

Philadelphia Vegetable

PHILADELPHIA
DECEMBER 24, 1996

VEGETABLES
 ---ARTICHOKES: OFFERINGS INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE
 ---ASPARAGUS: OFFERINGS INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE
 ---BEANS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY bucrns/crts FL Round Green Type 18.00-20.00
 ---BEETS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY crts bchd FL 12s 8.00 25 lb flmbgs lse CD med 6.00
 ---BROCCOLI: MARKET ABOUT STEADY ctns AZ bchd 14s few 13.00 Crown Cut 14.00 CA bchd 14s 10.00-13.00 Crown Cut 14.00
 ---BRUSSELS SPROUTS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY 25 lb ctns CA 13.00-14.00 mostly 14.00
 ---CABBAGE: MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER 1 3/4 bucrts & 50 lb ctns FL Round Green Type med 7.50-8.00 poor cond 1.00-2.00 Red Type med 8.00-9.00 GA Round Green Type med 7.50 LI Round Green Type med fair cond 5.00-5.50 50 lb sks CD Round Green Type lge 5.00-5.50 NY Round Green Type lge 5.00 1 3/4 bucrts & 40 lb ctns FL Savoy Type med 10.00
 ---CARROTS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY sks 48 1-lb flmbgs CA Topped med-lge 12.00-14.00 mostly 12.00 50 lb sks lse CA Topped jbo 10.00-12.00 CD CDOne Topped jbo 6.50-7.50 mostly 7.00 few 8.00 ctns bchd CA Bunched 24s 12.00 ctns 20 1-lb flmbgs CA Baby Peeled 15.00-16.00
 ---CAULIFLOWER: MARKET ABOUT STEADY ctns flmwrpd CA 12s 10.00 one label 14.00-15.00 FL 12s few 12.00 16s 9.00-10.00 few 11.00 MX 9s 9.00
 ---CELERY: MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER ctns CA 2 dz 15.50-18.00 2 1/2 dz 15.50-18.00 mostly 17.00 3 dz 15.50-16.00 flmb 30s 18.50
 ---CHINESE CABBAGE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY celcrts FL 10.00 Nappa 12.00
 ---CORN-SWEET: MARKET ABOUT STEADY wbcrts FL Yellow 4 dz min 9.00-10.00 White 4 dz min 10.00-11.00 Bi-Color 4 dz min ord cond 1.00
 ---CUCUMBERS: FEW SALES WAXED 1 1/9 bucrns/crts FL med fr qual few 10.00
 ---EGGPLANT: MARKET ABOUT STEADY 1 1/9 bucrns wrpd FL med fair cond 5.00-7.00 fair qual & cond 2.00-4.00
 ---ENDIVE: MARKET HIGHER 1 1/9

