

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.
April 17, 2001
Report Supplied By USDA
CATTLE 290...(PDA)..Compared with last week's sale..Choice steers 1.00 to 2.50 higher, Select up to 7.00 higher on small supply, cows steady to 1.50 higher.
STEERS: Choice 2-3 1070-1445 lbs 77.50-84.75, Select 1-3 73.00-84.00, few Standard 1-2 58.00-73.00.
HOLSTEIN STEERS: few Choice 2-3 1445-1485 lbs 66.50-70.50, few Select 1-2 60.00-66.75, few Standard 1-2 55.00.
HEIFERS: one High Choice and Prime 2-4 1250 lbs 82.50, Choice 2-4 1100-1480 lbs 76.00-82.00, few Select 1-3 63.00-69.00.
COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 43.00-47.00, one 50.50, Boners 80-85% lean 39.50-45.50, Lean 85-90% lean 36.00-41.50. Shells down to 30.00.
BULLOCKS: few Select 1-3 1035-1135 lbs 63.00-65.50.
BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1200-1960 lbs 56.50-63.75, Yield Grade 2 1100-2320 lbs 48.00-57.00.
FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS:

Medium 1-2 450-675 lbs 65.00-91.00, 675-850 lbs 65.50-75.00, Large 2-3 685-1155 lbs 60.00-82.00; HEIFERS: few Medium 1-2 300-400 lbs 83.00-93.00, 400-600 lbs 60.00-83.50, 600-850 lbs 55.00-75.00, Large 2-3 350-600 lbs 60.00-76.00; BULLS: Medium 1-2 350-600 lbs 79.00-98.00, 600-875 lbs 49.00-71.00.
CALVES 126...VEALERS: Standard and Good 70-90 lbs 38.00-70.00, Utility 55-75 lbs 16.00-34.00.
FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 85-115 lbs 150.00-180.00, one 190.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 100.00-150.00; couple No 1 Holstein heifers 101 & 102 lbs 350.00 & 335.00, couple No 2 92 & 104 lbs 100.00 & 150.00.
Couple beef type bulls and heifers 89 & 94 lbs 175.00 & 150.00, few 240-300 lbs 87.00-102.00.
HOGS 96...Barrows and gilts mostly steady. BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 230-280 lbs 46.85-48.00, 45-50% lean 220-280 lbs 44.75-46.10, 40-45% lean 220-290 lbs 41.50-44.00.
SOWS: few US 1-3 575-665 lbs 43.00-44.00.
FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!
SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!
GOATS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

Friend's Stockyard, Inc.
Accident, Md.
Report Supplied by Auction
Monday, April 16, 2001
STOCK STEERS AND BULLS 200-500 LBS. 50.00-105.00.
STOCK HEIFERS 200-500 LBS. 66.00-94.00.
SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE 75.00-81.50, MEDIUM TO GOOD 68.00-74.00, HEAVY CHOICE OVER 1450 LBS. 68.00-80.00.
HOLSTEIN STEERS HEAVY CHOICE 63.00-71.25, LIGHT 63.00-72.00.
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE 77.00-81.50, MEDIUM TO GOOD 57.00-74.50.
BULLS HEAVY 50.00-60.00, LIGHT 40.00-61.00.
COWS UTILITY (HOLSTEINS) 41.00-47.00, COMMERCIAL TO GOOD 36.00-40.75, CULL COWS 35.00 AND DOWN.
VEALS GOOD TO CHOICE 50.00-105.00, MED. TO GOOD 50.00-67.00, BOB CALVES 50.00 AND DOWN.
HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. UP TO 201.00; HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120

LBS. UP TO 425.00; BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 200.00.
HOGS, TOP QUALITY, UP TO 45.75.
SOWS UP TO 38.00.
LAMBS, CHOICE, UP TO 82.00.
LIVESTOCK PRICES ARE ALL GIVEN PER HUNDRED WEIGHTS.

