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175.00-235.00, few outstanding to 250.00, several plainer lambs 100.00-150.0760-80 lbs 110.00-150.00; 80-100 lbs 90.00-100.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Good and Choice yearlings and 2 year-olds 40.00-70.00. Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-50.00. SLAUGHTER 150-250 lbs 30.00-50.00.

GOATS: All goats sold by the head. Billies: Large 100.00-130.00. Medium 75.00-100.00. Nannies: Large 45.00-60.00. Yearlings: Good and Choice 50.00-80.00. Kids: Good and Choice 40.00-70.00. Utility 20.00-40.00.

Lancaster County Weeklies NEW HOLLAND, PA FRIDAY APRIL 17, 1998 USDA-PA Dept Ag Market News CATTLE CALV

CATTLE CALVES
THIS WEEK 2643 1406
LAST WEEK 2563 1252
LAST YEAR 3427 1494

CATTLE: Compared to last week's close, slaughter steer and heifer prices remained mostly steady throughout the week. There was good price support at current levels and last week's gains were held firmly. Friday's cattle-on- feed report could be the first, this year, to show decreasing cattle numbers. Slaughter cows finished the week mostly 1.00-1.50 higher and slaughter bulls ended mostly steady. Supply included 49 percent slaughter steers, 7 percent slaughter heifers, 33 percent cows, 4 percent bulls, with the balance feeders.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1160-1495 lbs 64.00-67.75, few outstanding individuals up to 69.00. Choice 2-3 1000-1475 lbs 62.25-65.60, high dressing up to 69.00; 1470-1700 lbs 55.50-62.10. Select and low Cnoice 2-3 1100-1500 lbs 58.75-63.75; 1485-7870 lbs 50.00-61.25, mostly 55.00-60.00. Select 1-3 1050-1480 lbs 54.75-62.50.

HOLSTEINS STEERS: Few High Choice and Prime 2-3 1175-1407 lbs 57.75-60.25. Choice 2-3 1175-1610 lbs 55.00-58.50; 1640-1775 lbs 52.10-55.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1040-1610 lbs 52.25-56.75; 1630-1852 lbs 49.7752.00. Select 1-2 1165-1585 lbs 48.50-54.50.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice, few Prime 2-4 1040-1370 lbs 61.75-64.50. Select and low Choice 2-3 915-1300 lbs 59.25-62.50. Few Select 1-3 860-1150 lbs 54.00-60.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS: LOW DRESS-ING BULK HIGH DRESSING Brkg Utility/Commercial 2-4 37.00-41.00 40.00-45.50 Cutter/Boning Utility 1-3 33.50-36.75 36.00-41.50 40.00-45.00 Canner/low Cutter 1-2 27.00-35.00 33.25-39.75 up to 41.00

33.25-39.75 up to 41.00 SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield grade 1 1060-2320 lbs 47.00-55.25, few up to 57.00. Yield grade 2 1000-1570 lbs 42.00-47.25. BULLOCK?1230-1675 lbs 58.75-71.50, mostly 65.50-71.50. Select 1-3 1120-1590 lbs 55.50.

ALVES: Compared to last week's closing prices, vealers calves ended 2.00-3.00 higher and a light offering of slaughter calves finished mostly steady to 5.00 lower. Demand remained very good for calves returning to feed. Holstein bull prices ended mostly steady and heifers sold 10.00-15.00 higher in active trade.

VEALERS: Good and Choice 70-100 lbs 20.00-40.00, late in the week mostly 20.00-28.00. Standard and low Good 60-90 lbs 11.00-20.00, late mostly 15.00-20.00.

SLAUGHTER CALVES: Few Good and Choice 250-350 lbs 85.00-100.00; 350-600 lbs 60.00-85.00. Utility and Good 350-600 lbs 45.00-60.00.

RETURNED TO FARM: Holstein bulls 90 lbs 80.00-120.00, few up to 127.00. Plainer calves 80-120 lbs 50.00-85.00, weaker calves 65-100 lbs 25.00-45.00. Holstein heifers 80-125 lbs 95.00-180.00, late in the 140.00-180.00. Plainer calves 75-110 lbs 50.00-90.00.

