

**Grantsville Livestock**

Grantsville, Maryland  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Saturday, April 27, 2002

**STOCK STEERS AND BULLS**  
200-500 LBS. 55.00-98.00.  
STOCK HEIFERS 50.00-85.00.  
SLAUGHTER STEERS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 64.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 45.00-62.00.  
HOLSTEIN STEERS GOOD 42.00-58.00, LIGHT 52.00-60.00.  
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS GOOD TO CHOICE UP TO 63.00, MEDIUM TO GOOD 50.00-58.50.  
BULLS HEAVY 41.00-65.75, LIGHT 48.00-70.00, SLOW UP TO 20.00.  
COWS UTILITY HOLSTEINS 35.50-43.00, CANNERS 32.00-40.00, CULLS 32.00 AND DOWN.  
BOB CALVES 50.00 AND DOWN.  
HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM 90-120 LBS. UP TO 130.00.  
HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 525.00.  
BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM UP TO 150.00.  
HOGS TOP QUALITY UP TO 31.00, HEAVY UP TO 28.00, LIGHT 30.00-35.00, FEEDER PIGS BY HEAD UP TO 50.00.  
SOWS 20.00-22.00.  
MALE HOGS 12.00-22.00.  
LAMBS 70-85 LBS. UP TO 100.00, 85-125 LBS. UP TO 85.00, 30-60 LBS. UP TO 110.00, CULLS UP TO 60.00.  
SHEEP UP TO 35.00.  
GOATS LARGE 55.00-140.00, MEDIUM 25.00-70.00, SMALL 10.00-40.00, ALL BY THE HEAD.  
FEEDER SALE EVERY SECOND SAT. PER MONTH.

**National Feeder Cattle Weekly Summary**

St. Joseph, Mo.  
April 26, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

**NATIONAL FEEDER CATTLE SUMMARY** for week ending Apr. 26. RECEIPTS: Auctions: This Week 224,600, Last Week 213,800. Direct: This Week 50,700, Last Week 44,700. Video/Internet: This Week 43,400, Last Week 7,600. TOTAL: This Week 318,700, Last Week 266,100. Old Format: This Week 122,800, Last Week 110,300, Last Year 191,000. This week's reported auction volume included 54% over 600 lbs and 49% heifers. Compared to last week, feeder steers and heifers sold steady to 3.00 lower. April live futures closed 17 points firmer Monday, possibly due to a combination of last Friday's cattle on feed report and fading attention on the Florida woman with human form of mad cow disease over the weekend. However, declining prices on live cattle over the past few weeks did little to lend support for feeders, and left buyers and sellers in a tough situation as they are looking for direction, with no clear answers.

Despite lower prices this week, demand for feeders have ranged from light to mostly moderate, however better than expected. A lot of people are waiting and speculating as to the next cattle on feed report. Much needed rain has fallen across major grazing areas across the south central regions of the U.S. the past couple of weeks, with more predicted over the weekend. This much needed rain has helped increase the demand for grass cattle. On the other hand, dryness still plagues other parts of the country.

Feedlots have held cattle as long as they can over the past few weeks, with no other options now but to sell. This was evident this week, especially in the south, as the result was a much larger showlist. Rumors of 64.00 bids on Tuesday came true Wednesday as Feedlots in the south traded cattle 1.00-3.00 lower

at 64.00 with northern areas trading at mostly 104.00 in moderate to active trading. Showlists were pretty much cleaned up in the southern plains Thursday afternoon, after trading steady to 1.00 lower, with some of these cattle hanging in both southern and northern plants. A huge slap in the face was felt Thursday afternoon as April Live Futures were up 40 points to triple digits in the out months. Adding a little salt to the wound Friday, April live and feeder cattle futures closed up the limit. Seasonal demand still seems to be the most likely favorite with everybody looking towards Memorial weekend.

**Friend's Stockyard**

Accident, Md.  
Report Supplied by Auction  
Monday, April 29, 2002

**STOCK STEERS AND BULLS:** 200-500 lbs. 55.00-103.00.  
**STOCK HEIFERS:** 200-500 lbs. 61.00-91.00.  
**SLAUGHTER STEERS:** good to choice 65.00-68.00, medium to good 61.00-64.50, heavy choice over 1450 lbs. 58.00-64.50.  
**HOLSTEIN STEERS:** heavy Choice 48.00-59.25, light 47.00-61.00.  
**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:** Good to Choice 66.00-67.50, Medium to Good 60.00-65.50.  
**BULLS:** heavy 51.00-59.75, light 40.00-60.00.  
**COWS:** Utility (Holsteins) 39.00-43.50, Commercial to Good 32.00-39.25, cull cows 32.00 and down.  
**VEALS:** Good to Choice 50.00-86.00, Med. to Good 50.00-67.00.  
**BOB CALVES:** 50.00 and down.  
**HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES, RETURN TO FARM:** 90-120 lbs. up to 160.00; **HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES, RETURN TO FARM:** 90-120 lbs. up to 645.00, **BEEF X CALVES** return to farm up to 200.00.  
**HOGS:** top quality, up to 31.00.  
**SOWS:** up to 28.00.  
**LAMBS, CHOICE,** up to 75.00.  
Goats choice up to 48.00.  
Livestock prices are all given per hundred weights.  
**SPRING GRASS CATTLE SALE** MAY 4 AT 7 P.M.

**Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle**

St. Joseph, Mo., April 29, 2002 - USDA Market News Service  
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for  
Week Ending Sunday, April 28, 2002

Confirmed Sales: 191,056; Week Ago: 133,982; Year Ago N.A.

**LIVE BASIS SALES:**  
**SLAUGHTER STEERS.**

|                 | Head Count | Weight Range | Price Range | Avg. Weight | Avg. Price |
|-----------------|------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Over 80% Choice | 4,835      | 790-1575     | 62.50-68.00 | 1,318       | 65.76      |
| 65-80% Choice   | 6,923      | 1000-1500    | 63.00-67.50 | 1,310       | 65.09      |
| 35-65% Choice   | 47,783     | 900-1600     | 60.00-66.25 | 1,229       | 63.93      |
| 1-35% Choice    | 3,099      | 960-1500     | 63.00-64.00 | 1,216       | 63.62      |

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:**

|                 |        |           |             |       |       |
|-----------------|--------|-----------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Over 80% Choice | 1,437  | 950-1600  | 63.00-66.00 | 1,263 | 65.12 |
| 65-80% Choice   | 4,100  | 900-1525  | 63.00-66.50 | 1,174 | 64.66 |
| 35-65% Choice   | 40,451 | 850-1485  | 60.00-66.50 | 1,116 | 63.90 |
| 1-35% Choice    | 316    | 1000-1250 | 63.75-64.00 | 1,124 | 63.82 |

**DRESSED BASIS:**

**SLAUGHTER STEERS:**

|                 |        |          |               |     |        |
|-----------------|--------|----------|---------------|-----|--------|
| Over 80% Choice | 2,817  | 584-1066 | 102.00-107.00 | 844 | 104.95 |
| 65-80% Choice   | 11,852 | 556-1064 | 102.00-106.50 | 835 | 104.96 |
| 35-65% Choice   | 25,274 | 530-1080 | 100.00-108.00 | 806 | 103.57 |
| 1-35% Choice    |        |          |               |     |        |

**SLAUGHTER HEIFERS:**

|                 |        |          |               |     |        |
|-----------------|--------|----------|---------------|-----|--------|
| Over 80% Choice | 2,228  | 482-1025 | 102.00-105.00 | 757 | 104.40 |
| 65-80% Choice   | 6,101  | 514-1014 | 101.00-107.00 | 774 | 104.29 |
| 35-65% Choice   | 11,051 | 470- 975 | 100.00-106.00 | 730 | 103.83 |
| 1-35% Choice    | 248    | 504- 904 | 100.25-104.00 | 721 | 101.71 |

**Weekly Accumulated Weighted Averages (Beef Breeds):**

|               | Head Count | Avg. Weight | Avg. Price |
|---------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Live Steer    | 62,640     | 1,244.4     | 64.18      |
| Live Heifer   | 46,304     | 1,126.1     | 64.00      |
| Dressed Steer | 39,943     | 817.1       | 104.09     |
| Dressed Heif  | 19,628     | 746.8       | 104.02     |

**Week Ago Weighted Averages**

|                |        |         |        |
|----------------|--------|---------|--------|
| Live Steer     | 39,742 | 1,258.1 | 66.53  |
| Live Heifer    | 31,131 | 1,146.3 | 66.51  |
| Dressed Steer  | 31,367 | 828.2   | 105.99 |
| Dressed Heifer | 16,700 | 743.5   | 105.66 |

**National Sheep Summary**

San Angelo, Texas  
April 20, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

At midwest market centers all classes steady. At New Holland, slaughter lambs and slaughter ewes steady. At San Angelo, slaughter lambs weak; slaughter ewes mostly steady; feeder lambs 1.00-3.00 lower, instances 5.00 lower on lambs under 65 lbs. 11,800 head estimated for

today.  
Slaughter Lambs: Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs. San Angelo: shorn and woolled 62.00-69.00; new crop 73.00-78.00. Midwest: shorn 56.00-58.00; woolled 51.00-53.00. New Holland: new crop 90-110 lbs 90.00-100.00; 100-130 lbs 80.00- 90.00. Virginia: no test.  
Slaughter Ewes: San Angelo: Good and Choice 2-4 23.00-32.00; Good 2-3 33.50-42.00; Utility and Good 1-3 39.50-50.00; Utility 1-2 30.00-39.00; Cull and Utility 1-2 20.00-30.00. Midwest: Utility and Good 1-3 17.00-22.00; Cull 1-2 14.00-17.00. New Holland: Good and Choice 2-4 45.00-60.00; Utility and Good 1-3 25.00-40.00. Billings: no test.  
Feeder Lambs: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo. new crop 40-60 lbs 81.00-89.00; 60-70 lbs 72.00- 75.00; 70-90 lbs 73.00-78.00. Midwest: new crop 60-75 lbs 65.00-75.00; 75-90 lbs 55.00-65.00. Virginia: no test. Billings: no test.  
Replacement Ewes: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo. Mixed age ewes 110-130 lbs 51.50-55.00 cwt. Billings: no test

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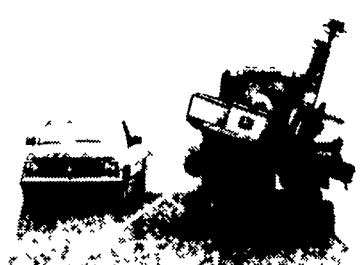
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