bucrns/crts FL 9.00 10 lb ctns BL Witloof 17.00-18.00
 ---ESCAROLE: OFFERINGS INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE
 ---GARLIC: MARKET STEADY 30 lb ctns CA White super col 36.00 col 33.00 super jbo 30.00 exjbo 28.50 fair cond 18.00
 ---GREENS: MARKET ABOUT STEADY ctns bchd CA Swiss Chard 12s 10.00 Red 12s 10.00 ctns/crts bchd GA Collard 7.00 Kale 7.00 NC Collard 6.00-7.00 mostly 7.00 Kale 6.00-7.00 mostly 7.00 Mustard 7.00 Turnip Tops 7.00 Rape 7.00 TX Collard 24s 7.50-8.00 Kale 24s 7.50-8.00 20 lb ctns MX Broccoli Rabe 24s 14.00-15.00 fair cond 12.00
 ---LETTUCE-ICEBERG: MARKET ABOUT STEADY ctns AZ 24s 8.00-9.00 fair cond 4.00-5.00 Wrapped 24s 10.00-11.00 CA 24s fair cond 7.00-8.00
 ---LETTUCE-OTHER: MARKET ABOUT STEADY ctns AZ Boston 24s 12.00 Green Leaf 24s 10.00-11.00 few 12.00 Red Leaf 24s 10.00-11.00 some 12.00 FL Boston 24s 9.00-10.00 Bibb 24s 8.00 2.5 lb ctns CA Mesculin Mix 8.50
 ---LETTUCE-ROMAINE: MARKET SLIGHTLY LOWER ctns AZ 24s 11.00-12.00 some 10.00 FL 24s 8.00-9.00 1.3 bucrts AZ 24s 15.00-16.00
 ---MUSHROOMS: MARKET STEADY 10 lb ctns PA lge 12.00-12.50 mostly 12.00 med 9.50-10.00 mostly 9.50 4 qt bkts PA med-lge 5.00-5.50 few 4.75 sml-med 4.00-4.50 5 lb ctns PA Oyster 18.00-19.00 Cremini 9.00 Portobellas 9.50-10.50 few 9.00 3 lb ctns PA Shiitake 11.50-13.50 mostly 12.00-13.00 fair qual 8.50-10.50 Oyster 12.00-13.50 ctns 12 8-oz trays flmwrpd PA 8.00-8.50 ctns 10 12-oz trays flmwrpd PA 9.00-9.50 few 10.00 ctns 10 10-oz trays flmwrpd PA 8.00-8.50
 ---OKRA: NO SALES REPORTED
 ---ONIONS GREEN: MARKET ABOUT STEADY ctns bchd MX 48s 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.00 small 6.00-6.50 crts bchd FL Leeks 12s 14.00 ctns bchd CA Leeks 12s 15.00
 ---PARSLEY: MARKET ABOUT STEADY crts bchd FL Curly 60s 10.00-12.00 mostly 10.00 Plain 60s 10.00-12.00 ctns bchd TX Root 12s few 16.00
 ---PARSNIPS: 20 lb flmbgs lse CD 12.00
 ---PEAS GREEN: OFFERINGS LIGHT 10 lb ctns GU Snow Peas 16.00
 ---PEAS OTHER: OFFERINGS INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE
 ---PEPPERS: OFFERINGS LIGHT 1 1/9 bucrns/crts FL Bell Type Green lge 8.00-10.00 fair qual 6.00-7.00 Mxd Red

And Green lge 4.00-5.00 Red exlge fair appear 10.00-12.00 lge 13.00-15.00 fair qual 8.00-10.00 med fair qual 6.00-8.00 TX Bell Type Red lge fair qual 8.00 med fair qual 6.00 15 lb ctns MX Bell Type Red exlge 10.00-12.00
 ---PEPPERS OTHER: 1 1/9 bucrns/crts FL Long Hot 10.00-12.00 Cubanelles med-lge 8.00 crts JM Scotch Bonnet 18.50
 ---RADISHES: MARKET ABOUT STEADY ctns tpd 30 6-oz flmbgs FL Red 5.00-6.00 mostly 5.50-6.00 ctns tpd 14 1-lb flmbgs FL Red 5.75 ctns bchd MX Red 24s 7.00
 ---RHUBARB: OFFERINGS NONE
 ---RUTABAGAS: 50 lb ctns CD CDOne med 7.50-8.00
 ---SPINACH: MARKET ABOUT STEADY ctns bchd MX Flat 24s 10.00 1 2/5 bucrts bchd CA Flat 24s 12.00 cel crt Repacked Enroute Savoy 12.00-13.00 (clipped)
 ---SQUASH: OFFERINGS LIGHT 1/2 & 5/9 bucrns/crts FL Zucchini sml-med fair cond 5.00 ctns/flugs MX Zucchini sml-med 10.00 med 8.00
 ---SWEET POTATOES: MARKET ABOUT STEADY CURED 40 lb ctns LA U.S. One Beauregard med 15.00 NC U.S. One Jewels med 12.00 Beauregard med 13.00
 ---TOMATOES: MARKET LOWER 25 lb ctns FL 85% U.S. One or Better Mature Greens pink-light red xlge 10.00-11.00 few 12.00 lge 10.00-11.00 few 12.00 Local Repack 85% U.S. One or Better Mature Greens pink-light red xlge 14.00 lge 14.00 med 14.00
 ---TOMATOES, CHERRY: MARKET ABOUT STEADY flts 12 1-pt bkts MX turning-pink 6.00-7.00
 ---TOMATOES, PLUM TYPE: MARKET ABOUT STEADY 25 lb ctns FL light-red fair appear 9.00-10.00 MX red 7.00-8.00
 ---TURNIPS: MARKET STEADY 25 lb sks NC Purple Top med 6.00-7.00
 ---VEGETABLES OTHER: 8 lb ctns CA Radicchio 9s 10.00

