Estimated Daily Livestock Slaughter Under Federal Inspection

February 4, 1998 SHEEP CATTLE CALVES HOGS 17,000 365,000 WEDNESDAY 2/04/98 (EST) 130,000 6,000 7,000 375,000 15,000 WEEK AGO (EST) 131,000 YEAR AGO (ACT) 127,000 6,000 345,000 15,000 18,000 1,090,000 42,000 WEEK TO DATE (EST) 374,000 1,106,000 SAME PD LT WK (EST) 390,000 19,000 40,000 46,000 SAME PD LT YR (EST) 388,000 19,000 967,000

St. Louis Cattle, Hogs Springfield IL

Monday February 2, 1998 USDA-Il Market News Service Farmers Livestock Marketing Association Greenville Illinois

Receipts this week: 150 Last week: 150 Last year: na

Compared to last Monday slaughter steers and heifers fully 2.00 lower. Cows fully 1.00 lower. Few bulls steady. Supply mainly Choice and mixed Select and Choice slaughter steers and heifers. Around 15% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1075-1400 lbs. 60.00-62.00,YG 2-3 and fancy YG 2-4 1125-1300 lbs. 62.00-63.00. Select and Choice 2-3 975-1200 lbs. 57,00-60.00. Select 2-3 950-1125 lbs. 54.00-57.00. Holstein Steers: Choice 2-3 1350-1700 lbs. 56.00-58.00. Select and Choice 2-3 1250-1400 lbs. 52.00-56.00. Select 2-3 1075-1400 lbs. 50.00-53.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 975-1250 lbs. 60.00-62.00; YG 2-3 and fancy 2-4 1025-1275 lbs. 62.00-63.00. Select and Choice 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 57,00-60.00; Select 2-3 875-1100 lbs. 54,00-57.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Cutter, Boning and Breaking Utility 1-4 31.00-34.00; Few High Yielding 35.00-37.00; Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 27.00-31.00; Shelly Canner 1-2 23.00-27.00.

BULLS: Few Yield Grade 1-2 1400-1700 lbs. 35.00-40.00

Valley Stockyards Athens, Pa.

February 2, 1998 Report Supplied By Auction HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES TO

130.00. VEAL CALVES, NONE. VEALER BULL CALVES TO 140.00. SLAUGHTER CALVES 12.00-30.00. GRASSERS AND FEEDERS

29.00-41.00. LAMBS 60.00-80.00. SHEEP 21.00-59.00. HOGS, 200-250 LBS., 40.00-45.00. SOWS, NONE. BOARS 14.50. PIGS, EACH 22.00-30.00. HEIFERS 35.00-40.00. STEERS 35.25-45.00. STEERS, FEEDER, 50.00-65.50. BULLS 37.75-45.00. COWS, GOOD 35.00-41.00. COWS, MEDIUM 27.00-35.50. COWS, POOR OR SMALL

CATTLE MARKET STEADY.

11.00-26.75.

CALF MARKET STRONGER. GOATS 30.00-67.00. GOOD DEMAND FOR THE BETTER

Morrison Cove Livestock Martinsburg, Pa.

February 2, 1998 Report supplied by auction

CATTLE 218. STEERS CHOICE 63.00-66.00; GOOD 60.00-63.00. HEIFERS: CHOICE 62.00-65.00;

GOOD 54.00-61.00. COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 34.00-43.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 18.00-32.00.

BULLOCKS: 41.00-51.00. **BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1** 38.00-53.50.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS 52.00-75.00; BULLS 49.00-60.00; HEIF-ERS 34.00-59.00.

CALVES 146. PRIME, NO MKT. TEST; CHOICE 60.00-89.00; GOOD 55.00-66.00; STANDARD 16.00-32.00; HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS. 45.00-101.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 90-130 LBS. 55.00-106.00.

HOGS: 185. US NO. 1-2 37.00-38.00; US NO. 1-3 36.00-37.00.

SOWS: US NO. 1-3 23.00-32.00. BOARS: 18.00-31.00.

FEEDER PIGS: 28 HEAD. US#1&3 20-50 LBS. 12.00-33.00.

SHEEP: 20 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS 105.00-119.00; GOOD LAMBS 75.00-95.00; SLAUGHTER EWES

GOATS: 18.00-120.00 EACH.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland Report Supplied by Auction Sat., January 31, 1998

STOCK BULLS AND STEERS 200-500 LBS. 50.00-84.00. STOCK HEIFERS 40.00-74.00.

SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE, NONE AVAILABLE; MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-59.75. HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD, NONE AVAILABLE; LIGHT 35.00-49.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE, NONE AVAILABLE; MEDIUM TO GOOD 42.00-58.00. BULLS: HEAVY 36.00-45.00, LIGHT

40.00-50.50. COWS: UTILITY HOLSTEINS 34.00-42.25, CANNERS 28.00-33.00, CULLS 27.00 AND DOWN.

