

Estimated Daily Livestock Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection

October 15, 1997

	CATTLE	CALVES	HOGS	SHEEP
WEDNESDAY 10/15/97 (EST)	133,000	7,000	368,000	15,000
WEEK AGO (EST)	132,000	7,000	368,000	15,000
YEAR AGO (ACT)	136,000	6,000	364,000	16,000
WEEK TO DATE (EST)	384,000	19,000	1,079,000	42,000
SAME PD LT WK (EST)	394,000	20,000	1,086,000	44,000
SAME PD LT YR (EST)	384,000	20,000	1,064,000	47,000

MERCER LIVESTOCK AUCTION

MERCER, PA
October 14, 1997

CATTLE 424... SUPPLIED BY THE AUCTION. STEERS: High Choice and Prime 1250/1400 lbs. 64.00-67.75, Choice 1080/1250 lbs. 61.00-65.50, Select 48.00-56.50. HOLSTEINS: High Choice and Prime 1300/1600 lbs. 68.00-63.00, Choice 1150/1300 lbs. 58.00-62.00, Select 46.50-53.00, Standard 44.00-49.50. HEIFERS: Choice 1050/1275 lbs. 61.00-65.50, Select 49.00-54.00. COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 31.75-39.00, Cutter and Boring Utility 38.50-43.25, Canner and Low Cutter 26.00-34.00. Shells down to 15.00. BULLS: Yield Grade No. 1 1050/1375 lbs. 42.00-48.00, one 53.75, No. 2 950/1800 lbs. 38.00-44.50. FEEDER

CATTLE: STEERS: Medium Frame No. 1 450/600 lbs. 54.00-65.00; HEIFERS: Medium Frame No. 1 375/575 lbs. 48.00-62.00; BULLS: Medium Frame No. 1 300/550 lbs. 45.00-63.00.

CALVES 128...VEALERS: Good 80/140 lbs. 40.00-60.00, Standard and Good 75/100 lbs. 30.00-50.00, 70/140 lbs. 25.00-40.00, Utility 60/90 lbs. 10.00-25.00. FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 100/120 lbs. 80.00-95.00, No. 2 85/100 lbs. 60.00-70.00; No. 1 Holstein heifers 100/130 lbs. 100.00-145.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers 85/130 lbs. 60.00-102.00.

HOGS 25...BARROWS AND GILTS: US 1-2 48.50.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 3...Large Billies 50.00-85.00.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland

Report Supplied by Auction
Sat., October 11, 1997

STOCK BULLS AND STEERS 200-500 LBS. 55.00-82.50.

STOCK HEIFERS 45.00-75.00.

SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE, NONE AVAILABLE; MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-61.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 41.50-50.00; LIGHT 40.00-50.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE, NONE AVAILABLE; MEDIUM TO GOOD 42.00-58.00.

BULLS HEAVY 42.00-45.00, LIGHT 40.00-44.00.

COWS UTILITY HOLSTEINS 32.50-39.00, CANNERS 29.00-32.00, CULLS 28.00 AND DOWN.

VEALS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 88.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 35.00-55.00.

BOB CALVES: 20.00 AND DOWN. HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. UP TO 82.00.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 90.00; BEEF X CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 97.50.

HOGS: TOP QUALITY 45.00-52.00.

HEAVY 45.00-50.00, LIGHT 43.00-50.00, FEEDER PIGS BY THE HEAD, UP TO 45.00.

SOWS: UP TO 41.00. MALE HOGS: UP TO 35.00.

LAMBS: 70-85 LBS. UP TO 89.00; 85-125 LBS. UP TO 79.00; 30-60 LBS., NONE AVAILABLE; CULLS 60.00 AND DOWN.

SHEEP: UP TO 40.00.

GOATS: ALL BY THE HEAD, LARGE 50.00-85.00; MEDIUM 20.00-50.00; SMALL 8.00-34.00.

ERS 45.00-65.00.

CALVES 146. PRIME, NO MKT. TEST; CHOICE 65.00-72.00; GOOD 55.00-65.00; STANDARD 15.00-33.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 45.00-90.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 50.00-110.00.

HOGS: 208. US NO. 1-2 48.00-49.00; US NO. 1-3 47.00-48.00.

SOWS: US NO. 1-3 35.00-44.00.

BOARS: 35.00-38.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 51 HEAD. US#1&3 20-50 LBS. 15.00-39.00.

SHEEP: 44 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 75.00-80.00; GOOD LAMBS 70.00-78.00; SLAUGHTER EWES 25.00-39.00.

GOATS: 37.00-59.00.

19 LOADS OF HAY. ALFALFA 132.50-172.50; GRASS 93.00-137.50; TIMOTHY 90.00-97.00; MIXED HAY 80.00-105.00; LOAD OF WOOD 48.00 LOAD.

