#### A18-Lançaster Farming, Saturday, March 14, 1998

Oklahoma National Stockyards - Weekly Cattle Summary Oklahoma City, OK

Wed Mar 11, 1998 USDA-OK Dept Ag Market News Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers steady. Demand moderate to good with best demand on steers over 800 lbs and heifers over 700 lbs. Stocker cattle and calves weak to 3.00 lower. Demand moderate in a weather related market. Quality

### Mercer Livestock Auction

MERCER, PA March 10, 1998 CATTLE 275... PDA ...Compared with last week's sale...sl. steers mostly steady on small supply of Choice, sl. cows steady to .75 higher.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 1140/1465 lbs. 59.75-63.50, Select 55.75-59.00, few Standard 52.00-54.00.

HOLSTEINS: few High Choice and Prime 1430/1700 lbs. 59.50-60.00, Choice 1245/1600 lbs. 54.75-59.00, few Select 52.25-52.50, few Standard 44.50-46.75.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 1000/1325 lbs. 59.25-64.50 mostly 60.00-67.75, Select 54.00-58.75, few Standard 45.00-52.00.

COWS: Breaking Utility and Commercial 34.75-39.75, one @ 41.50, Cutter and Boning Utility 32.00-39.00, Canner and Low Cutter 29.75-34.25. Shells down to 25.00.

BULLS: few Yield Grade No. 1 1440/1635 lbs. 43.25-49.50, few No. 2 1345/1915 lbs. 38.50-43.25. FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium Frame No. 1 470/750 lbs. 63.00-88.00, few Large Frame No. 2 475/1000 lbs. 44.00-47.00; HEIFERS: few Large Frame No. 1 450/500 lbs. 68.00-71.00, Medium Frame No. 1 250/675 lbs. 56.00-68.00, few Large Frame No. 2 475/750 lbs. 47.00-62.00, Medium Frame No. 2 375/800 lbs. 49.50-58.00; BULLS: few Medium Frame No. 1 & 2 625/850 lbs. 47.00-51.00, few 320/625 lbs. 56.00-70.00.

C A L V B S 121...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75/105 lbs. 15.00-22.00, Utility 55/85 lbs. 7.00-18.00.

FARM CALVES: No. 1 Holstein bulls 90/120 lbs. 60.00-85.00, one @ 90.00, No. 2 90/125 lbs. 30.00-60.00; few No. 1 Holstein heifers 95/120 lbs. 100.00-125.00, No. 2 80/90 lbs. 30.00-80.00. Beef cross bulls and heifers

75/115 lbs. 22.00-67.00. HOGS 20...BARROWS AND GILTS: few US 1-3 195/270 lbs. 27.00-35.00. BOARS: one 535 lbs. @ 16.50, few 170/240 lbs. 17.00-22.00.

17.00-22.00. FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST! SHEEP 6...NEW CROP LAMBS: few Choice 25/40 lbs. 100.00-130.00. GOATS 2...Couple Small @ 12.50. --- per head. plain to average. Weigh-ups average. Feeder cattle in medium to moderate flesh, few fleshy. Calves and stockers in thin to medium flesh conditions. Soft field conditions from Saturday's rain combined with cold front Sunday and Monday sharply curtailed receipts. Slaughter cows and bulls 1.00-2.00 higher. Demand very good from packers. Light receipts and good demand due to artic blast. Total of 200 cows and bulls sold on the regular turn with 55 percent going to packers. Special cow sale accounted for 675 head of mostly Fancy quality Angus purebred and commercial bred stock cows from one ranch. The bulk

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of these were young fall calvers with near 30 percent young cows middle to long bred. Excellent demand for replacements. Receipts this week 9,900; last week 15,977; last year 15,122. Supply consisted of 79 percent yearlings over 600 lbs; 12 percent calves under 600 lbs; 9 percent cows and bulls of which 2 percent were for slaughter and 7 percent replacements. Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis.

Feeder Steers: Medium and Large 1 400-450 lbs (429 lbs) 96.25-106.00 (99.87); 450-500 lbs (499 lbs) 91.50-94.25 (93.26); 500-550 lbs (514 lbs) 89.00-91.50 (90.05), Fancy 93.75-98.00 (95.62);

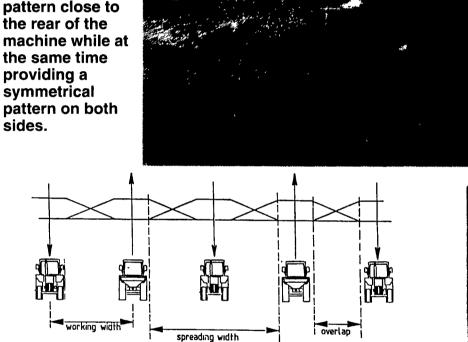
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550-600 lbs (577 lbs) 81.25-92.00 (85.50); 600-650 lbs (627 lbs) 81.00-87.50 (84.99), Fancy 84.00-91.25 (89.55); 650-700 lbs (674 lbs) 76.00-80.00 (78.20); 700-750 lbs (732 lbs) 73.50-76.75 (75.64), few stockers 715 lbs 77.00-79.00 (77.40); 750-800 lbs (778 lbs) 72.25-76.25 (74.03); 800-850 lbs (821 lbs) 72.00-76.00 (73.46); 850-900 lbs (870 lbs) 68.00-73.75 (71.60); 900-950 lbs (870 lbs) 68.00-73.75 (71.60); 900-950 lbs (916 lbs) 68.25-71.50 (70.12); 1000-1010 lbs (1006 lbs) 65.00-65.25 (65.19). Holsteins: Large 2 550 lbs 63.50; 600-700 lbs 57.50-58.00; 800-850 lbs 54.25-59.50. Feeder Heifers: Medium and Large 1 350-400 lbs (365 lbs) 83.00-89.50 (89.23):

350-400 lbs (365 lbs) 83.00-89.50 (89.23); 450-500 lbs (476 lbs) 79.00-85.50 (83.02); 500-550 lbs (532 lbs) 76.00-81.50 (79.04); 550-600 lbs (577 lbs) 73.75-79.75 (76.59); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 70.00-76.50 (72.66); 700-750 lbs (721 lbs) 70.00- 73.75 (72.00); 750-800 lbs (778 lbs) 68.25-71.75 (69.53); 800-850 lbs (821 lbs) 64.00-71.50 (66.75); lot 890 lbs 64.75; few 900-950 lbs (935 lbs) 62.25-64.50 (63.22).

Slaughter Cows: Average dressing: Cutters 36.00-39.00, Utilities 37.00-40.50; high dressing: Cutters 39.00-41.50, Utilities 40.50-42.50; low dressing: few Cutters 32.50-36.50, Utilities 34.00-37.00. Canners scarce.

Estimated dressed cost at Oklahoma National Stockyards: Cutters 80.40;



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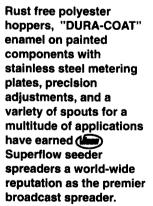
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