

Forage Conference March 3-4

GRANTVILLE (Dauphin Co.) - The 1999 Pennsylvania Grazing Conference to be held on March 3-4 will feature numerous presentations and discussions focusing on pastures. This conference is being co-sponsored by the Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council and the Grazing Research and Education center.

If you have interest in extending the grazing season, using TMR on pastures, custom heifer raising, improving your pastures or which pasture plant species are best for your farm then you should make plans to attend the Grazing Conference at the Holiday Inn in Grantville. In addition to these topics, many of which will include experienced grazers as presenters, Dr. Jim Gerrish, a scientist from the University of Missouri, will be the keynote speaker.

Gerrish's grazing research has gained him a very strong national and international reputation as an excellent scientist

that keeps his research applicable to the farm. Jim Gerrish's research has focused on animal behavior and manure distribution in grazing systems. In addition he has organized and taught Missouri's grazing school for many years. Gerrish is an excellent speaker who will provide valuable information to all Pennsylvania grazers.

At informally structured evening sessions on March 3, there will be the opportunity to ask questions and discuss with fellow farmers current concerns on your farm or the grazing industry.

In addition to the structured educational program, there will be a trade show with company representatives available to showcase the latest in grazing technology. If it is New Zealand-style milking facilities of fence insulators that you are interested in, you can learn about it and purchase it at the trade show.

For more information, contact Sue Eisenhower at (814) 865-6541.



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Farmers Livestock Marketing Association
Greenville Illinois

Receipts this week: 100 Last week: 100
Last year: na

Compared to last weeks close, slaughter steers and heifers generally steady. Cows 1.00-2.00 lower. Too few bulls to establish a market. Supply mainly Select and Choice steers and heifers. Holstein steers absent.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Few Choice 2-4 1000-1175 lbs 58.00-60.00. Select and Choice 2-3 950-1150 lbs 55.00-58.00. Select 2-3 925-1175 lbs 52.00-55.00. Holstein steers: absent.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Few Choice 2-4 950-1150 lbs 58.00-60.00. Select and Choice 2-3 850-1050 lbs 55.00-58.00. Select 2-3 825-1150 lbs 52.00-55.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: % Lean Weight Price Breakers 75-80% 850-1200 lbs 27.00-30.00 Boners 80-85% 850-1200 lbs 28.00-31.00 High Yielding Boners 80-85% Over 1100 lbs 29.00-32.00 Lean 85-90% 850-1200 lbs 26.00-28.00 85-90% 750-850 lbs 23.00-26.00 85-90% Under 750 lbs 19.00-23.00

COWS: Cutter, Breaking and Bonding Utility 1-4 27.00-30.00. High Yielding 30.00-32.00. Canner and low Cutter 1-2 24.00-27.00. Shelly Canner 1-2 20.00-24.00.

BULLS: Scarce

43.53 67.17 48.43 21.77 85.01 35.30 36.08
11/20 51.5 42.04 62.50 45.95 21.54 85.01
34.67 36.91 11/19 56.0 42.18 62.50 45.89
21.63 85.01 35.23 36.91 11/18 98.5 41.21
62.01 42.73 19.15 85.01 34.12 37.05 Current
Five Day Simple Average - 42.30
63.60 46.29 20.40 85.01 35.33 36.37

NOTE: Value may change without adequate test. A detailed description of the cutout is available upon request.

FRESH PORK CUTS PRICE RANGE
WGHTD AVG. LOINS, BONE-IN Primal Cutout Value = 63.81 **ABP Kegular 14-18# = 57.00 - 64.00 59.82 Lds Price Range Wghtd Avg. 1/4" Trim 13-19# 10.5 82.00 - 88.00 84.95 1/8" Trim/less 13-19# 8.0 88.00 - 95.00 90.50 1/4" Bladeless 1/4" Trim 19-23# 1.0 82.00 82.00 combos 23/UP# 3.6 0.0 3.6 0.0 D LOINS, CNTRCUT, 10-11 RIB, 1/4" TRM Tender-in FLO 8-13# 0.5 130.00 130.00 Tender-out FLO 8-13# BNLS Strap-on 5-9# 2.0 154.00 154.00 BNLS Strap-off 5-9# 2.0 152.00 - 154.00 153.00 WHLE BNLS LOINS 7-11# 124.00 124.00 C BNLS SIRLOIN .75-1# 0.5 80.00 80.00 BONE-IN SIR 2.5-3.5# 1.5 33.00 - 62.00 42.67 BLADE ENDS 2-4# 1.0 45.00 45.00 TENDERLOIN 1.25/DN# 221.00 221.00 A LOIN BACKRIB (BOXED) FRSH/FRZN 1.5/DN# " 1.75/DN# " 1.75-2.00# 200.00 200.00 A " 2.00/UP# LOIN BACKRIB (COMBOS) 1.75/DN# 2.0 245.00 245.00 PICNIC Primal Cutout Value = 17.92 **ABP Untrmd Picnic = 15.00 15.00 Lds Price Range Wghtd Avg. Smkr Trm, RS, combo Smkr Trm, SS, boxed 39.00 - 45.00 41.00 A PICNIC CUSHION MEAT Combo 92% Fresh Boxed 92% Frozen 1.0 72.00 72.00 BOSTON BUTT Primal Cutout Value = 48.45 **ABP Regular 4-8# = 38.00 - 42.00 40.65 A Lds Price Range Wghtd Avg. 1/4" Trim 4-9# 61.00 - 64.00 62.89 A 1/8" Trim 4-9# 1/4" Trim Neck-off 67.00 67.00 A 1/8" Trim Neck-off 75.00 75.00 A BNLS, Cellar Trim combo's 9/UP# SPARERIB Primal Cutout Value = 85.01 **ABP 1.5-3.5# = 76.00 76.00 A Lds Price Range Wghtd Avg. 3 BAG/3 PCVAC 3.8/DN# 95.00 95.00 A 2 BAG/3 PCVAC 3.8-5.8# COMBOS 3.8/DN# COMBOS 3.8-5.8# SKINNED HAM Primal Cutout Value = 37.33 **ABP Untrmd Sel 17-20# = 55.00 - 62.00 56.80 **ABP Untrmd Sel 20-26# = 28.00 - 39.00 34.47 Lds Price Range Wghtd Avg. BONE-IN, TRIMMED 17-20# Trim Spec 1 11.0 41.00 - 43.00 41.82 23-27# Trim Spec 1 3.0 32.00 - 33.00 32.67 17-20# Trim Spec 2 20-27# Trim Spec 2 38.00 38.00 A 27#up Trim Spec 2 BONE-LESS MUSCLES 94-96% 3 Muscle Group 4 Muscle Group 85.00 85.00 D 5 Muscle Group 88.00 - 89.00 88.