Morrison Cove Livestock

Martinsburg, Pa.

October 13, 1997

Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 268. STEERS CHOICE 64.00-68.00; GOOD 60.00-64.00.

HEIFERS: CHOICE 63.00-67.00; GOOD 58.00-62.00.

COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 34.00-42.50; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 18.00-34.00.

BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE 45.00-53.00.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1 38.00-48.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 55.00-72.00; BULLS 55.00-69.00; HEIF-

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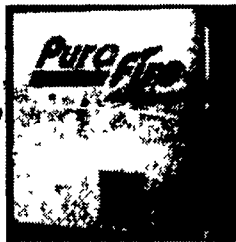
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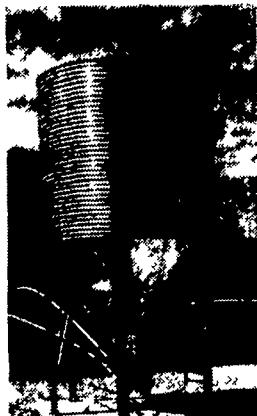
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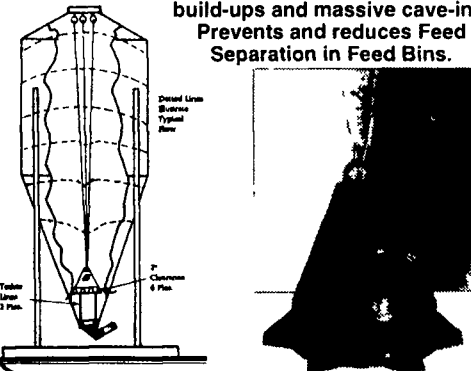
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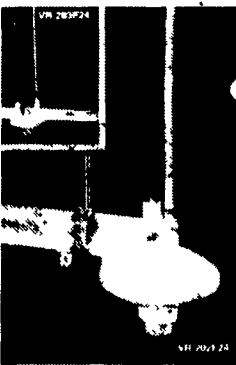


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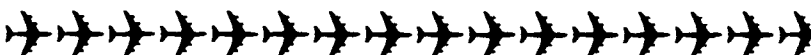
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10/11/97



Pennsylvania Livestock Export Workshop

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture as part of the Farm Show International Celebration

Thursday, November 6, 1997 • 8:00 A.M. To 5:30 P.M.

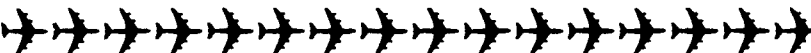
Learn about:

- International market opportunities for livestock
- What export health certificates are required
- How to make arrangements for an export shipment
- How to finance export activities
- How to minimize export risks
- What public programs are available to help small business
- Firsthand experiences of other Pennsylvania exporters

Location: The Sheraton Inn Harrisburg East is easily accessible being located on the eastern side of the Union Deposit Road Exit of Interstate 83 at Harrisburg. Free parking is available.

Cost: The registration fee is \$35 per attendee. Checks may be made payable to "Farm Show International Celebration" and sent to: FSIC'98, c/o PA Dept. of Agriculture, Room 310, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9408.

To register for this program, contact Leo Dunn at 717-783-3181, fax 717-787-1858.

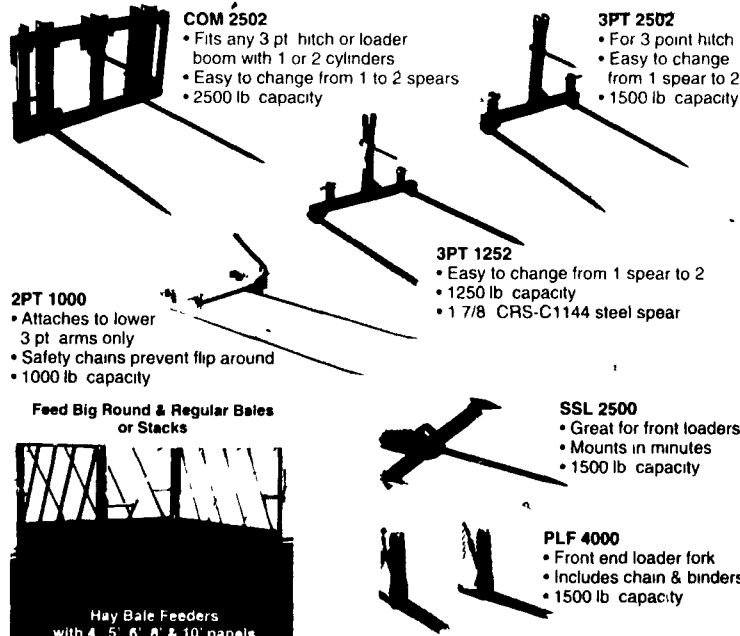


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