

National Feeder Cattle

Weekly Summary

St. Joseph, Mo.
October 5, 2001

Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL FEEDER CATTLE SUMMARY - Week ending Oct. 5, 2001. Receipts: This week 190,800; last week 202,100; year ago 203,400. Trading of feeder cattle has not been easy on producers the past three weeks as the market has moved sharply lower. The decline has been faster than most can remember. According to USDA's Livestock and Grain Market News Service, feeder cattle and calves moved mostly 2.00 to 4.00 lower from the Northwest to the Southeast, except for some trends being reported in the High Plains of weak to 2.00 lower. Some firmness could be seen toward the end of the week as higher futures lended support. Much of the softness is due to farmers being in the fields either planting wheat or running the combine. One knows that once the fire is built in the engine, a farmer will not stop until all is done. Those running the combines do not want to be bothered with doctoring calves when they should be in the field. Those buying right now may be getting the bargains if the cattle are not carrying any excess condition. Weaned and vaccinated calves are the type being sought after right now as the warm days and cold nights can wreak havoc on a calf's immune system. Cooler temperatures are being forecasted for much of the country this weekend, with warmer weather behind the cold front that will bring in Mr. Jack Frost in some areas. Country feeder cattle trading is not offering any support as numbers

continue to be light. Early in the week, feeder cattle prices were following the anticipated demise of the fed cattle trade as some fats were traded steady to 1.00 lower early. However, support from the futures spurred a 1.00 to 2.00 higher trade late in the week. The feeders that were pessimistic and did not stick to their guns are kicking themselves for giving in too soon this week. Showlists will get lighter as the heavies get moved out of the lots. Futures have rebounded to close Friday limit up above 69.00. Look for retailers to get out there and buy product as the live product is moving higher. It seems that the feeders have turned the corner and are looking to greener pastures. This week's reported feeder supply included 31 percent over 600 lbs.

National Sheep Summary

San Angelo, Texas
October 9, 2001

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At midwest market centers all classes steady. At New Holland, slaughter lambs steady to 15.00 higher; slaughter ewes steady. At Billings, slaughter ewes 1.00-3.00 higher; feeder lambs under 100 lbs 3.00-6.00, instances 8.00-10.00 higher, over 100 lbs steady to 2.00 higher. At San Angelo, slaughter lambs firm to 3.00 higher; slaughter ewes 2.00-3.00 higher; feeder lambs firm to 3.00 higher. Estimated receipts 10,000 head for today. No report at McMinnville, TN.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs; San Angelo: shorn and woolled 90-145 lbs 50.00-60.00, few 60.00-62.00. Midwest shorn 40.00-42.00,

wooled 38.00-40.00. New Holland: 80-110 lbs 50.00-75.00; 110-130 lbs 40.00-45.00. Virginia: 45.00-52.50. McMinnville: 80-110 lbs no test; 100-120 lbs no test.

SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo: Good and Choice 2-4 23.00-32.00. Good 2-3 32.00-41.50, Utility and Good 1-3 32.00-44.00; Utility 1-2 27.00-33.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 23.00-27.00. Midwest: Utility and Good 1-3 17.00-20.00; Cull 1-2 12.00-17.00. New Holland: Good and Choice 2-4 35.00-45.00; Utility and Good 1-3 20.00-40.00. Billings: Good 2-3 21.00-28.00; Utility 1-2 23.50-25.50, Cull 1 16.00-21.50. McMinnville: Utility and Good 1-3 no test.