Indiana 61.0 Livestock

Homer City, PA
Thursday, April 16, 1998
Report Supplied by Auction
CATTLE: 115, COWS STEADY.

STEERS: CHOICE 1250-1570 LBS 60.00-61.75; SELECT 54.00-59.50, FEW STANDARD 43.25-51.75. HOLSTEIN STEERS FEW SELECT 48.75-53.00, FEW STANDARD 43.75-45.00. HEIF-ERS CHOICE 1030-1510 LBS. 60.00-64.00, FEW SELECT 57.50-60.00; FEW STANDARD 45.00-51.00.

COWS: BREAKING UTILITY & COMMERCIAL 37.00-41.75, ONE AT 47.75. CUTTER AND BONING UTILITY 32.00-37.00; CANNER & LOW CUTTER 24.50-32.50, SHELLS DOWN TO 24.00.

BULLS: FEW YIELD GRADE NO. 1 1425-1935 LBS. 46.25-52.00; YIELD GRADE NO. 2 935-1435 LBS. 38.75-45.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: L1 650 LBS. ONE AT 67.00. FEW M2 240-485 LBS. 46.00-61.00. BULLS: M&L2

290-385 LBS. 45.00-61.00.
CALVES: 56. VEALERS FEW
CHOICE 135-265 LBS. 66.00-82.00, FEW
GOOD 150-210 LBS. 42.00-56.00, STANDARD & GOOD 75-100 LBS.
18.00-36.00. STANDARD AND GOOD
FEW UTILITY 50-80 LBS. 9.00-15.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY TO 10.00 HIGHER NO. 1 95-120 LBS. 70.00-102.00, ONE AT 110.00, NO. 2 85-110 LBS. 58.00-70.00. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS NO. 2 102 LBS. ONE AT 75.00. BEEF CROSS BULLS & HEIFERS 70-125 LBS. 70.00-126.00, ONE 137.50.

HOGS: 50 BARROWS & GILTS STEADY, 1-3 205-260 LBS. 34.00-36.50, 2-3 220-270 LBS. 31.00-33.50, 1-3 100-195 LBS. 30.00-32.75.

SOWS: FEW 1-3 435-645 LBS. 22.00-32.00, FEW MED. 250-290 LBS. 25.00-25.50. BOARS 698, ONE AT 13.00. FEEDER PIGS: 31 20-40 LBS. 25.00-30.00, 1-3 45-65 LBS. 34.00-40.00.

25.00-30.00, 1-3 45-65 LBS. 34.00-40.00. SHEEP: 10. SLAUGHTER LAMBS CHOICE 35-45 LB. 90.00-98.00, 75 LBS. ONE at 92.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP 31.00-36.00. GOATS: 6 BILLIES: LARGE ONE AT 61.00, NANNIES MRDIUM 31.00-59.00, KIDS LARGE 29.00-33.00,

Central Carlot Pork Report DES MOINES, IOWA

Wednesday, April 15, 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 steady to 2.00 lower; lean trimmings steady. Trading moderate to active, with mostly light demand and moderate offerings.

Loads PORK CUTS?: 162.25 Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK: 59.5 -- USDA ESTIMATED COMPOSITE PORK CAR-CASS CUTOUT Based on FOB Omaha carlot pork prices and industry yields.

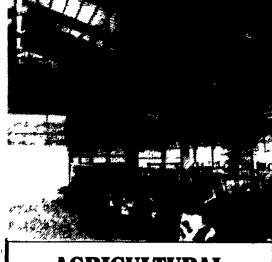
Calculations for a 185 lb Pork Carcass 51-52% lean, 0.80"-0.99" backfat at last rib Total Today's Primal Composite Values Date Loads Cutout Loin Butt Pic Rib Ham Belly 04/15 221.8 53.66 76.69 59.04 29.33 130.41 39.74 51.72 Change: -1.17 -2.06 0.18 -1.25 unc -1.23 -1.42 04/14 96.0 54.83 78.75 58.86 30.58 130.41 40.97 53.14 04/13 34.1 55.17 79.42 57.45 30.62 127.19 41.75 54.60 04/10 37.5 54.97 78.76 55.94 30.57 127.03 41.11? 88.5 54.16 77.10 55.38 29.37 127.03 40.98 55.36 Current Five Day Simple Average - 54.56 78.14 57.33 30.09 128.41 40.91 54.22 NOTE: Value may change without adequate test.