VEALS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 76.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 35.00-55.00. BOB CALVES: 30.00 AND DOWN. HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM: 90-120 LBS. UP TO 85.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 90.00.

BEEF X CALVES RETURN TO FARM: UP TO 70.00.

HOGS: TOP QUALITY 37.00-42.00, HEAVY 37.00-41.00, LIGHT 35.00-39.00, FEEDER PIGS BY THE HEAD, UP TO 35.00.

SOWS: UP TO 38.00. MALE HOGS: UP TO 22.00. LAMBS: 70-85 LBS. UP TO 96.00; 85-125 LBS. UP TO 94.00; 30-60 LBS., UP TO 121.00; CULLS 75.00 AND DOWN. SHEEP: UP TO 50.00.

GOATS: ALL BY THE HEAD, LARGE 50.00-70.00; MEDIUM 20.00-60.00; SMALL 11.00-30.00.

Lebanon Valley Livestock Fredericksburg, PA

Feb. 3

Report Supplied by Auction STEERS: CHOICE 1260 LBS. 63.75; SELECT 1195-1255 LBS. 53.75-62.25: STANDARD 1075-1305 LBS.

COWS: BREAKING UTILITY AND COMMERCIAL 1400-2000 LBS. 36.00-43.00; CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 1200-1400 LBS. 34.00-35.75; CANNER AND LOW CUTTER 1000-1200 LBS. 27.75-33.50; SHELLS 22.00-27.25.

BULLS: YG#1 1445-2320 LBS. 48.00-51.50.

CALVES: STANDARD AND GOOD 85-100 LBS. 25.00-32.00.

FARM CALVES: #1 HOLSTEIN

BULLS 95-110 LBS. 90.00-119.00, #2 85-105 LBS. 70.00-88.00; #1 HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 115 LBS. 107.50, #2 95-125 LBS. 45.00-60.00.

HOGS: BARROWS AND GILTS US#1-3 265 LBS. 34.25; #2-3 330-400 LBS. 28.50-29.25.

SOWS: US#1-3 480-600 LBS. 27.00-27.50 AND 395-400 LBS. 24.25-25.75.

BOARS: 500-535 LBS, 16.00.

Central Carlot Beef DES MOINES, IOWA

Wednesday, February 4, 1998 USDA NATIONAL CARLOT BEEF REPORT (includes major production areas in the Midwest and TX) as of 3:00 PM COW & BULL CARCASS FOB OMAHA Loads Reported. Compared to Tuesday's 3:00 P.M. report: Cow and bull carcasses not established.

Lds Price Range Latest Estb. Mkt. UT,brk 2-4 450#/up 60.00 B UT,brg 1-3 400#/up 64.00 B Cutter 1-2 350#/up 64.00 C Bulls YG 1 500#/up

COW & BULL CARCASS CAF WEST COAST Loads Reported. Compared to last

Market for Week Ended: January 29, 1998 Lds Price Range UT,brk 2-4 450#/up UT,bng 1-3 400#/up 66.00 Cutter 1-2 350#/up 66.00 Bulls YG 1 500#/up BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF/

BEEF TRIMMINGS 143.0 Loads Reported. Lean boneless processing beef 3.50-5.00 lower in the Midwest, but Texas 8.00 lower, 85% 1.50-4.00 lower, 75%

steady to 2.00; 65% steady to weak. Demand light for moderate offerings. Beef trimmings firm on mostly moderate demand and offerings.

FOB OMAHA BASIS: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 21 93.0 - 96.5 94.95 90% fz unq 85% fr 6 88.0 - 92.5 90.17 85% fz unq 75% fr 9 70.0 - 72.0 70.67 75% fz ung 65% fr 9 54.5 - 55.0 54.83 65% fz unq 50% fr 77 31.50 - 34.00 32.50 50% fz ung 50% bx ung Bull 92-94

FOB EAST TEXAS AND OKLAHO-MA: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 12 95.0 - 96.0 95.67 90% fz unq 85% fr 4 89.0 89.00 85% fz 75% fr 75% fz 65% fr 65% fz

CAF NORTHEAST AREAS: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 5 99.0 99.00 90% fz 85% fr 85% fz 75% fr 75% fz 65% fr 65% fz

CAF WEST COAST BASIS Market for Week Ended: 1/29/98 Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 103.50 -105.00 103.65 90% fz 85% fr 93.00 - 96.50 94.38 85% fz 75% fr unq 75% fz 65% fr 56.00 -57.00 56.71 65% fz 50% fr 32.00 - 33.50 32.58 50% fz unq

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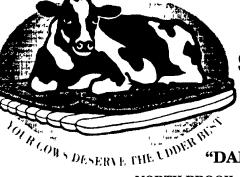
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