50 lb sks jbo 8.50 few 9.00 ID/OR 50 lb sks jbo 8.00-9.00 mostly 8.00-8.50 fr cond 7.00-7.50 WA 50 lb sks jbo hvty to min sz 7.75-8.50 White ID/OR 50 lb sks jbo fr cond 10.00 NV 50 lb sks jbo 17.00-18.00 Red CO 25 lb sks jbo 6.50 occ 7.00 NV 25 lb sks jbo 7.00 NY 25 lb sks jbo 5.50-6.50 mostly 6.00-6.50 med 5.50
 ---POTATOES: MARKET ABOUT STEADY US#1 SZ A WASHED OR BRUSHED UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED Russet Burbank ID bld 10 5-lb sks non sz A 7.50-7.75 50 lb ctns 40s 8.50-9.00 some 8.25 50s 8.50-9.00 some 8.25 60s 8.00-8.50 mostly 8.00 some 7.50 80s 8.00-8.50 some 7.50 90s 7.50-8.50 mostly 7.50 few 7.00 100s 7.00-8.50 mostly 7.50-8.00 Norkotah CD Prince Edward Island 50 lb ctns 70s 6.50 80s 6.50 90s 6.50 100s 6.00 WI 50 lb ctns 70s 6.50 80s 6.50 90s 6.50 100s 6.00 Round Red CD CDOne 50 lb sks sz B 9.00-9.50 MN/ND 50 lb sks 7.00-8.00 mostly 7.50-8.00 sz B 12.50-13.00 NY 50 lb sks 6.50 Round White CD Prince Edward Island CDOne 50 lb sks 4.75-5.00 lge 6.00 LI 50 lb sks 3.50-4.50

30.00-35.00, CANNERS 24.00-30.00, CULLS 23.00 AND DOWN.
 VEALS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 60.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 35.00-55.00. BOB CALVES: 20.00 AND DOWN. HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. 35.00-60.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 75.00; BEEF X CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 30.00.
 HOGS: TOP QUALITY 55.00-58.50, HEAVY 52.00-57.50, LIGHT 45.00-55.00, FEEDER PIGS BY THE HEAD, UP TO 46.00.
 SOWS: UP TO 54.00.
 MALE HOGS: 25.00-39.50.
 LAMBS: 70-85 LBS. 60.00-105.00, 85-125 LBS. UP TO 95.00; CULLS 60.00 AND DOWN.
 SHEEP: NONE AVAILABLE.
 GOATS: LARGE 50.00-100.00 HEAD; MEDIUM 20.00-45.00; SMALL 8.00-18.00.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland
 Report Supplied by Auction
 Sat., December 21, 1996
STOCK BULLS AND STEERS
 200-500 LBS. 30.00-52.00.
STOCK HEIFERS 30.00-44.00.
SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE, NONE AVAILABLE; MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-55.00.
HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 35.00-42.00; LIGHT 30.00-37.50.
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE, NONE AVAILABLE; MEDIUM TO GOOD 42.00-55.00.
BULLS HEAVY 30.00-38.00, LIGHT 30.00-37.00.
COWS UTILITY HOLSTEINS

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
 New Holland, PA
 Monday, December 23, 1996
 Report Supplied By Auction
306 HEAD. MARKET STEADY.
DRIVING 410.00-1175.00.
RIDING 560.00-850.00.
REGISTERED RIDING, 80 HEAD
SPECIAL DRIVING HORSES
825.00-3400.00.
KILLERS, HEAVYWEIGHTS
665.00-810.00, LIGHTWEIGHTS
385.00-500.00.
PONIES 125.00-375.00.
COLTS 110.00-385.00.

