

U.S. Inspected Livestock Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection

April 26, 1989

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
WED., 4/26/89 (EST)	128,000	7,000	332,000	20,000
WEEK AGO (EST)	128,000	7,000	342,000	22,000
YEAR AGO (ACT)	129,000	7,000	320,000	18,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	381,000	23,000	977,000	59,000
SAME PD LT WK (EST)	382,000	24,000	1,010,000	62,000
SAME PD LT YR (ACT)	382,000	23,000	947,000	55,000

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MARKETS IN REVIEW; APRIL 20-26, 1989. FEEDER STEERS AND HEIFERS IN VIRGINIA WERE UNEVEN \$3.00 HIGHER TO \$4.50 LOWER WHILE MIDWEST PRICES WERE \$1.00-2.50 HIGHER.

SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS IN VIRGINIA WERE 50 CENT TO \$1.00 HIGHER AS MIDWEST PRICES WERE STEADY TO \$1.00 LOWER.

COWS AND BULLS IN VIRGINIA WERE MIXED, \$2.50 HIGHER TO \$1.75 LOWER, MIDWEST PRICES WERE UNEVEN, MOSTLY \$1.25 LOWER. BEEF PRODUCTION WAS 3% ABOVE A WEEK AGO AND 1% BELOW A YEAR AGO. AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHTS WERE 5 POUNDS HEAVIER THAN LAST YEAR.

VEAL AND CALF PRICES IN VIRGINIA WERE STEADY TO WEAK WHILE MIDWEST PRICES HELD FIRM. VEAL AND CALF SLAUGHTER WAS THE SAME AS LAST WEEK BUT DOWN 6% FROM A YEAR AGO. AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHTS WERE 9 POUNDS LIGHTER THAN LAST YEAR.

LAMB PRICES IN VIRGINIA WERE \$1.25 HIGHER WHILE MIDWEST PRICES WERE \$4.00 HIGHER. LAMB SLAUGHTER WAS 19% ABOVE A WEEK AGO AND 18% ABOVE A YEAR AGO. AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHTS WERE 2 POUNDS LIGHTER THAN LAST YEAR.

SLAUGHTER HOGS IN VIRGINIA WERE 50 CENT TO \$2.00 HIGHER AS MIDWEST PRICES WERE 50 CENT TO \$1.25 HIGHER. FRESH PORK PRICES WERE MOSTLY 50 CENT TO \$3.50 LOWER. PORK PRODUCTION WAS 1% ABOVE A WEEK AGO BUT 8% ABOVE A YEAR AGO. AVERAGE DRESSED WEIGHTS WERE 1 POUND LIGHTER THAN LAST YEAR.

THE VIRGINIA DIRECT HOG MARKET APRIL 20-26, 1989, RECEIPTS FOR THE DIRECT HOG

MARKET IN VIRGINIA TOTALED 20,784 HEAD. COMPARED TO LAST WEEK 17,739 HEAD. THE MARKET CLOSED STEADY COMPARED TO LAST WEDNESDAY'S TRADING.

COUNTRY POINTS PLANTS US 1-3 200-240 LBS 34.50-38.00 --- US 1-2 210-240 LBS FEW HIGH YIELDING 36.00-38.00 US 2-4 210-240 LBS BASE PRICE 34.00-36.00 SOWS \$24.00-30.10 AND BOARS \$19.00-21.50.

SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS 3%; SLAUGHTER COWS 13%; SLAUGHTER BULLS 2%; SLAUGHTER CALVES AND VEALERS 1%; FEEDER CATTLE UNDER 600 LBS 70% OVER 600 LBS 11%.

PRICE RANGES FOR VIRGINIA WEEKLY AUCTIONS SLAUGHTER CATTLE STEERS; CHOICE 2-3 1000 LBS & OVER 71.25-74.90 FEW 65.00-66.25 HEIFERS; CHOICE 2-3 900-1000 LBS 65.00-65.75 CHOICE 2-3 1000-1150 LBS 66.75-69.00 CHOICE 2-3 1150-1250 LBS 67.25-71.80 UTILITY & COMMERCIAL COWS 42.00-53.00 BULLS - 1-2 900-1300 LBS 50.00-62.50 1-2 1300-1600 LBS 51.00-63.00 1-2 1600 LBS & OVER 51.25-65.00 SLAUGHTER CALVES AND VEALERS VEALERS - HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 100-250 LBS 85.00-92.00 FEW 101.00-104.00 GOOD AND CHOICE 100-250 LBS 75.00-92.00 CALVES - GOOD AND CHOICE 250-500 LBS 70.00-87.00 SLAUGHTER LAMBS HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 95-125 LBS SPRING 75.00-83.75; FEW 72.00 HIGH CHOICE & PRIME 95-125 LBS SHORN 74.00; WOOL 70.00-75.00 SLAUGHTER HOGS US 2-4 200-250 LBS 34.50-38.00 SOWS US 1-3 300-500 LBS 23.00-35.25; 500 LBS & OVER 29.00-31.00.

