

St. Louis Feeder Cattle

Greenville, IL
December 14, 2000

Report Supplied By USDA

Cattle and calves: 360 head. Compared to last week slaughter steers and heifers were 1.00-2.00 higher, except Holstein steers which were steady. Supply mainly Choice slaughter steers and heifers with a large percentage of fancy YG 2-4 cattle. Moderate supply of holstein steers.

Total Receipts this week: 360 Last week: 1150 Last year: 1150

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Choice 2-4 1025-1550 lbs 69.00-72.00; 1500-1700 lbs 64.00-68.00, few 950-1000 lbs 67.00-69.00; Yield Grade 2-3 and Fancy 2-4 1100-1500 lbs 72.00-74.00; few Prime up to 75.00. Mixed Select and Choice 2-3 1000-1450 lbs 66.00-69.00. Select 2-3 950-1500 lbs 62.00-66.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3

1300-1700 lbs 61.00-64.00, few Prime up to 65.00; Mixed Select and Choice 2-3 1250-1600 lbs 58.00-61.00. Select 2-3 1150-1400 lbs 54.00-58.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 975-1375 lbs 69.00-72.00; YG 2-3 and Fancy 2-4 1100-1350 lbs 72.00-74.00; few Prime up to 75.00; Select and Choice 2-3 950-1275 lbs 66.00-69.00. Select 2-3 925-1225 lbs 62.00-66.00.

HEIFERETTES: Medium and Large Frame 1150-1400 lbs 42.00-55.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: Not enough of any one class to test the market due to snow storm.

Bred Cows: Few Medium Frame 2-10 yrs old in 2nd and 3rd stage 335.00-425.00/hd.

Slaughter Cows and Bulls: 50 head. Compared to last week a light supply of slaughter cows were steady. Bulls were firm to 1.00 higher.

SLAUGHTER COWS: % Lean Weight Price Breakers 75-80 % 850-1200

lbs 34.00-37.00 Boners 85-90 % 850-1200 lbs 36.00-40.00 High Yielding 85-90 % over 1100 lbs 37.00-41.00 Lean 85-90 % 850-1200 lbs 32.00-35.00 90-95 % 750-850 lbs 28.00-32.00 90-95 % under 750 lbs 24.00-28.00

BULLS: Large supply of Yield Grade 1-2 1400-2300 lbs 43.00-49.00, low yielding 40.00-43.00. Yield Grade 1 1900-2100 lbs 49.00-50.00, individual High Yield 1915 lbs at 52.50.

National Carlot Beef Report

Des Moines, IA
Dec. 13, 2000

Report Supplied By USDA

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: December 8, 2000 Lds Price Range UT,brk 2-4 450/up UT,bng 1-3 400/up 63.00 Cutter 1-2 350/up 63.00 Bulls YG 1 500/up

BONELESS PROCESSING BEEF/BEEF TRIMMINGS 157.0 Loads Reported. Lean boneless beef in Omaha 2.00 to 4.00 higher, Texas steady to 2.00 higher; 85% 3.00 to 4.00 higher; 65% generally steady. Demand and offerings light to moderate. Beef trimmings generally steady on moderate demand and offerings.

FOB OMAHA BASIS: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 11 101.0 - 103.0 102.00 90% fz unq 85% fr 17 91.0 - 95.0 93.18 85% fz 75% fr unq 75% fz 65% fr 8 55.0 - 57.0 56.50 65% fz 50% fr 93

31.00 - 32.00 31.34 50% fz unq 50% bx unq Bull 92-94 unq

FOB EAST TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 28 100.0 - 102.0 101.18 90% fz unq 85% fr 85% fz 75% fr 75% fz 65% fr 65% fz

CAF NORTHEAST AREAS: Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr unq 90% fz 85% fr unq 85% fz 75% fr 65% fz

CAF WEST COAST BASIS Market for Week Ended: 12/08/2000 Chm Ln Lds Price Range Wtavg 90% fr 91.00 91.00 90% fz unq 85% fr 84.00 - 85.00 84.50 85% fz unq 75% fr unq 75% fz unq 65% fr 55.00 - 56.50 55.75 65% fz unq 50% fr 31.00 - 32.00 31.50 50% fz 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.

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland
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Saturday, Dec. 9

STOCK STEERS AND BULLS 200-500 LBS. 50.00-118.00.

STOCK HEIFERS 45.00-94.50.

SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 68.50, MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-62.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 36.00-57.00, LIGHT 35.00-55.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE 56.00-66.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-55.50.

BULLS HEAVY 44.00-52.00, LIGHT 35.00-61.50.

COWS UTILITY HOLSTEINS 32.00-44.00, CANNERS 25.00-35.00, CULLS 22.00 AND DOWN BOB CALVES 50.00 AND DOWN

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. UP TO 118.00

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 270.00

BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 140.00.

HOGS TOP QUALITY UP TO 42.50, HEAVY UP TO 42.00, LIGHT 20.00-40.00, FEEDER PIGS BY HEAD UP TO 30.00.

