Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary

Springfield, Ill.
March 15, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Report (includes lambs sold in IL., IN., OH., MI.) — Compared to last week slaughter lambs over 100 lbs were 1.00 lower, under 100 lbs sold firm. Slaughter ewes were weak. Demand for lambs was moderate for a light to moderate run. Carcass lamb prices were 1.00-2.00 higher for weights 45-75 lbs., with the price spread fairly narrow for those weight groups averaging 143.50-147.70. Prices for heavier carcasses are still discounted, with the 75-85 lb. averaging 136.87, and carcasses over 85 lbs averaging 118.02. Confirmed sales this week about 59% lambs and 41% slaughter ewes, with an additional 500 head of goats. Total sheep and lambs sales: 900 Last week: 1150 Last year: 900.

Slaughter Lambs: Choice Shorn 2-3 125-155 lbs 66.75-68.00; Wooled 120-150 lbs 62.00-65.00; fall lambs 105-120 lbs 70.00-74.00; one lot 70 lbs 90.00, one lot 50 lbs 103.00.

Slaughter Ewes: Utility to Good 32.00-37.00, few 39.00; Cull to Utility 30.00-35.00; Cull 25.00

Slaughter Goats (cwt.): Kids: Selection 2: 40-60 lbs 97.00-104.00; 70-90 lbs 65.00-70.00 Selection 3: 20-60 lbs 60.00-64.00 Nannies and Billies: 90-120 lbs 50.00-62.00.

This report covers sheep and lambs sold direct off the farm through local country stations. Note: receipts do not cover total movement in the area.

MidAtlantic Farm Credit To Conduct Meetings

WESTMINSTER, Md. — Customers of MidAtlantic Farm Credit should mark their calendars and plan to attend one of the sectional stockholders' meetings scheduled throughout April.

Stockholders of the cooperative can expect to hear an update on the association's plans for 2002 and enjoy a meal and fellowship with fellow stockholders and staff and entertainment at each meeting.

Registration for the meetings will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 7 p.m. The meeting dates and sites are:

- April 1, Modern Maturity Center, Dover, Del.
- April 2, Somerset Civic Center, Princess Anne, Md.
- April 3, Caroline 4-H Park, Denton, Md.
- April 4, Days Inn and Conference Center, Allentown, Pa.
- April 5, Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, Pa.
- April 8, Level Fire Hall, Level, Md.
- April 9, Best Western, Westminster, Md.
- April 10, Sheraton 4 Point, Hagerstown, Md.

The election of directors and nominating committee members will be conducted at the meetings this year. MidAtlantic President Bob Frazee invites all stockholders to attend the meeting most convenient to them.

"It was another successful year for MidAtlantic," noted Frazee. "I hope many of our customers will attend to hear a brief report on last year's financial results and to learn what management has planned this year to try and repeat last year's results."

Farm Bureau President Visits Lehigh Valley

ALLENTOWN (Lehigh Co.) — American Farm Bureau (AFB) President Bob Stallman, second from right, spoke here recently at a meeting hosted by the southeast region of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau (PFB). From left, Dan Schantz, owner of Schantz Greenhouses; PFB President Guy F. Donaldson; Stallman; and president of Lehigh County Farm Bureau Brian Dietrich, a dairy farmer. The group visited Giorgi Mushrooms, Schantz Greenhouses, and the Dietrich Dairy Farm. Approximately 240 people attended the evening banquet.

Dewart Hay

Dewart, Pa.
Report Supplied By Auction
Monday, March 18, 2002

HAY: 40 LOTS, 52.00-200.00.
STRAW: 5 LOTS, 82.00-95.00.
WOOD: 4 LOTS, 42.00-45.00.
CORN: 3 LOTS, 80.00-87.00.
OATS: 4 LOTS, 1.75-2.30 BU.

National Weekly Lamb Report

Des Moines, Iowa
March 19, 2002
Report Supplied By USDA

National Weekly Lamb Report for week ending Monday, Mar. 18.

Prior Week Slaughtered Lamb Head Count: Domestic: From Forward Contracts 2,806; From Formula Arrangements 43,290. Imported: 1,708.

Slaughtered Packer Owned Sheep: Domestic: 8,164 head; 44-85 lbs, avg. 76; lbs; dressing percentage range 49.2-50.0%, avg. 49.6; Choice or better 99.2%.

Formula Contract Purchases: No trade reported.

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Imported: 656 head, 71-72 lbs, avg. 71.8 lbs, 128.00-130.00, wtd. avg. price 128.99; 1,036 head, 78-82 lbs, avg. 80.5 lbs, 123.20-127.20, wtd. avg. prices 124.30.