**Livestock Futures Market
Chicago Mercantile Exchange
Wednesday, April 18, 2001**

	Choice Steers		Choice Feeders		Live Hogs Lean Value		Frozen Pork Bellies	
	Today	4/11/01	Today	4/11/01	Today	4/11/01	Today	4/11/01
Ap01	76.300	77.825	87.600	87.550	-----	65.600	-----	-----
My01	-----	-----	87.500	86.725	-----	-----	85.950	90.025
Jn01	72.250	72.100	-----	-----	71.525	71.750	-----	-----
Jl01	-----	-----	-----	-----	68.375	68.200	86.975	90.650
Au0	72.150	71.900	88.275	87.825	64.550	64.350	85.450	88.450
S01	-----	-----	88.275	87.975	-----	-----	-----	-----
O01	73.725	73.450	88.325	87.975	56.075	56.100	-----	-----
N01	-----	-----	88.650	88.375	-----	-----	-----	-----
D01	74.600	74.575	-----	-----	53.450	53.150	-----	-----
Ja02	-----	-----	88.750	88.450	-----	-----	-----	-----
F02	75.525	75.500	-----	-----	54.500	54.475	74.050	76.750
Mr02	-----	-----	87.850	87.900	-----	-----	76.750	76.750
Ap02	76.800	76.800	-----	-----	53.750	54.000	-----	-----
My02	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	79.750	81.000

Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection

WASHINGTON, D.C., Apr 13 - (USDA) - Total red meat production under federal inspection for the week ending April 14, 2001, was estimated at 831.1 million lb according to the USDA's Marketing Service. This was 1.2% lower than a week ago and 2.0% lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 4.2% lower compared to the previous year.

MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)
(excludes condemned)

Week Ending (1)	Beef	Calf/Veal	Pork (2)	Lamb/Mutton	Totals (3)
14-Apr-01	454.9	3.5	368.2	4.5	831.1
07-Apr-01	443.4	3.5	368.2	6.3	821.3
Change	up 2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	dn 28.6%	up 1.2%
15-Apr-00	482.5	3.8	354.7	6.9	848.3
Change	dn 8.9%	dn 7.9%	up 3.8%	dn 34.8%	dn 2.0%
2001 YTD	7004.2	55.1	5481.3	69.2	12609.2
2000 YTD	7549.4	60.6	5479.3	75.0	13164.3
Change	dn 7.2%	dn 9.1%	0.0%	dn 7.7%	dn 4.2%

- 1- Previous week estimates may be revised. Year ago data are actuals.
- 2- Excludes lard.
- 3- Totals may not add due to rounding. 2001 totals are subject to revision.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER (head)

Week Ending	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lambs
14-Apr-01	627,000	18,000	1,876,000	63,000
07-Apr-01	610,000	19,000	1,877,000	87,000
Change:	up 2.8%	0%	dn 0.1%	dn 27.6%
15-Apr-00	663,000	18,000	1,832,000	101,000
Change:	dn 5.4%	0%	up 2.4%	dn 37.6%
2001 YTD	9,583,000	291,000	27,979,000	986,000
2000 YTD:	10,206,000	318,000	28,348,000	1,079,000
Change:	dn 6.1%	dn 8.5%	dn 1.3%	dn 8.6%

AVERAGE WEIGHTS (lbs.)

Week Ending:	LIVE:	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lamb
14-Apr-01	Estimate	1208	327	265	145
07-Apr-01	Estimate	1211	322	265	143
15-Apr-00	Actual	1203	337	263	138
	DRESSED:				
14-Mar-01	Estimate	729	201	197	72
07-Apr-01	Estimate	730	199	197	72
15-Apr-00	Actual	732	208	194	69

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SLAUGHTERED BY CLASS

Wk Ending	CATTLE			HOGS		
	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls/Stags	Barrows/Gilts	Sows
31-Mar-01	48.9	32.1	17.0	1.9	96.3	3.4
01-Apr-00	49.0	34.4	14.7	1.8	96.6	3.0

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