60 C Inside Outside Knuckle Lite Butt Inner Shank HAM TRIMMINGS (CHEM LEAN) Combo 72% Fresh 16.50 16.50 A Boxed 72% Frozen Combo 90% Fresh Boxed 90% Frozen Outer Shank Frozen

BELLY, SEEDLESS Primal Cutout Value = 34.91 **ABP Untrmd 12-14# = 31.00 - 32.00 31.60 **ABP Untrmd 14-16# = 31.00 - 34.00 32.00 **ABP Untrmd 16-18# = 29.00 29.00 Lds Price Range Wghtd Avg. SKIN-ON, TRIMMED Fresh 10-12# 26.00 26.00 B Fresh 12-14# 5.0 35.00 35.00 Fresh 14-16# 5.0 35.00 - 37.00 35.80 Fresh 16-18# 2.0 32.50 32.50 Fresh 18-20# 17.0 25.00 - 26.50 25.84 Fresh 20-25# 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) **ABP:Combo 42% Frsh = 9.00 - 10.00 9.45 **ABP:Combo 72% Frsh = 15.00 - 17.00 16.00 **ABP:Combo Bnls Pic Frs = 19.00 19.00 **ABP:Combo Jowl Frsh = 9.00 9.00 Lds Price Range Wghtd Avg. Combo 42% Fresh 22.0 10.50 - 12.00 11.27 Boxed 42% Frozen Combo 72% Fresh 18.0 17.00 - 19.00 17.78 Boxed 72% Frozen 5.0 24.00 - 25.00 24.40 BONE-LESS PICNIC MEAT Combo 72% Fresh 6.0 20.00 - 20.50 20.25 Boxed 72% Frozen 2.0 26.50 26.50 SKINNED JOWLS Combo Fresh 3.0 10.50 10.50 Boxed Frozen 2.0 16.50 16.50 FAT, VISUAL TRACE OF LEAN Combo Fresh Boxed Frozen TRIM, VISUAL TRACE OF LEAN Combo 12-16% Fresh Boxed 12-16% Frozen

**Adjusted Base Price = Weighted average price for non-value added product calculated by subtracting the packer's value differential from the reported price of value-added product.

Specifications for all reported cuts available upon request.

STANDARD ADJUSTMENTS FOR CONVERTING TO VACUUM BASIS
Loins (13-23#): Butts (4-9#): Vapack : report basis Vapack : report basis Gas Pak : minus \$2.00 Gas Pak : no price differential Paper : minus \$5.00 Paper : minus \$3.00 Combo : minus \$6.00 Combo : minus \$4.00 Spareribs: Adjustments for Trim - Vapack : report basis Bone-in Center Cut Loins: Polywrap: minus \$7.00 False Lean Off : basis Tenderloins: False Lean On : minus \$5.00 Vapack : report basis Boneless Center Cut Loins: Polywrap: minus \$10.00 1/4" Trim : report basis 1/8" Trim : add \$6.00

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.

Central Carlot Pork Report

Des Moines, IA
Tue Nov 24, 1998

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

Compared to Monday's Close: Fresh bone-in loins steady to mostly weak; butts not fully established; sknd. hams 17-20 steady to weak; 20-23 lbs. 1.00-2.00 higher, 23-27 lbs. steady 1.00 lower; sds. bellies mostly 1.00-2.00 lower; lean trimmin steady to firm. Trading slow to moderate, with mostly light de and mostly moderate offerings.

LOADS PORK CUTS : 82.0 Loads TRIM/PROCESS PORK : 59.0 USDA ESTIMATED PORK CARCASS 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 Cutout Values Date Loads Carcass Loin Butt Pic Rib Ham Belly 11/24 141.0 42.53 63.81 48.45 17.92 85.01 37.33 34.91 Change : -1.00 -3.35 0.02 -3.85 unc 2.03 -1.17 11/23 102.4

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