Corn Belt Feedstuff

St. Joseph, Mo.
March 19, 2002
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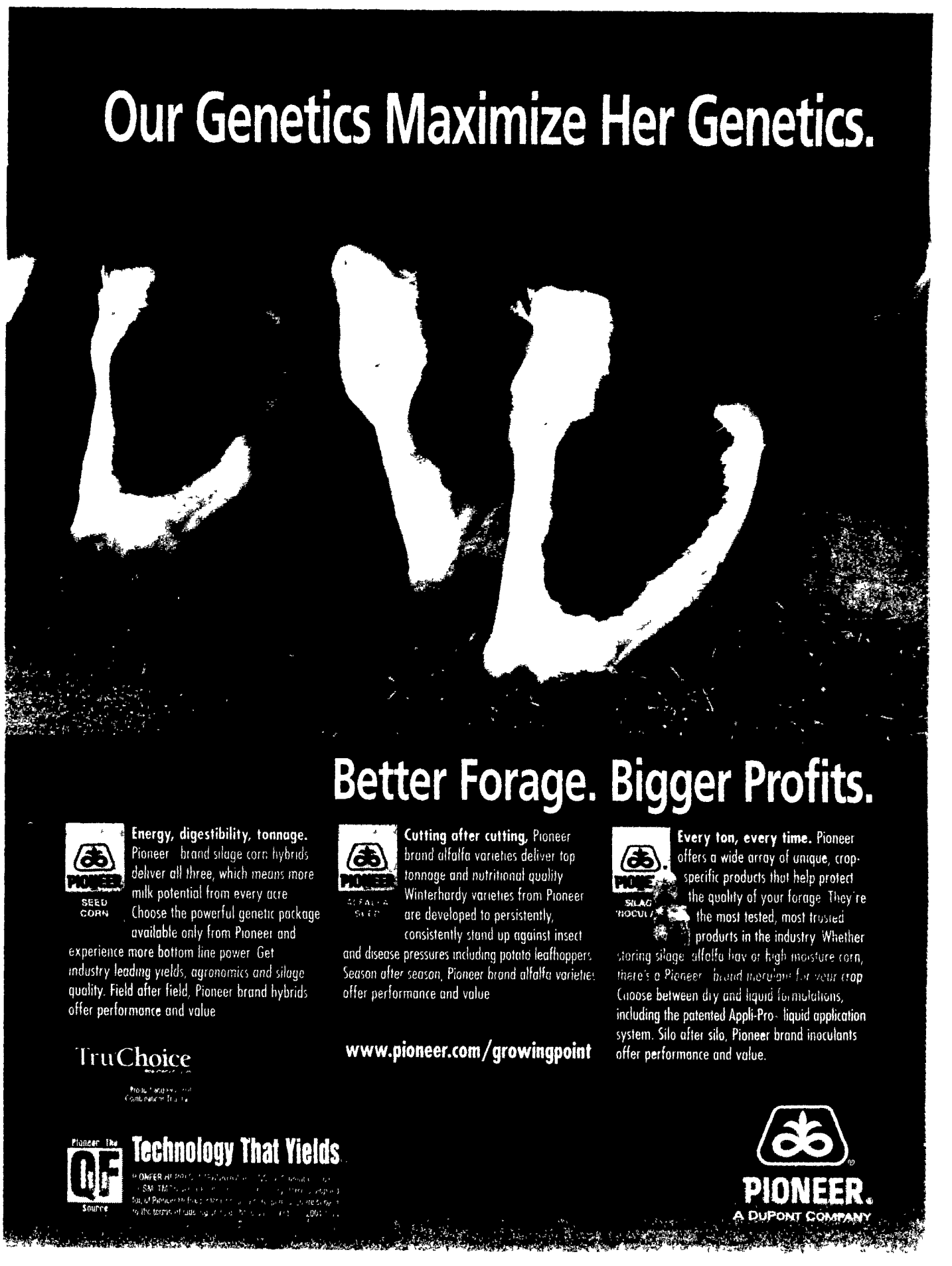
CORN BELT FEEDSTUFF: Wholesale Bids. Truck or Rail dollars per ton. Feed ingredient prices showed some strength this week on slightly improved demand. However, the upcoming holiday also offered support due to seasonal plant closings.

SOYBEAN MEAL: 48 percent rail 1.50 higher to 2.00 lower at 158.00-161.00. 48 percent truck steady to 1.50 higher at 160.00-167.00 per ton.

CORN BY-PRODUCTS: Gluten Feed 21 percent, Interior Points, steady at 50.00- 60.00; Chicago steady to 2.00 higher 54.00-60.00. 60 percent Gluten Meal, Interior Points, steady to 5.00 lower at 210.00-225.00; Chicago steady at 215.00-225.00 per ton. Rail Hominy Feed, Central Illinois Points, steady to 2.00 higher at 63.00-66.00; truck steady to 2.00 higher at 64.00-68.00. Crude Corn Oil 25 to 125 points higher at 18.00-19.00 cents per pound.

MIDDLINGS: Northwest 2.00 to 5.00 higher at 60.00-65.00; Buffalo 9.00 to 11.00 higher at 60.00-66.00 per ton.

ALFALFA PELLETS: Toledo, Ohio 17 percent dehydrated, steady at 149.00- 182.00; meal steady at 152.00-185.00. 15 percent steady at 134.00-160.00 per ton; meal steady at 137.00-163.00.

DISTILLER'S DRIED GRAINS: Central Illinois steady to 6.00 lower at 70.00- 77.00; Chicago steady to 3.00 lower at 75.00-82.00; Lawrenceburg, IL steady at 79.00. Kansas and Nebraska 5.00 higher at 85.00-90.00; Minneapolis 5.00 higher at 75.00 per ton.

BREWER'S DRIED GRAINS: Newark, NJ steady at 83.00; Williamsburg, VA steady at 73.00 per ton.