### October 24, 1997 PA DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE 14 LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS

CATTLE 5804 Compared with 5314 head last week and 5347 head a year ago Compared with last Friday's summary slaughter steers steady to 1 00 higher, Holsteins mostly steady, sl heifers steady to 50 lower, sl cows steady to 1 00 lower, bulls 1 00 to 2 00 lower

SLAUGHTER STEERS High Choice & Prime 66 50-70 35, Choice 62 50-68 00, Select and Low Choice 60 75-66 00, Select 55 00-63 00, Standard 45 00-50 50

HOLSTEINS High Choice & Prime 58 00 62 00, few 62 50, Choice 54 00-59 00, Select 50 00-56 00, few Standard

HEIFERS Choice 59 60-65 50, Select 54 25-62 00, few Standard 40 00-

COWS Breaking Utility & Commercial 35 00-42 00, few to 43 50, Cutter & Boning Utility 30 00-38 00, Canner and Low Cutter 24 00-33 00, few to BULLS 23 00 Shells down to 14 75 Yield Grade No 1 1000/2400 lbs 40 00-47 00, No 2 900/2000 lbs 33 00-41 00

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS Medium & Large Frame No 1 275/550 lbs 60 00-80 00, few 500/850 lbs 56 00-74 00, Medium & Large Frame No 2 300/600 lbs 40 00-59 00,

HEIFERS Medium & Large Frame No 1 300/600 lbs 55 00-65 00, few 73 00, Medium & Large Frame No 2 300/700 lbs 38 00-57 00,

BULLS. Medium & Large Frame No 1 270/700 lbs 48 00-65 00, few 73 00, Medium & Large Frame No 2 300/750 lbs 40 00-60 00

CALVES 3649 Compared with 3553 head last week and 2770 head a year ago

VEALERS mostly steady few Choice 150/350 lbs 70 00-78 00, few Good 125/300 lbs 40 00-65 00, Standard and Good 70/110 lbs 20 00-30 00, few to 37 00, Utility 50/100 lbs

FARM CALVES Holstein bull calves steady to 15 00 lower, Holstein heifers weak to 25 00 lower No 1 Holstein bulls 85/125 lbs 67 50 110 00, No 2 80/125 lbs 30 00-75 00, No 1 Holstein heifers 85/125 lbs 70 00-118 00, No 2 75/125 lbs 35 00-75 00 Few beef cross bulls and heifers 80/115 lbs 35 00-97 50

HOGS 2429 Compared with 2169 head last week and 2055 head a year ago Bar rows and gilts fully 1 00 to 2 00 lower, sows steady to 3 00 lower

BARROWS AND GILTS US 1-2 220/265 lbs 46 00-48 00, few 45 00, US 1-3 210/270 lbs 45 35-46 50, few US 2-3 220/380 lbs 44 00-43 25 SOWS US 1-3 300/500 lbs 31 00-36 00, 500/700 lbs 35 00-39 00, few to 43 00

BOARS 30 00-35 00

FEEDER PIGS 273 Compared with 367 head last week and 421 head a year Feeder pigs Few US 1-3 15/30 16 00-22 00, 30/60 lbs 20 00-

36 00 -- per head SHEEP 1436 Compared with 1281 head last week and 849 head a year ago Slaughter lambs 1000 to 1500

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice 40/70 lbs 95 00-125 00, few to 83 00, 65/105 lbs 71 00-100 00, 100/140 lbs 65 00-80.00, few Good and Choice 105/130 lbs 44 00-77.50

SLAUGHTER SHEEP 25 00-50.00 TWO GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES 784 Compared with 842 head last week and 797 head a year ago Feeder pigs under 50 lbs very uneven, over 50 lbs

steady to 15 00 lower Few US 1-2 25/40 lbs 67 50-95 00, 40/50 lbs 70 00 105 00, 50/60 lbs 57 50-82 00, 64 00-69 00, Slaughter 22/37 lbs 85 00-100 00 --- per hun-

### MERCER LIVESTOCK AUCTION MERCER, PA October 28, 1997

CATTLE 513 [PDA] steers higher, cows 50 to 2 50 lower STEERS Choice 990/1450 lbs 64 00-67 75, one @ 69 25, Select 56 50-63 75, Standard 47 50-56 00

