Central Carlot Pork Report DES MOINES, IOWA Wednesday, March 25, 1998

USDA NATIONAL CARLOT PORK REPORT Equated to FOB Omaha Basis as 3:00 P.M.

Compared to Tuesday's Close: Fresh bone-in 13-19# loins and butts mostly steady; sknd. hams steady to 2.00 lower; sdls. bellies 1.00-2.00 higher; lean trimmings steady to 1.00 higher. Trading moderate, with moderate demand and

Loads PORK CUTS: 111.38 Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 52.5 USDA ESTIMATED COMPOSITE PORK CAR-CASS CUTOUT Based on FOB Omaha carlot pork prices and industry yields.

Calculations for a 185 lb Pork Carcass 51-52% lean, 0.80"-0.99" backfat at last rib -- Total Today's Primal Composite Values Date Loads Cutout Loin Butt Pic Rib Ham Belly 03/25 163.9 54.83 78.99 57.01 29.20 127.51 44.96 49.16 Change: -0.31 -0.77 0.36 -0.69 unc -0.99 1.10 03/24 175.1 55.14 79.76 56.65 29.89 127.51 45.96 48.05 03/23 63.5 55.16 79.77 57.83 30.05 128.96 46.28 46.31 03/20 71.8 55.30 80.86 57.94 30.03 128.96 46.00 45.83 03/19 142.3 54.40 79.08 58.39 30.02 130.41 44.94 44.05 Current Five Day Simple Average - 54.97 79.69 57.57 29.84 128.67 45.63 46.68- NOTE: Value may change without adequate test.

FRESH PORK CUTS LDS PRICE RANGE WGHTD AVG. LOINS, BONE-IN, FRESH 1/4" Trim 13-19# 6.5 103.00 -

107.00 105.77 1/8" Trm/less 13-19# 3.5 108.00 - 114.00 112.29 1/4" Bladeless 1/4" Trim 19-23# 5.0 101.00 - 103.00 102.20 combos 23/Up# 2.0 57.00 57.00 LOINS, CNTRCUT, 10-11 RIB, 1/4"TRM Tender-in FLO 8-13# 159.00 159.00 A Tender-out FLO 8-13# BNLS Strap-on 5-9# 0.5 161.00 161.00 BNLS Strap-off 5-9# 7.5 175.00 - 177.00 176.07 WHLE BNLS LOINS 7-11# BNLS SIRLOIN .75-1# 0.38 119.00 119.00 BONE-IN SIR 2.5-3.5# BLADE ENDS 2-4# TENDER-LOIN 1.25/DN# 239.00 - 250.00 239.65 A LOIN BACKRIB (BOXED) FRSH/FRZN 1.5/DN# " 1.75/DN# 322.00 322.00 C " 1.75-2.00# 264.00 - 270.00 264.46 A " 2.00/UP# LOIN BACKRIB (COMBOS) 1.75/DN# 319.00 319.00 C PICNIC, FRESH Smkr Trm, RS, combo 36.00 36.00 A Smkr Trm, SS, boxed 45.00 45.00 A PICNIC CUSHION MEAT Combo 92% Fresh 90.00 90.00 E Boxed 92% Frozen 1.0 70.00 70.00 BOSTON BUTT 4-9#,FRESH 1/4" Trim 5.5 70.00 - 74.00 71.77 1/8" Trim 0.5 78.00 78.00 1/4" Trim Neck-off 78.00 - 80.00 79.43 A 1/8" Trim Neck-off 2.0 85.00 85.00 BNLS, Cellar Trim combo's 9/UP# SPARERIB, FRESH 3 BAG/3 PCVAC 3.8/DN# 134.00 134.00 A 2 BAG/3 PCVAC 3.8-5.8# COMBOS 3.8/DN# 124.00 124.00 E COMBOS 3.8-5.8# HAM, BONE-IN, TRIMMED 17-20# TS1 (sel) 10.0 52.00 - 54.00 52.60 17-20# TS2 (com) 20-23# TS1 (sel) 27.0 44.00 - 50.00 46.52 20-23# TS2 (com) 43.00 43.00 A 23-27# TS1 (sel) 46.00 46.00 A 23-27# TS2 (com) 20-27# TS1 (sel) 21.0 42.00 - 47.00 44.71 20-27# TS2 (com) 43.00 43.00 D 27#/up TS2 (com)

