CENTRAL U.S. CARLOT PORK REPORT FOB OMAHA BASIS INCLUDES MAJOR PRODUCTION AREAS IN MIDWEST AS OF 3:00 P.M. COMPARED TUESDAY'S 3:00 P.M. CLOSE: FRESH PORK LOINS FIRM TO 4.00 HIGHER; BOSTON BUTTS FIRM TO 3.00 HIGHER; SKND. HAMS 17-20 LBS. MOSTLY 9.00 LOWER, 20-26 LBS. WEAK TO MOSTLY 2.00 LOWER: SDLS. BELLIES FIRM IN LIGHT TET. DEMAND VERY GOOD, MOVEMENT ACTIVE ON LIGHT TO MODERATE SUPPLIES, EXCEPT FOR HAMS MOD-ERATE TO HEAVY

RANGE 106.00-112.00, WGHTD AVG.

110.19. %" TRIM, 14-18 LBS., 8 LOADS, RANGE 125.00-131.00, WGHTD. AVG. 128.31. 18-22 LBS.*, 5 LOADS, 104.00-110.00,

WGHTD. AVG. 107.20. %" TRIM 18-22 LBS., 5 LOADS, RANGE 124.00-130.00, WGHTD. AVG.

127.20. COMBOS 22/UP LBS., RANGE 82.00, WGHTD, AVG. 82.00 A.

LOIN, BLS CTRCT 5-7 LBS. .5 LOADS, RANGE 230.00-231.00,

WGHTD.AVG. 230.33. BNLS SIRLOIN .75-1 LB.

5 LOADS, RANGE 142.00, WGHTD. AVG. 142.00. **TNDRLN, MUSCLE-OFF**

5 LOADS, RANGE 324.00, WGHTD. AVG. 324.00.

BOSTON BUTT

4-8 LBS. *, 4 LOADS, RANGE 83.00-88.00, WGHTD. AVG. 85.00. %" TRIM 4-8 LBS., 4.0 LOADS, RANGE 101.00-106.00, WGHTD. AVG. 103.25.

COMBOS 8/UP LBS., .5 LOADS,

LOOKING FOR EXTRA

CASH FLOW FOR YOUR

FAMILY FARM?

EXCELLENT CONTRACTS AVAILABLE FOR HOGS & POULTRY

RANGE 73.00, WGHTD. AVG. 73.00. SPARERIB, FRESH

1.5-3.5 LBS., RANGE 113.00-115.00, WGHTD. AVG. 114.00 A. SPARERIBS, FROZEN

1.5-3.5 LBS., RANGE 112.00, WGHTD. AVG. 112.00 D.

3.5-5.5 LBS., RANGE 88.00, WGHTD. AVG. 88.00 C.

LOIN, BACKRIB (BOXED) FRSH/FRZN 1.5/DN LBS., RANGE 275.00, WGHTD. AVG. 275.00 C. FRSH/FRZEN 1.75/DN LBS., 1.5

LOADS, RANGE 223.00-242.50, WGHTD. AVG. 236.00. HAM, SKINNED, FRESH

17-20 LBS., 15 LOADS, RANGE

70.00-73.00, WGHTD. AVG. 70.20. 20-26 LBS., 36 LOADS, RANGE 59.00-65.00, WGHTD. AVG. 61.44. 26-32 LBS., RANGE 67.00, WGHTD.

AVG. 67.00 B. 32/UP LBS., 1 LOAD, RANGE 54.00, WGHTD. AVG. 54.00.

BELLY, SDLS, SKIN-ON, FRESH

10-12 LBS., RANGE 55.00, WGHTD. AVG. 55.00 A.

12-14 LBS., 5.0 LOADS, RANGE 58.50, WGHTD. AVG. 58.50. 14-16 LBS., 7 LOADS, RANGE 58.50, WGHTD. AVG. 58.50.

16-18 LBS., 8 LOADS, RANGE 54.50-55.75, WGHTD. AVG. 54.91.

18-20 LBS., 2 LOADS, RANGE 50.50, WGHTD. AVG. 50.50.

20-25 LBS., 2 LOADS, RANGE 44.50-45.50, WGHTD. AVG. 45.00. PORK TRIMMINGS

BONELESS PROCESSING PORK (CHEMICAL LEAN)

COMBO 42% FRESH, 5.5 LOADS,

RANGE 27.00, WGHTD. AVG. 27.00, BOXED 42% FROZEN, 1 LOAD, RANGE 35.50, WGHTD. AVG. 35.50, COMBO 72% FRESH, 2.5 LOADS, RNAGE 70.00, WGHTD. AVG. 70.00. BOXED 72% FROZEN, 3.5 LOADS,

RANGE 76.00-77.00, WGHTD. AVG 76.29.

PICNIC CUSHION MEAT COMBO 92% FRESH, RANGE 140.00-143.00, WGHTD. AVG. 141.00 A.

BONELESS PICNIC MEAT COMBO 72% FRESH, 5 LOADS, RANGE 72.00, WGHTD. AVG. 72.00. BOXED 72% FROZEN, 13 LOADS, RANGE 77.00-78.00, WGHTD. AVG. 77.31.