HOLSTEINS few High Choice and Prime 1395/1650 lbs 61 00-65 00, few Choice 1100/1490 lbs 58 75-61 00, few Select 51 00-54 25, Standard 36 50-

HEIFERS few High Choice and Prime 1155/1275 lbs 66 50-67 50, few Choice 1050/1175 lbs 62 50-65 00, few Select 58 50-61 00, few Standard 46 00-52 50

COWS Breaking Utility and Commercial 33 00-38 25, few 40 00, Cutter and Boning Utility 27 50-35 50, Canner and Low Cutter 24 50-29 25 down to 21 50

BULLS few Yield Grade No 1 1120/2140 lbs 39 50-45 00, No 2 940/1950 lbs 27 25-38 75

FEEDER CATTLE STEERS few Large Frame No 1 530/910 lbs 56 00-60 00, Medium Frame No 1 330/960 lbs 51 00-61 00, Large Frame No 2 225/1020 lbs 43 50-54 00, Medium Frame No 2 265/845 lbs 42 00-49 00, HEIFERS few Large Frame No 425/720 lbs 53 00-64 00, Medium Frame No 1 230/835 lbs 42 00-49 00, Large Frame No 2 285/720 lbs 53 00-64 00, Medium Frame No 1 230/835 lbs 46 00-60 00, BULLS few Large Frame No 1 735/950 lbs 45 50-48 5 36.00-43 00, Medium Frame No 2

### EAST FLUID MILK AND CREAM REVIEW

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demand for Class I and Class III lighter because producers cannot products Fluid milk sales are seasonally strong The condensed skim market is holding steady and interest is increasing

Demand is moderate and contacts believe that prices may drop in the next couple weeks All divisons of the dairy industry have been affected by the record high

Multiples used to determine cream prices are significantly lower this week Some producers, in an effort to help customers, are adjusting multiples to offset some of the effect of the butter market. Prices are above \$2.00 per pound butterfat which tends to limit spot

Ice cream production is afford to buy cream at the current prices Contacts report that they have switched to using substitutes when possible Many have rearranged manufacturing schedules and are focusing on sherbert, yogurt, and low-fat ice cream instead of bulk ice cream

Lower fat tests and high cream butter prices last Friday at the prices have influenced cream cheese producers to begin making fat free products. Butter production and sales have temporarily slowed as producers wait to see what the market will do in the future. Many hope the market will balance itself out and that prices will adjust lower.

250/715 lbs 41 00-49 00 CALVES 107 VEALERS Standard and Good 75/140 lbs 16 00-32 00, Utility 55/85 lbs 5 00-16 00

FARM CALVES few No 1 Holstein bulls 120/140 62 50-90 00, lbs 90/115 lbs 80 00-96 00, one @ 100 00, No 2 90/145 lbs 32 50-82 50, one No I Holstein heifer 100 lbs @ 100 00, few No 2 85/100 lbs

30 00 60 00 Hew beef cross bulls and heifers 80/115 lbs 30 00-65 00 HOGS 32 BARROWS AND GILTS US 1-3 250/265 lbs 47 00-48 75 SOWS few US 1-3 305/525 lbs 38 50-42 50

FEEDER PIGS 0 NO MARKET TEST SHEEP 0 NOMARKET TEST! GOATS 1 One Medium Nanny @ 25 00 -- per head



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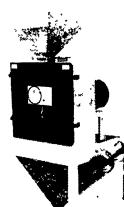
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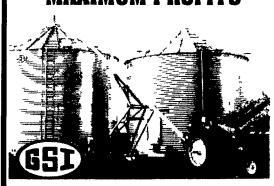






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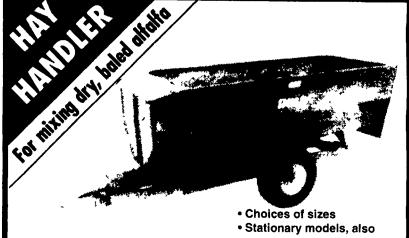
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