SOWS 20.00-38.00.

MALE HOGS 6.00-30.00. LAMBS 70-85 LBS. UP TO 112.00, 85-125 LBS. UP TO 134.00, 30-60 LBS. UP TO 119.00, CULLS UP TO 72.00.

SHEEP UP TO 40.00

GOATS LARGE 60.00-135.00, MEDIUM 40.00-80.00, SMALL 20.00-50.00, ALL BY THE HEAD.

NO SALE SAT., DEC. 23. SALE AS USUAL SAT., DEC. 30.

2001 MID-ATLANTIC FRUIT & VEGETABLE CONVENTION

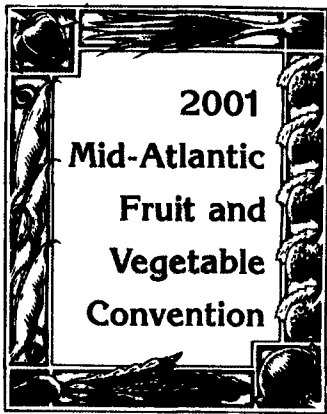
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Tree Fruits

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Light Relations Within The Tree -David Feree
Apple Variety Developments
Use of Bin Haulers by Fruit Growers
Postharvest Problems
Use of Apogee
Mating Disruption - Larry Gut, Michigan State University
Oriental Fruit Moth Management

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National Peach Council
- Plum Pox Virus Update
- PPV Survey Results
- Peach Training Systems - Dr. Luca Corielli-Grappadelli, University of Bologna, Italy
- Aphid Surveys in PPV Areas
- PPV Economic Impact
- Reducing Peach Insecticide Use
- Peach Scab Control

New Pear Cultivars and Rootstocks
Area Wide Mating Disruption Programs
Pest Management Strategies
How to Improve Fruit Size
Effects of Herbicide Use
Improving Replant Sites

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Peach and Nectarine Cultivars
Harvesting, Handling and Shipping Peaches
Fertigation and Irrigation Set Up
California Peach Industry
National Peach Council Update
California Tree Fruit Agreement Program
Changes in Crop Insurance Reform Act
Cost of Production Insurance
Tree Fruit Insect Pest Workshop
Insect Trapping and Identification

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Soil and Root Interactions
Composting, Grape Berry Moth
Disease Control and Cultural Practices

Vegetables

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Season Extension Technology
- Strawberries and Peppers
- Grower Experiences and High Tunnels
Back to Basics
- Obtaining Good Pesticide Coverage
- Am I Making Money on this Crop?
- Soil Quality, New Varieties
Rhubarb, Asparagus, Garlic, Pharmaceuticals
Leafy Greens and Herbs
Sweet Corn Pest Control, Bt Corn,
Organic Vegetable Production
Greenhouse Vegetables
- Dr. Mohyuddin Mirza, Alberta, Canada

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General Vegetable
- Vegetable Transplants
- Crop Insurance is Getting Better
- Machinery Economics
Irrigation
Snap Beans

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Cucurbits
- Pest Control
- Plastics with Drip and No-til - Steve Groff
- Seedless Watermelon Production
Fall Ornamentals
- Ornamental Corns, Pot Mums, Specialty Pumpkins and Gourds
Tomatoes - Staked & Processing
- Bacterial Canker and Phytophthora - Dr. Mary Hausbeck
- Tennessee Stake Tomato Production
- Harvester Set-up and Maintenance

Flowers

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Bedding Plants/Perennials
- New Container Plants, Perennials
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Cut Flowers
- High Tunnel Production
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Internet for Beginners, Spreadsheets
Virtual Orchard Web Site
Homepages, Handheld Palm PC's
eSpray Recordkeeping

Small Fruit

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Advanced Matted Row System
Soil Compaction
Raspberry Season Extension
Organic Small Fruit

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Strawberry Plasticulture
Blueberry Pest Control
Strawberry and Raspberry Research

Potatoes

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Marketing Table Stock & Specialty Potatoes
Cornell Potato Breeding Program

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Timing Nitrogen Applications
Role of Calcium, Manure
Pest Control
Storage Management
Stress Effects on Post-Harvest Quality
Use of Chemical Maturity Monitoring
Marketing and Management

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Labor Management
- Managing Teen and Senior Workers-
Norine Larson

Wholesale Marketing

"Simply Delicious" Promotion
What Buyers Want in Local Produce
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Roadside Marketing

- Corn Maizes and Other Ventures
- Roadside Signs, Customer Service
Alternative Marketing
- Farmer's Markets, CSAs
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Keeping your Family Business Peaceful and Profitable - Dr. Cindy Iannarelli
Marketing
- Fruit e-Commerce
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- Entertainment Farming

For fruit program and registration fees information, contact
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New Jersey State Horticultural Soc. - William Tietjen - 908-475-6505 or
Maryland State Horticultural Soc. - Robert Black - 301-271-7491

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