, the soil is not disturbed before planting. Seeds are planted in a slit in the soil. Weed control is obtained mostly with herbicides.

No-till farming is popular in the Northwest. According to the CTIC report, Delaware again leads with 41.5 percent of the cropland planted by the no-till method. They are followed by West Virginia with 32 percent, Maryland - 30 percent, Virginia - 29 percent, Pennsylvania - 19 percent, New Jersey - 15 percent, and Ohio - 13 percent.

The corn belt of the Midwest has the most acreage, but it amounts to less than 10 percent of the cropland.

Farmers interested in additional information in any of the conservation tillage methods should contact their county office of the USDA Soil Conservation Service or the Agricultural Extension Service.

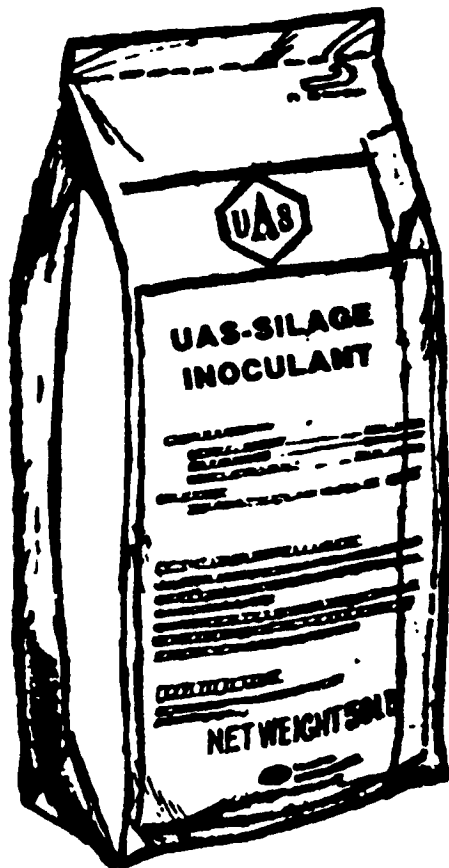
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