

Valley Livestock
Springfield, IL

Thu Mar 23, 2000

USDA-IL Market News Service
Farmers Livestock Marketing Assn.
Auction at Greenville, IL Wed Mar 22, 2000
Cattle and calves: 1480 head. Compared to last week, slaughter steers and heifers 1.00 to 2.00 higher, except holstein steers fully steady. Supply mainly Choice slaughter steers and heifers. Light supply of holstein steers.

Total Receipts this week: 1480 Last week: 1130 Last year: 840

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1025-1475 lbs 68.00-71.00, mostly 68.00-70.00; Yield Grade 2-3 and Fancy 2-4 1125-1425 lbs 70.00-72.00. Prime 2-4 1200-1425 lbs 72.00-74.00. Select and Choice 2-3 1000-1375 lbs 65.00-68.00. Select 2-3 975-1325 lbs 62.00-65.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3 1150-1675 lbs 62.00-65.00. Select and Choice 2-3 1100-1700 lbs 58.00-62.00; Select 2-3 1100-1600 lbs 53.00-58.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 975-1400 lbs 68.00-71.00, mostly 68.00-70.00; YG 2-3 and Fancy 2-4 1025-1425 lbs 70.00-72.00; Prime 2-4 1075-1450 lbs 71.00-73.00, few up to 74.00. Select and Choice 2-3 900-1250 lbs 65.00-68.00; Select 2-3 875-1300 lbs 62.00-65.00.

HEIFERETTES: Medium and Large Frame 1050-1450 lbs 42.00-55.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Compared with last week, feeder steers and heifers under 500 lbs mostly 5.00-10.00 lower, and over 500

lbs weak to 3.00 lower. Overall quality below last weeks level, with several lots of moderately fleshy steers and heifers. Moderate buyer attendance.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large Frame 1: Thin 200-300 lbs 105.00-115.00 300-400 lbs 98.00-110.00, fancy 110.00-116.00 400-500 lbs 94.00-104.00 500-600 lbs 88.00- 96.00, fancy 96.00-102.00 600-700 lbs 82.00- 90.00 700-800 lbs 78.00- 85.00 Moderately Fleishy: 300-400 lbs 90.00- 98.00 400-500 lbs 86.00- 95.00 500-600 lbs 83.00- 90.00 600-700 lbs 76.00- 84.00 700-800 lbs 73.00- 78.00 Short Frame: 300-500 lbs 80.00- 87.00 Large Frame 2 Holsteins: Pkg 170 lbs at 100.00 200-300 lbs 87.00- 95.00 300-500 lbs 80.00- 88.00 500-600 lbs 70.00- 80.00 600-800 lbs 63.00- 70.00 800-1025 lbs 60.00- 65.00

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large Frame 1: Thin: 200-300 lbs 96.00-110.00 300-400 lbs 90.00-100.00, fancy 100.00-102.00 400-500 lbs 88.00- 96.00, fancy 96.00- 98.00 500-600 lbs 84.00- 90.00, fancy 90.00- 93.00 600-700 lbs 77.00- 85.00 Moderately Fleishy: 300-400 lbs 84.00- 90.00 400-500 lbs 81.00- 87.00 500-600 lbs 77.00- 83.00 600-700 lbs 72.00- 77.00

Cow/Calf Pairs: Large Frame 3-10 yrs old with calf at side 630.00-780.00/pr. Medium to Large Frame 7-9 yrs old 450.00-640.00/pr.

Bred Cows: Large Frame in 2nd & 3rd stage 4 to 10 yrs old 420.00-630.00/hd. Medium to Large Frame 6-10 yrs old 350.00-500.00/hd. Small to Medium Frame 7-10 yrs old 300.00-400.00/hd.

Slaughter Cows and Bulls: 250 head. Compared to last week, slaughter cows fully 3.00-4.00 higher. Bulls 5.00 to 6.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER COWS: % Lean Weight Price Breakers 75-80 % 850-1200 lbs 37.00-41.00 Boners 80-85 % 850-1200 lbs 39.00-44.00 High Yielding 80-85 % over 1100 lbs 41.00-46.00 Lean 85-90 % 850-1200 lbs 35.00-38.00 85-90 % 750-850 lbs 32.00-35.00 85-90 % under 750 lbs 28.00-32.00

BULLS: Yield Grade 1-2 1200-1700 lbs 46.00-52.00. Individual Yield Gr 2 2210 lbs at 44.50. Yield Gr 1 1200-2050 lbs 52.00-54.00. Individual at 55.00.

Central Carolot Beef Report
Des Moines, IA

Wed Mar 29, 2000

USDA Market News
USDA NATIONAL CARLOT BEEF REPORT (includes major production areas in the Midwest and TX) as of 3:00 PM COW & BULL CARCASS FOB OMAHA Loads Reported. Compared to Tuesday's 3:00 P.M. report: Cow and bull carcasses not established.

UT,brk 2-4 450#/up unq UT,bng 1-3 400#/up unq Cutter 1-2 350#/up unq Bulls YG 1 500#/up unq COW & BULL CARCASS CAF WEST COAST Loads Reported. Compared to last week:

Market for Week Ended: March 24, 2000 Lds Price Range UT,brk 2-4 450#/up UT,bng 1-3 400#/up 71.00 Cutter 1-2 350#/up 71.00 Bulls YG 1 500#/up

BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF/ BEEF TRIMMINGS 162.0 Loads Reported. Lean boneless beef 1.00 to 2.00 lower, Texas 1.50 to 2.00 lower; 85% 3.50 to 7.00 lower than the last test. Demand light to moderate, offerings moderate. Beef trimmings lower on moderate demand and moderate to heavy offerings.