Philadelphia Potato

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ONIONS AND POTATOES
 ---ONIONS DRY: MARKET ABOUT STEADY US#1 OR GENERALLY GOOD QUAL AND COND UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED. Yellow NV 50 lb sks jbo 8.50-9.00 UT 50 lb sks jbo 8.50 few 9.00 Globe Type NY 50 lb sks med 5.00-7.00 mostly 5.00 mstr cnter 20 2-lb mshsks med 5.00-5.50 Spanish Hybrid CO

Estimated Daily Livestock Slaughter

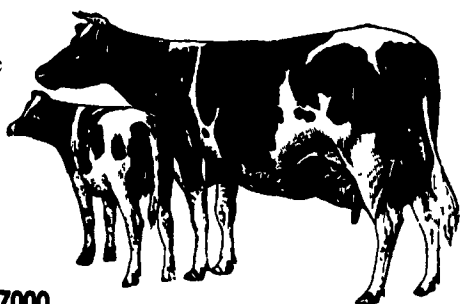
Under Federal Inspection
 December 24, 1996

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
WEDNESDAY 12/24/96 (EST)	48,000	6,000	173,000	13,000
WEEK AGO (EST)	128,000	6,000	330,000	15,000
YEAR AGO (ACT)	122,000	6,000	346,000	16,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	180,000	12,000	327,000	28,000
SAME PD LT WK (EST)	240,000	11,000	667,000	31,000
SAME PD LT YR (EST)	122,000	6,000	346,000	16,000

PREVIOUS DAY ESTIMATED TUESDAY, STEER AND HEIFER 100,000, COW AND BULL 32,000.
 ***REVISION MON. HOG SLAUGHTER...354,000.

Why a Beef Checkoff on Dairy Calves?

- ✓ The mandatory beef checkoff requires that one dollar per head be assessed on all sales of bovine animals — regardless of size, breed or value. The checkoff was designed to be fair to all producers — everyone benefits, everyone invests.
- ✓ Dairy producers earn approximately 10% to 15% of their net income from beef sales. Whether you're selling cull cows or bulls; bred or open females; veal or bull calves to be fed by someone else; steers or any other bovine, a dollar on each head sold is remitted to your state beef council. Each segment of the industry contributes to the total pounds of beef for sale at the grocery store or restaurant. When prices are good, everyone benefits. Therefore, everyone pays — even in a down market.
- ✓ The \$1-per-head checkoff cannot guarantee a profit on each head sold. There are numerous other factors, such as feed prices, weather, and supply that contribute to the purchase or selling price of each animal. The checkoff is in place to help increase demand for beef and veal, thereby increasing the potential to make a profit on animals.
- ✓ Nationally, 20% - 25% of beef on the market comes from dairy cattle, including about 45% of all ground beef sold. Promotions designed to target ground beef, such as this summer's beef and Kraft cheese retail promotion, help improve ground beef sales.
- ✓ It is sometimes hard to see the benefits of the checkoff when the value of calves and cull cows is depressed. But, take away the beef/veal checkoff and we will quickly lose our market share to poultry and alternative protein sources. We will lose our strong relationship with health professionals; our stories about beef and veal in magazines; our television ads; and, eventually, demand for your animals.



For More Information Contact:
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JUST HATCHED...

A bright shining New Year. May it be egg-ceptional in every way. Our special thanks for your patronage!

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