Central U.S. Carlot **Beef Report**

April 23, 1997

Report supplied by USDA USDA NATIONAL CARLOT BEEF REPORT (INCLUDES MAJOR PRO-DUCTION AREAS IN THE MIDWEST AND TX) AS OF 3 P.M.

COW AND BULLS CARCASS FOB OMAHA

4.0 LOADS REPORTED

COMPARED TO APRIL 15 REPORT: UTILITY COW CARCASSES STEADY; CUTTER NOT ESTABLISHED. DEMAND AND OFFERINGS MODERATE.

UT,BRK 2-4 450 LBS. AND UP, 1.0 LOADS, RANGE 67.00, LATEST ESTB. MKT. 67.00

UT, BNG 1-3 400 LBS. AND UP. 3.0 LOADS, RANGE 71.00, LATEST ESTB. MKT. 71.00.

CUTTER 1-2 350 LB. AND UP, UNQUOTED.

BULLS YG1 500 LBS. AND UP, UNQUOTED.

COW AND BULL CARCASSES CAF WEST COAST

MARKET FOR WEEK ENDED APRIL 18

UT, BNG 1-3 400 LBS. AND UP, **RANGE 72.00.** CUTTER 1-2 350 LBS. AND UP,

RANGE 72.00. BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF/

BEEF TRIMMINGS

219.0 LOADS REPORTED FRESH LEAN BONELESS BEEF

MOSTLY 5.00 LOWER LATE; 85% 2.50-8.50 LOWER; 75% STARTED OUT FIRM, BUT FINISHED MOSTLY LOW-ER; 65% STEADY. DEMAND LIGHT TO MODERATE FOR MODERATE TO HEAVY OFFERINGS. BEEF TRIM-MINGS LOWER ON MODERATE DEMAND AND FAIRLY HEAVY OFFERINGS

FOB OMAHA BASIS 90% FR, 33 LOADS, RANGE 94.0-99.5 WT. AVG. 96.91. 90% FZ, 2 LOADS, RANGE 106.0, WT.

AVG. 106.00. 85% FR, 27 LOADS, RANGE 88.5-94.5, WT. AVG. 93.37.

85% FZ, UNQUOTED.

65% FR, 12 LOADS, RANGE 67.00, WT. AVG. 67.00.

65% FZ, UNQUOTED 50% FR, 88 LOADS, RANGE 49.00-53.00, WT. AVG. 50.85.

UNQUOTED.

90% FR, 16 LOADS, RANGE 94.5-97.0, WT. AVG. 95.34.

90% FZ, UNQUOTED.

85% FZ, 75% FR, 75% FZ, 65% FR,

AND 65% FZ, UNQUOTED.

90% FR, 23 LOADS, RANGE

90% FZ, UNQUOTED. 85% FR, 3 LOADS, RANGE 93.5, WT.

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51.27. 75% FR, 15 LOADS, RANGE 78.5-83.5, WT. AVG. 80.57. 75% FZ, UNQUOTED.

50% FZ, 50% BX, AND BULL 92-94,

FOB EAST TX & OK

85% FR, UNQUOTED.

CAF NE AREAS

97.0-98.5, WT. AVG. 97.80.

AVG. 93.50.

Mahoning Outdoor Furnaces

85% FR, UNQUOTED. 85% FZ, 75% FR, 75% FZ, 75% FR, UNQUOTED.

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65% FR AND 65% FZ, UNQUOTED. CAF WEST COAST BASIS

WEEK ENDED 4/18/97 90% FR, RANGE 105.25, WT. AVG.

105.25 90% FZ, UNQUOTED.

85% FR, RANGE 97.0, WT. AVG. 97.00.

85% FZ, UNQUOTED.

75% FR, UNQUOTED. 75% FZ, UNQUOTED.

65% FR, RANGE 66.0-70.25 WT. AVG. 67.39

65% FZ, UNQUOTED. 50% FR, RANGE 49.0-54.5, WT. AVG.

50% FZ, UNQUOTED.

****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.**

SOURCE: USDA MARKET, DES MOINES, IA.

Mercer Livestock

MERCER, PA APRIL 22, 1997

CATTLE: 350: PDA. Compared with last week's sale, slaughter steers mixed 1.50 higher to .75 lower, Holsteins higher, cows mostly steady instances 1.00 lower. STEERS: High Choice and Prime 1225/1530 lbs, 70.00-72.75, Choice 1025/1455 lbs, 63.25-69.00, Select 55.00-65.00. Standard 45.00-55.50.

HOLSTEINS: High Choice and Prime 1075/1600 lbs, 62.25-66.00, Choice 1025/1600 lbs, 58.25-61.75, Select 47.50-56.50, few Standard 41.35-46.50.

HEIFERS: Choice 1040/1635 lbs, 62.00-65.25, Select 55.50-62.00, few Standard 32.25-36.50.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 40.00-44.00, one at 47.50, Cutter and Boning Utility 34.75-41.00, Canner and Low Cutter 33.25-36.50, Shells down to 20.50.

BULLS: Few Yield Grade No. 1 925/2010 lbs, 43.75-51.00, few No. 2 960/2120 lbs, 33.75-43.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Few Medium Frame No. 1 540/650 lbs,

64.50-71.00, few Large Frame No. 2 425/860 lbs, 40.00-52.00, few Medium Frame No. 2 385/630 lbs, 45.00-59.00; HEIFERS: Medium Frame No. 1 270/725 lbs, 59.00-68.00, Medium Frame No. 2 335/775 lbs, 46.00-56.00; BULLS: Few Medium Frame No. 1 580/765 lbs, 59.50-63.00, few Medium Frame No. 2 790/970 lbs, 43.00-57.00.

CALVES: 91: VEALERS: Standard and Good 80/120 lbs, 25.00-36.00, mostly 30.00 & 31.00, Utility 55/95 lbs, 10.00-25.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/125 lbs, 62.50-80.00, No. 2 80/130 lbs, 36.00-60.00, few No. 2 Holstein heifers 70/105 lbs, 29.00-60.00; Few beef cross bulls and heifers 70/110 lbs, 67.50-90.00.

HOGS: 83: BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 230/240 lbs, 56.25-57.85, US 1-3 230/270 lbs, 53.85-56.25, few US 2-3 230/260 lbs, 52.00-53.50.

SOWS: Few US 1-3 345/445 lbs, 43.00-49.00.

BOARS: Few 215/275 lbs, 34.00-36.00. FEEDER PIGS: 0: No market test.

SHEEP: 20: SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 35/50 lbs, 122.50-132.50. SLAUGHTER SHEEP: Couple 37.00 &

37.50.

GOATS: 0: No market test.



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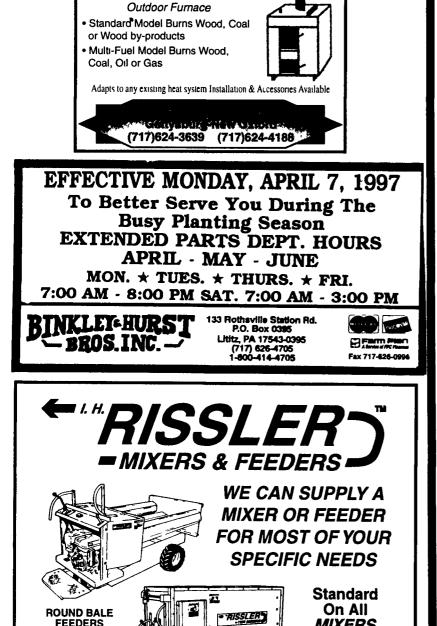
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