FEEDER LAMBS: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: 40-60 lbs 82.00-85.00, 60-70 lbs 70.00-75.00, 70-80 lbs 63.00-70.00; 80-90 lbs 59.00-64.00. Midwest: 60-80 lbs 50.00-60.00; 80-100 lbs 40.00-50.00. Virginia: 50-60 lbs 70.00-79.50; 60-70 lbs 68.00-70.00; 70-85 lbs 67.75-68.00. Billings: 60-70 lbs 61.50-74.00, 70-80 lbs 57.00-69.00, 80-90 lbs 53.50-64.00, 90-100 lbs 44.00-55.00, 100-110 lbs 41.00-44.50; 110-120 lbs 40.00-42.25; 120-130 lbs 40.75-42.00; 135-140 lbs 36.00-39.50. McMinnville: 40-80 lbs no test.

REPLACEMENT EWES: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: no test. Billings: no test.

New Wilmington Livestock

New Wilmington, Pa.
Report Supplied By PDA
Monday, October 8, 2001
NO SALE REPORTED.

National Weekly Lamb Report

Des Moines, Iowa
October 10, 2001

Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB REPORT: Prior week slaughtered lamb count for week ending Monday, October 8 — **FORWARD CONTRACTS:** Domestic 399; Imported 0. **FORMULA ARRANGEMENTS:** Domestic 29,679. Imported 997.

PACKER OWNED SHEEP SLAUGHTERED. Week ending Monday, October 8 - **DOMESTIC** 2,587 head, carcass weight range 34-113 lbs, avg. 69 lbs; dressing percentage range 49-50 1%, avg. 49.4, Choice or better grade 98.1 Good 0.1% **IMPORTED** None.

FORWARD CONTRACT PURCHASES: None.

FORMULA PURCHASES: **DOMESTIC:** 28,336 head; 59-92 lbs, avg. 74 lbs; price range 83.94-119.18, wtd avg price 109.33 per cwt. **IMPORTED:** 682 head, 65-74 lbs, avg. 70 lbs; 83.94-118.67, wtd avg 114.69.

New Holland Horses

New Holland Sales Stables
Report Supplied by Auction

Monday, October 8, 2001
232 HEAD. MARKET STRONGER.
DRIVING HORSES 410.00-885.00.
RIDING HORSES 560.00-1000.00, 1 AT 1475.00.
REGISTERED RIDING 935.00-1600.00, 1 AT 3000.00.
PONIES 185.00-405.00.
LARGE PONIES 460.00-550.00.
COLTS 185.00-350.00.
REGISTERED COLTS 425.00-1000.00.

Dewart Livestock

Dewart, Pa.

Report Supplied By Auction
Monday, October 8, 2001

STEERS: 59.50-66.00.
HEIFERS: TOO FEW TO QUOTE.
GOOD COWS: 30.00-42.75.
CANNERS AND CUTTERS: 20.00-30.00.
BULLS: 50.00-55.00.
VEAL: 90-190 LBS 90.00-530.00; 70-90 LBS. 60.00-90.00.
HOGS: 40.00-42.25.
SOWS: 1 AT 28.50.
FEEDER PIGS: 20.00-37.00 HEAD.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Weekly

Springfield, Ill.
October 5, 2001

Report Supplied By USDA

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Summary, includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers were mostly 2.00-3.00 lower. Trading activity was slow to moderate. Demand was moderate. Receipts this week 51% beef type steers, 7% holstein steers and 42% heifers. Confirmed sales 1600 this week, 1600 last week and 2350 a year ago.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1-2 400-500 lbs 95.00-97.75, 600-700 lbs 92.00-94.00, 700-800 lbs 87.00-88.00, 800-900 lbs 82.00-86.50.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Large 3 750-975 lbs 69.00-69.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1-2 400-500 lbs 92.00-95.00, 500-700 lbs 85.00-93.00, 700-850 lbs 79.00-84.00, few plain 76.00.

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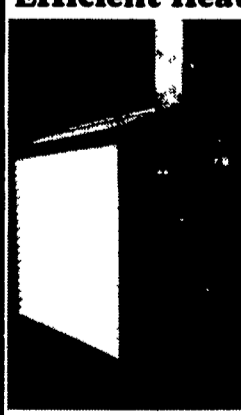
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