

Lancaster Hogs

Lancaster Stockyards
 Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1998
 Report Supplied by USDA
 HOG MARKET TODAY 483 HEAD;
 LAST WEDNESDAY 548; LAST YEAR
 NO SALE.
 BARROWS AND GILTS: COM-
 PARED TO LAST WEEK, SMALL PRE-
 HOLIDAY SUPPLY SOLD 4.00-5.00
 HIGHER.
 47-54 PERCENT LEAN: 220-260 LBS.
 18.00-20.00.

Morrison Cove

Livestock
 Martinsburg, Pa.
 Dec. 21, 1998
 Report supplied by auction
 CATTLE 132. STEERS CHOICE
 60.50-63.50; GOOD 54.50-59.00.
 HEIFERS: CHOICE 59.00-62.50;
 GOOD 53.50-58.00.
 COWS: UTILITY & COMMERCIAL
 31.75-39.75; CANNER & LOW CUTTER
 16.00-30.00.
 BULLOCKS: GOOD & CHOICE
 38.50-45.50.
 BULLS: YIELD GRADE NO. 1
 38.00-53.25.
 FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS
 53.00-64.00; BULLS 41.00-56.00; HEIF-
 ERS 40.00-57.00.
 CALVES 109. PRIME, NO MKT.
 TEST; CHOICE 64.00-79.00; GOOD
 57.00-62.00; STANDARD 12.00-28.00;
 HOLSTEIN BULLS 90-130 LBS.
 40.00-80.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS
 90-130 LBS. 100.00-140.00.
 HOGS: 368. US NO. 1-2 15.00-16.00;
 US NO. 1-3 12.00-15.00.
 SOWS: US NO. 1-3 10.00-16.00.
 BOARS: 2.00-6.00.
 FEEDER PIGS: 50 HEAD. US#1&3
 20-50 LBS. 8.00-18.00.
 SHEEP: 15 HEAD. CHOICE LAMBS
 75.00-85.00, GOOD LAMBS 70.00-80.00,
 SLAUGHTER EWES 30.00-40.00.
 GOATS: 45.00-105.00 EACH.

North Atlantic

Shell Eggs
 December 23, 1998
 Atlanta, Ga.

IN PHILADELPHIA, ALL PRICES
 WERE UNCHANGED TO THREE
 CENTS LOWER. IN NEW ENGLAND,
 PRICES FOR EXTRA LARGE
 DECREASED FOUR CENTS, LARGE
 DECREASED FIVE CENTS, AND
 MEDIUMS WERE THREE CENTS
 LOWER. ALL OTHER PRICES WERE
 UNCHANGED. THE MARKET TONE
 WAS BARELY STEADY TO WEAK,
 MOSTLY WEAK. RETAIL DEMAND
 WAS SEASONALLY ACTIVE AND
 RANGED GOOD TO VERY GOOD.
 SUPPLIES OF ALL SIZES WERE
 ADEQUATE TO AMPLE AND EASILY
 SATISFIED CURRENT NEEDS.
 BREAKING STOCK SUPPLIES WERE
 ALSO ADEQUATE TO AMPLE AND
 THE DEMAND WAS LIGHT AND
 UNAGGRESSIVE. OFFERINGS OF
 SPENT HENS WERE AT LEAST SUFFI-
 CIENT FOR REDUCED HOLIDAY
 SCHEDULES.

PHILADELPHIA: PRICES TO
 RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME
 BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND
 GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS,
 DELIVER STORE DOOR, CENTS PER
 DOZEN:

RANGE: EXTRA LARGE .76-.87.5,
 LARGE .74-.85.5, MEDIUM .49-.62.

Carlisle
Livestock

Carlisle, Pa.
 December 22, 1998
 COWS: BONING UTILITY
 33.00-36.00; CANNER AND LOW CUT-
 TER 30.00-33.00; SHELLY TO 27.00.
 CALVES: ACTIVE! 95-125 LBS. #1
 80.00-91.00 HOLSTEIN BULLS, 90-125
 LBS. HOLSTEIN HEIFERS
 170.00-195.00.
 HOGS: US#1-3 250-450 LBS.
 14.00-26.00.
 SOWS: US#1-3 300-540 LBS.
 14.00-19.00.
 PIGS: 15-55 LBS. 10.00-16.00 PER
 HEAD.