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS; MEDIUM 1 HEIFERS; MEDIUM 1 200-300 LBS 95.00-110.00 300-400 LBS. 73.00-88.00 300-400 87.00-102.00 400-500 69.75-86.00 400-500 84.00-100.00 500-600 65.00-77.00 500-600 80.00-97.50 600-700 60.00-75.00 600-700 70.00-89.00 700-800 62.00-68.00 700-800 66.50-78.00 800-900 55.00-67.00 800-900 65.00-74.00.



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pits had become oversold. Feeders traded higher on spillover from live cattle. Prices began to slide midsession on reports of weakening carcass values and a lack of market direction. Ideas of more than adequate supplies pressured along with lower fed cattle values at direct markets. June live cattle settled unchanged at \$70.52.

CME FEEDER CATTLE SETTLEMENT PRICE - 4/24/89 - \$75.65 dn \$.06.

ACRES NEXT DAY OUTLOOK: CASH - steady to weak FUTURES - steady to mixed.

ACRES HOG UPDATE: Live hog futures closed mixed this afternoon with bellies settling sharply higher. Today's mixed close saw the spot option gaining 17 points while the July lost 3. Support early in the day was linked to firmer cash market fundamentals coupled with short cov-

ering. Optimism that marketings would soon began their annual drop offered further support. Ideas that the pit had become oversold during the last several sessions prompted buying in bellies. Further support was linked to firmer fresh belly prices midday.

St. Louis Cattle, Hogs

Thurs. April 27, 1989

OPENING MID-SESSION WEEKLY CLOSE: CATTLE AND CALVES: 700 (50 SLTR, 650 FDRS) BULK OF RECEIPTS FEEDER CATTLE AND COWS FO THURSDAY'S AUCTION. LIMITED TERMINAL RECEIPTS CONSISTS OR COWS. TRADING ACTIVE. COWS FULLY STEADY.

SLAUGHTER CLASSES: COWS: CUTT, UTIL, COMM BULK SALES H-DRESS % LO-DRESS % BREAKING 2-4 42.00-46.00.

BONING 1-2 46.00-48.00 48.00-50.00. LOW TO AVG CUTTER 42.00-46.00.

RECEIPTS THIS WEEK 1,900; WEEK AGO 2,300; YEAR AGO 2,000 FOR THE WEEK: SLAUGHTER STEERS FIRM TO .50 HIGHER. SLAUGHTER HEIFERS FULLY .50-1.00 HIGHER. COWS FIRM TO 2.00 HIGHER. BULLS STEADY. SUPPLY MAINLY CHOICE STEERS AND HEIFERS, AROUND 10% COWS.

Dewart Livestock Auction

Dewart, Pa.
Monday, April 24, 1989
Report Supplied by PDA

CATTLE 150...PDA...Compared with last Monday's market: Slaughter cows .50 to \$1.50 higher. Few Select slaughter steers 64.25-69.25, few Choice Holsteins 65.00-69.50, few Select 60.25-63.00. Two Select sl. heifers 61.00 & 63.50. Breaking Utility & Commercial sl. cows 46.00-49.50, one 51.25, Cutter & Bon. Utility 46.50-50.50, one 52.00, Canner & Low Cutter 43.50-46.50, Shells down to 38.00. Yield Grade No. 1, 1050/1700 lbs. sl. bulls 56.00-60.25. Feeder Cattle: Few Medium Frame No. 1, 530/860 lbs. steers 60.00-68.00. Medium Frame No. 1, 380/590 lbs. heifers 62.75-72.50.

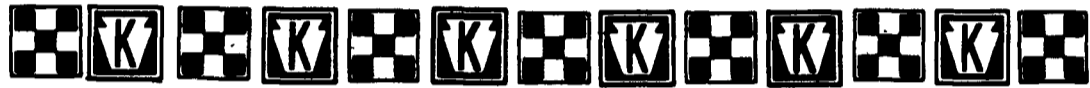
CALVES 143...Few Choice vealers 100.00-113.00, few Standard & Good 70/95 lbs. 75.00-82.00, few Utility 60/80 lbs. 60.00-70.00. Farm Calves: Holstein Bulls 80/130 lbs. 100.00-182.00; Hol. Heifers 85/110 lbs. 100.00-140.00.

HOGS 63...Barrows and gilts \$1 higher. 1-3 225/240 lbs. barrows and gilts 38.70-39.50, few lots 2-3, 275/285 lbs. 33.40-37.50. US No. 1-3 300/550 lbs. sows 29.00-32.00. Few Boars 25.25-27.10.

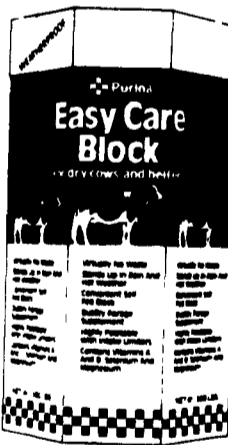
FEEDER PIGS 133...US No. 1-3 30/50 lbs. feeder pigs 27.00-40.50 --- all per head.

SHEEP 8...Few Choice 70/100 lbs. spring slaughter lambs 65.00-74.00. Few sl ewes 20.00-33.00.

GOATS 0...No Market Test.



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