FOB OMAHA BASIS: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 11 104.0 - 105.0 104.73 90% fr unq 85% fr 14 96.0 - 100.0 97.86 85% fr 75% fr 4 75.0 - 76.0 75.50 75% fr 65% fr 65.0 - 65.5 65.36 A 65% fr 50% fr 105 40.00 - 43.00 41.28 50% fr 5 47.00 47.00 50% bx unq Bull 92-94 unq

FOB EAST TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 23 103.0 - 105.0 104.09 90% fr unq 85% fr 85% fr 75% fr 75% fr 65% fr 65% fr CAF NORTHEAST AREAS: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr unq 90% fr 85% fr 85% fr 75% fr 75% fr 65% fr 65% fr

CAF WEST COAST BASIS Market for Week Ended: 3/24/2000 Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 114.00 114.00 90% fr unq 85% fr 105.00-111.00 107.42 85% fr unq 75% fr 81.00 81.00 75% fr unq 65% fr 67.00 67.00 65% fr unq 50% fr 45.00 - 46.00 45.50 50% fr unq

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.

Westminster Livestock

Hagerstown, Maryland

Report Supplied by Auction

Tuesday, March 28, 2000

SLAUGHTER COWS: 93 HEAD, 2.00 LOWER, MAINLY ON UTILITY, LEAN COWS ACTIVE.

UTILITY 38.00-42.75; LOW DRESSING 36.00-38.00, CANNERS 35.00-40.00, SHELLY 35.00 DOWN.

BULLS: 9 HEAD, GOOD DEMAND. YG#1 3 HEAD 1850-2150 LBS. 49.00-58.75; YG#2 1100-1800 LBS. 45.00-49.00.

FED STEERS: 35 HEAD, NO PRIME OFFERED. CHOICE 1200-1500 LBS. 69.00-70.50; LOW CHOICE 1400-1575 LBS. 59.00-65.00; HIGH CHOICE TO PRIME HOLSTEINS 1100-1300 LBS. 63.00-66.00; LOW CHOICE 52.00-58.00; SELECT 48.00-53.00.

FED HEIFERS: 13 HEAD. HIGH CHOICE 1100-1475 LBS. 69.00-71.25; LOW CHOICE 1000-1200 LBS. 61.00-66.00; 11400 LB. AT 65.00.

VEAL CALVES: 96 HEAD. CULLS 85-110 LBS. 30.00-39.00.

FARM CALVES: HOLSTEIN BULLS STEADY. #1 90-120 LBS. 122.00-149.00, 80-90 LBS. 85.00-127.00; #2 90-120 LBS. 90.00-120.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFERS 80-120 LBS. 260.00-

280.00; BEEF X BULLS AND HEIFERS 100.00-160.00.

BUTCHER HOGS: 46 HEAD, 1.00 LOWER. #1 AND 2 220-265 LBS. 40.00-41.00; #1 AND 3 270-280 LBS. 37.00-38.50; 5 HEAD 290 LBS. AT 34.00.

SOWS: 31 HEAD. 300-500 LBS. 29.00-32.00, FEW 36.00-38.00; 500-650 LBS. 35.00-37.00.

BOARS: 20 HEAD. 500-700 LBS. 10.00-11.00; 3 HEAD 245 LBS. AT 22.50.

PIGS AND SHOATS: BY THE LB. 6 HEAD 34 LBS. 100.00; 13 HEAD 55-72 LBS. 82.00-87.00; 2 HEAD 82 LBS. AT 59.00.

STOCK CATTLE: 268 HEAD, VERY STRONG DEMAND FOR ALL TYPES. STEERS MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 90.00-116.00, 1 236 LB. AT 128.00; 400-500 LBS. 85.00-106.00; 500-600 LBS. 83.00-101.00; 600-700 LBS. 79.00-93.00; 700-850 LBS. 73.00-85.00; 850-1000 LBS. 65.00-74.00; 14 HOLSTEINS 850-1000 LBS. 52.00-58.00.

HEIFERS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 85.00-112.00; 400-600 LBS. 75.00-96.00; 600-700 LBS. 71.00-83.00; 700-800 LBS. 65.00-77.00; 800-950 LBS. 60.00-69.00.

BULLS: MED. AND LARGE FRAME 200-400 LBS. 95.00-127.00; 400-500 LBS. 85.00-103.00; 500-650 LBS. 75.00-89.00; 700-900 LBS. 60.00-67.00; 900-1050 LBS. 54.00-56.00.

SHEEP: 40 HEAD, STEADY TO 10.00 LOWER. UNDER 200 LBS. 35.00-55.00, FEW TO 65.00; OVER 200 LBS. 25.00-37.00.

LAMBS: 61 HEAD, LIGHTWEIGHTS 20.00 HIGHER. CHOICE TO PRIME NEW CROP 40-70 LBS. 120.00-150.00; GOOD 25-70 LBS. 110.00-125.00; CHOICE 70-90 LBS. 97.00-120.00; 90-110 LBS. 95.00-106.00; 110-130 LBS. 84.00-94.00.

GOATS: 108 HEAD. LARGE 65.00-95.00; MEDIUM 45.00-75.00; SMALL FLESHY 30.00-50.00; KIDS 20.00-30.00.

PIGS AND SHOATS: 73 HEAD. BY THE HEAD 20-30 LBS 20.00-29.00; 30-40 LBS. 30.00-40.00; 40-60 LBS. TO 35.00.



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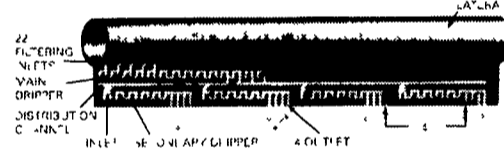
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