**NFU Requests Trade Adjustment
 Payments For Farmers Hurt By Imports**

DENVER, Colo - The
 National Farmers Union (NFU)
 board of directors called on
 President Bill Clinton to

GOATS: LARGE NANNIES AND
 BILLIES 63.00-117.50; FANCY KIDS
 52.00-63.00; FLESHY KIDS 36.00-51.00;
 SMALL/THIN KIDS 8.00-35.00.
 LAMBS: GOOD 80-130 LBS.
 63.00-73.00; SHEEP 34.00-40.00.
 SPECIAL FED CATTLE SALE TUES.,
 DEC. 29.
 NEXT STATE GRADED PIG SALE
 FRIDAY, JAN. 8 AND 22, 1 P.M.

Belleville Poultry

Belleville, Pa.
 Wednesday, December 23, 1998
 Report supplied by Auction
 Geese: 2.00.
 Turkeys: young 3.00-5.00.
 Guineas: 4.25 ea.
 Roosters: 4.00-6.50 ea.
 Bantams: 1.00-4.00 ea.
 Heavy hens: 2.00-4.00 ea.
 Silkies: none.
 Muscovy hens: 5.75-7.00 ea.
 Muscovy drakes: 8.50-15.50.
 Mixed ducks: 2.00-5.00 ea.
 Bam pigeons: 1.50 ea.
 White birds: 2.00 ea.
 Fancy birds: none.
 Peacocks: none.
 Pheasants: none.
 Doves: 3.00-4.00 ea.
 Quail: none.
 Guinea Pigs: none.
 Rabbits: under 4 lbs. 1.00-4.50 ea., 4-6
 lbs. 4.75-7.00 ea., over 6 lbs. 7.00-9.00 ea.
 For more information phone
 717-242-2898.

approve payments under the
 Trade Adjustment Assistance
 (TAA) program for producers
 hurt by agricultural imports
 from Canada.

The TAA program, estab-
 lished in 1974 and administered
 by the Department of Labor,
 provides aid to U.S. workers
 who lose their jobs or whose
 hours of work or wages are
 reduced as a result of increased
 imports.

USDA this fall reported 1998
 imports of live animals and red
 meat from Canada at their high-
 est point since 1970. A large vol-
 ume of hog imports has clogged
 slaughterhouses, driving prices
 down in some areas to their low-
 est level in more than 50 years.
 Moreover, a steady stream of
 grain, cattle, and lamb from
 Canada has harmed farmers in
 several states.

"Canadian imports, particu-
 larly pork imports, have taken a
 heavy toll on producers in some
 regions of the country, said NFU

President Leland Swenson. "We
 believe reopening the trade
 agreement with Canada would
 be the best way to fully address
 the import problem. Absent
 that, the government has some
 obligation to assist producers
 who don't have the means, par-
 ticularly under today's market,
 to absorb the losses caused by a
 flawed trade agreement."

"For more than 20 years, U.S.
 workers have received assis-
 tance when surging imports
 threatened their livelihood, it
 should be no different for farm-
 ers," Swenson said. "By utiliz-
 ing an existing program, we
 believe trade adjustment assis-
 tance is the most effective way
 to target compensation to those
 producers unduly impacted by
 heavy imports."

Swenson also said that if the
 president determines he does
 not have authority to provide
 payments to farmers, NFU will
 call on Congress to enact legisla-
 tion to do so.

**NFO Urges Cull
 Cow Donations**

AMES, Iowa — Na-
 tional Farmers Or-
 ganization recently un-
 veiled a strategy to lend
 a helping hand to those
 less fortunate this holi-
 day season.

The plan asks dairy
 producers to donate the
 processing costs and
 meat of one cow, culled
 from the dairy herd, to
 local food pantries or
 other charities.

"In this, the season of
 giving, many producers
 have expressed a lot of
 interest in helping those
 in need," said Gene
 Paul, National Farmers
 Organization president.

"Because milk prices
 are very near dairy pro-
 duction costs, we be-
 lieve it is time to help
 align supply with de-
 mand," Paul continued.
 In recent months, dairy
 producers have not been
 culling their herds as ag-
 gressively, in order to
 take advantage of posi-
 tive dairy market trends.

Not only is the dona-
 tion tax deductible, but
 dairymen can benefit
 from a supply reduction,
 which could offset the
 milk price drop eco-
 nomists are predicting.

"Producers must re-
 alize that even a small
 jump in production, as
 minute as 1 percent, can
 cause an 18 percent drop
 in price," Paul cau-
 tioned.

Cull cows, animals
 periodically removed
 from dairy herds be-
 cause of age and de-
 creased milk produc-
 tion, are one of the top
 sources of hamburger
 used in the fast food and
 retail industries.

Farmers should con-
 tact their area food pan-
 tries and/or other local
 charities for more in-
 formation and donation
 sites.

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