HAM, BNLS MUSCLES 94-96% \* 3 Muscle Group \* 4 Muscle Group 102.00 102.00 E \* 5 Muscle Group 2.0 102.00 102.00 Inside Outside Knuckle Lite Butt Inner Shank HAM TRIMMINGS (CHEM-ICAL LEAN) Combo 72% Fresh 1.031.00 31.00 Boxed 72% Frozen Combo 90% Fresh Boxed 90% Frozen Outer Shank Frozen BELLY, SDLS, FRESH SKIN-ON, TRIMMED Fresh 10-12# 39.00 39.00 B Fresh 12-14# 4.0 48.50 - 51.50 49.81 Fresh 14-16# 9.0 49.00 - 52.50 50.42 Fresh 16-18# 5.0 47.50 - 49.25 48.60 Fresh 18-20# 44.50 44.50 A Fresh 20-25# 42.50 43.00 42.67 A SKINLESS, SQUARED Fresh 9-11# Fresh 11-13# Fresh 13-15# Fresh 15-17# SKINLESS, CENTER CUT Fresh 8-10# Fresh 10-12# Fresh 12-14# Fresh 14-16# PORK TRIMMINGS/ BONELESS PROCESSING PORK (CHEMICAL LEAN) Combo 42% Fresh 12.0 16.00 - 17.00 16.58 Boxed 42% Frozen Combo 72% Fresh 26.5 30.00 - 33.00 31.85 Boxed 72% Frozen 36.00 36.00 A **BONELESS PICNIC MEAT Combo 72%** Fresh 8.0 38.00 - 38.50 38.13 Boxed 72% Frozen 1.0 45.00 45.00 SKINNED JOWLS Combo Fresh 3.0 16.00 16.00 Boxed Frozen 20.00 20.00 D FAT, VIS-UAL TRACE OF LEAN Combo Fresh Boxed Frozen TRIM, VISUAL TRACE OF LEAN Combo 12-16% Fresh Boxed 12-16% Frozen

Specifications for all reported cuts available upon request.

STANDARD CONVERSION FAC-TORS FOR RETAIL CUTS (all retail items vacuum packed unless otherwise noted.) Loins (13-22#'s): Butts (4-9#'s): Vacpak - report basis Vacpak - report basis Gas Pak - add \$2.00 Gas Pak - no conversion Paper - add \$5.00 Paper - add \$3.00 Combo - add \$6.00 Combo - add \$4.00 Spareribs: Bone-in Center Cut Loins: Vacpak - report bas False Lean Off - basis Polywrap - add \$7.00 False Lean On - add \$5.00 Boneless Center Cut Loins: 1/4" Trim - report basis 1/8" Trim - subtract

ABCDE after quotes represents 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.

#### St. Louis Cattle, Hogs Springfield IL.

Monday, March 23, 1998 USDA-II Market News Service Farmers Livestock Marketing Association Greenville Illinois

Receipts this week: 200 Last week: 150 Last year: na

Compared to last Monday slaughter steers and heifers fully steady, except holstein steers weak to 1.00 lower. Cows and bulls steady. Supplies mainly Choice and mixed Select and Choice slaughter steers and heifers. Moderate supply of holsteins, around 15% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1025-1275 lbs. 60.00-62.00, few YG 2-3 1075-1250 lbs. 62.00-63.00. Select and Choice 2-3 950-1200 lbs. 58.00-60.00. Select 2-3 900-1175 lbs. 55.00-58.00.

Holstein Steers: Choice 2-3 1350-1700 lbs. 54.00-57.00. Select and Choice 2-3 1200-1450 lbs. 51.00-54.00; Select 2-3 1075-1350 lbs. 46.00-51.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 975-1175 lbs. 60.00-62.00; YG 2-3 1000-1200 lbs. 62.00-63.00. Select and Choice 2-3 875-1175 lbs. 58.00-60.00. Select 2-3 850-1175 lbs. 55.00-58.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Cutter, Boning and Breaking Utility 1-4 33.00-36.00; High Yielding 36.00-38.00; Canner and Low Cutter 1-2 29.00-33.00; Shelly Canner 1-2 25.00-29.00

BULLS: Few Yield Grade 1-2 1275-1600 lbs. 38.00-44.00

#### New Holland Horses New Holland Sales Stables New Holland, PA

Monday, March 23, 1998 Report Supplied By Auction 208 HEAD. MARKET STEADY. WORK HORSES 875.00-1100.00. DRIVING 485.00-1000.00. RIDING 475.00-885.00.

BETTER RIDING HORSES 1010.00-1225.00.

REGISTERED RIDING 850.00-1850.00, 1 AT 3200.00.

KILLERS, 3 HEAD 910.00-1010.00, HEAVYWEIGHTS 690.00-850.00, LIGHTWEIGHTS 385.00-575.00. PONIES 145.00-425.00. LARGE PONIES 490.00-560.00, 3

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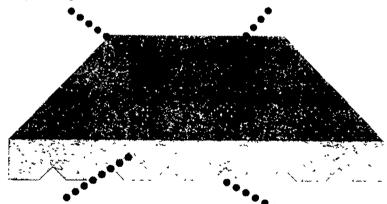
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FARM CALVES: HOLS-TEIN BULLS 10.00-20.00 LOWER. #1 95-120 LBS. 67.00-86.00; #2 85-95 LBS. 35.00-65.00, FEW TO 70.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS #1 90-120 LBS. 105.00-127.00; #2 75-100 LBS. 40.00-85.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIF-ERS 50.00-95.00, SEVERAL 100.00-130.00.

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