FRESH PORK CUTS LDS PRICE RANGE WGHTD AVG. LOINS, BONE-IN, FRESH 1/4" Trim 13-19# 8.5 103.00 - 105.00 103.29 1/8" Trm/less 13-19# 8.0 111.00 111.00 1/4" Bladeless 1/4" Trim 19-23# 4.0 103.00 - 104.00 103.25 combos 2 3 / U p# 1.5 5 5.0 0 5 5.00 LOINS, CNTRCUT, 10-11 RIB, 1/4"TRM

Tender-in FLO 8?# 153.00 153.00 A Tender-out FLO 8-13# BNLS Strap-on 5-9# 7.5 155.00 - 157.00 155.13 BNLS Strap-off 5-9# 11.5 160.00 - 182.00 176.04 WHLE BINLS LOINS 7-11# 3.0 130.00 130.00 BNLS SIRLOIN .75-1# 2.25 108.00 - 114.00 112.22 BONE-IN SIR 2.5-3.5# BLADE ENDS 2-4# TENDER-LOIN 1.25/DN# 2.0 216.00 - 239.00 233.25 LOIN BACKRIB (BOXED) FRSH/FRZN 1.5/DN# " 1.75/DN# " 1.75-2.00# 2.0 273.00 273.00 " 2.00/UP# ? LOIN BACKRIB (COMBOS) 1.75/DN# PICNIC, FRESH Smkr Trm, RS, combo Smkr Trm, SS, boxed PICNIC CUSHION MEAT Combo 92% Fresh 89.00 89.00 A Boxed 92% Frozen 85.00 85.00 D BOS-TON BUTT 4-9#,FRESH 1/4" Trim 75.00 75.00 A ? 1/8" Trim 1/4" Trim Neck-off 5.5 82.00 82.00 1/8" Trim Neck-off 84.00 84.00 C BNLS, Cellar Trim combo's 9/UP# SPARERIB, FRESH 3 BAG/3 PCVAC 3.8/DN# 142.00 142.00 A 2 BAG/3 PCVAC 3.8-5.8# 0.5 124.00 124.00 COMBOS 3.7 COMBOS 3.8-5.8# HAM,BONE-IN,TRIMMED 17-20# TS1 (sel) 3.0 46.00 46.00 17-20# TS2 (com) unq 20-23# TS1 (sel) 23.0 40.00 - 42.00 41.22 20-23# TS2 (com) 23-27# TS1 (sel) 4.0 40.00 - 41.00 40.50 23-27# TS2 (com) 20-27# TS1 (sel) 29.0 38.50 - 41.00 39.36 20-27# TS2 (com) ? 39.00 39.00 B 27#/up TS2 (com) HAM, BNLS MUSCLES 94-96? * 3 Muscle Group ? * 4 Muscle Group * 5 Muscle Group 6.0 90.00 - 91.00 90.25 Inside? Outside Knuckle Lite Butt Inner Shank HAM TRIMMINGS (CHEM-ICAL LEAN) Combo 72 % Fresh 4.0 32.50 32.50 Boxed 72% Frozen 35.00 35.00 E Combo 90% Fresh Boxed 90% Frozen Outer Shank Frozen BELLY, SDLS, FR? SKIN-ON, TRIMMED Fresh 10-12# 2.0 44.00 - 46.50 45.25 Fresh 12-14# 7.0 51.00 - 54.00 ? Fresh 14-16# 11.0 51.00 - 53.50 53.05 Fresh 16-18# 7.0 50.71.00 50.57 Fresh 18-20# 10.0 47.00 - 48.00 47.50 Fresh 20-25? 46.00 ?0

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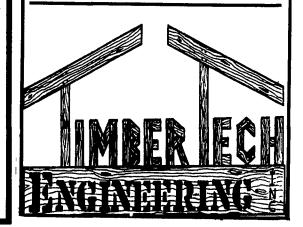
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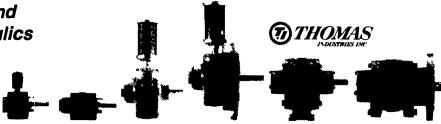
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