SKINNED JOWLS

COMBO FRESH, RANGE 25.00, WGHTD. AVG. 25.00 D. BOXED FROZEN, 1 LOAD, RANGE

27.00, WGHTD. AVG. 27 00

NOTE. (*)REFLECTS ¼ " TRIMMED PRODUCT BROUGHT BACK TO A REGULAR COMMODITY BASIS.

ABCDE AFTER QUOTES REPRE-SENTS DAYS SINCE LAST ACTUAL MARKET TEST QUOTES ARE DROPPED AFTER 5 DAYS OF NO TEST OR BEFORE IF THEY NO LONGER **REFLECT CURRENT MARKET** CONDITIONS

PORK CARCASS CUTOUT WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12

ESTIMATED GROSS CUTOUT VAL-UES OF A 175 LB. HOG CARCASS BASED ON USDA CUTTING YIELD TESTS AND CARLOT PRICES. WED-NESDAY'S CARCASS GRADES AND PRICES PER CWT .:

US#1 71.84, CHANGE FROM TUES. VALUE -1.20; US#2 69.63, CHANGE -1.14; US#3 67.42, CHANGE -1.08; US#4 65.21, CHANGE -1.02. TODAY'S CALCULATIONS FOR

US#2 175 LB. PORK CARCASS:

HAM, SKINNED, 14-20 LBS., 21.01% OF CARCASS, 73.00 FOB VALUE, CHANGE FROM TUES. -9.00; LOINS, % " TRIM, 14-22 LBS., 20.33% OF CAR-CASS, 127.75 FOB VALUE, CHANGE FROM TUES. 2.75.

BELLIES, SDLS, 12-14 LBS, 13.90% OF CARCASS, 58.50 FOB VALUE, 50 CHANGE FROM TUES .; SPARERIBS, 3.5 DN. LBS., 3.03% OF CARCASS, FOB VALUE 114.00.

PICNICS, 8-12 LBS., 10.31% OF CAR-CASS, FOB VALUE 49.00, CHANGE FROM TUES. -0.50; BUTTS, ¼ " TRIM, 4-8 LBS, 7.25% OF CARCASS, 103 25 FOB VALUE, CHANGE 2.75.

JOWL, 285% OF CARCASS, 25.00 FOB VALUE; NECKBONES, 1.52% OF CARCASS, FOB VALUE 15.00

FEET, 105% OF CARCASS, 1900 FOB VALUE; TAILS, .22% OF CAR-CASS, FOB VALUE 53 00

TRIM 72%, 219% OF CARCASS, 70.00 FOB VALUE; LARD, 10 85% OF CARCASS, 13.00 FOB VALUE,

CHANGE -0.25. TOTAL CARCASS: 94.51%. US#2 CARCASSS VALUE PER CWT 69.63

NOTE: VALUE MAY CHANGE WITHOUT ADEQUIE TEST.

Farmers Should Exercise Dairy Cows

EDWARD J. WOODS Washington Co. Agent

I know that many of our dairy farmers keep their milking cows confined to the stall barns much of the time. This is easy to do when you are short of labor during the

In order to have a healthy herd, the cows should be allowed outside to exercise daily unless severe weather conditions exist. The exercise will not only keep their feet and legs in better condition, but will permit the cows in heat to be detected — that is often a problem when cows are kept confined too much of the time.

If the herd is turned out for 15 to 30 minutes each day, the time involved will be very worthwhile. You'll find very few days when the weather will interfere.

Winter weeds in our alfalfa fields are every bit as predictable as summer weeds are in corn and

Colder weather is here and hay fields are dormant. We now have a choice to use different herbicides,

rocket. Also, expect to see seedlings of other weeds plus some tough perennials, too. It pays to know your weeds before selecting the herbicide.

Check the "Agronomy Guide" and read the label on the container or package. There are directions and limitations to get the job done right — in the next six weeks.

Evergreens Drop Some Of

Their Needles During Fall Don't worry if your evergreens drop some of their needles during

the fall. This is because pines, spruces, and similar evergreens usually start dropping one year's growth of needles during September and continue well into October.

In Scotch pines, the 3-year-old needles turn yellowish and then fall off. The red pine usually drops its 4-year-old needles, while the white pine normally keeps only 1 or 2 year's growth of needles.

Don't be concerned if your evergreens have dropped or are still dropping needles. The needles which are lost are those nearest the center of the tree. The younger, green needles remain at the ends of the branches.

While this shedding operation is in progress, the trees often appear to be dead or dying. However, as soon as they are exposed to a hard wind or heavy rain, the old needles are knocked to the ground and the trees again appear normal.



LOADS PORK CUTS 97.5 LOADS TRIM/ PROCESS PORK PORK CUTS 31.5

LOINS, REG., FRESH 14-18 LBS.*, 8 LOADS, PRICE

depending largely on the kinds of weeds present that need to be

The most commonly found winter annuals at this time include chickweed and the four mustard weeds --- shepherds purse, pepper-weed, pennycress, and yellow

