

National Slaughter Cattle Weekly Review

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NATIONAL SLAUGHTER SUMMARY for Week Ending Nov. 8, 2002: Cattle trades remain at a minimum thru Friday morning. Few sales on a dressed basis in the northern plains remained steady. Most feeders holding for another week of higher prices. Final weights and carcasses yields have declined thanks to wet weather creating very muddy conditions. High pressure has moved in and pens are starting to dry out. USDA's boxed beef cut-out values Friday at noon averaged 107.49 up 57 cents from last Friday. Sales of slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades totaled a minimum of 23,800 head through 10:00 a.m. Friday. Last week's full count was 171,300 head.
STEERS AND HEIFERS:
MIDWEST DIRECT MARKETS:
LIVE BASIS: 35-80 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs few sales 67.00-68.00.

DRESSED BASIS: Steers and Heifers 35-80 percent Choice, 550-950 lbs. 104.00-107.00, average 106.00.
HIGH PLAINS DIRECT MARKETS:
LIVE BASIS: 35-65 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs not established.
SLAUGHTER COWS AND BULLS (Average Yielding): Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 2.00 lower. Packer demand remains light to moderate with many cows returning to pasture or the feedlot. USDA's Cutter cow carcass cut-out value closed Thursday at 74.80 down 2.77 from last Friday.
COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 1000-1600 lbs: Colorado 30.00-33.50; Oklahoma 32.00-34.50; Alabama 30.00-33.00. Boners 80-85% lean 900-1500 lbs: Colorado 30.00-33.00; Oklahoma 30.50-32.50; Alabama 29.50-33.50. Lean 85-90% lean 850-1300 lbs: Colorado 29.00-32.00; Oklahoma 30.00-33.50; Alabama 29.00-32.00.
BULLS 88-92% lean 1500-2200 lbs: Colorado 42.00-45.00; Oklahoma 41.50-44.00; Alabama 42.00-45.50.
NOTE: Slaughter cow and bull prices reflect Tuesday markets.

Meeting To Focus On Ag's Future

CAMP HILL (Cumberland Co.) — Pennsylvania's food producers will be talking about how the regulation of farms by some townships will affect the future of agriculture in the commonwealth when farmers from across the state gather in Hershey Nov. 18-20 for the 52nd annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.
"The action by several townships to impose new restrictions

on agriculture creates dark clouds for farm families across the commonwealth," said Pennsylvania Farm Bureau President Guy F. Donaldson. "The matter is sure to generate plenty of discussion when our members get together in Hershey."
Voting delegates from the state Farm Bureau's 54 county units will be electing leaders and setting policies for the statewide farm group during the upcoming annual meeting. Grassroots poli-

cy suggestions that originated in the county Farm Bureaus will be discussed and debated by the delegates in deciding the organization's official stance on a wide range of issues affecting agriculture.
In addition to setting policy, the annual meeting will provide a stage for the presentation of awards honoring achievements by county Farm Bureaus, young farmers, and individuals who have performed distinguished service to agriculture.

Passing On The Farm Workshop Nov. 20

PROSPECT (Butler Co.) — Pennsylvania Farm Link will conduct a "Passing on the Farm" workshop from 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, here at the Garden Gate Restaurant.

Transferring a farm business from one generation to the next carries emotional, financial, and legal implications. Both family

relationships and the business can suffer from failure to plan.

Farmers seeking ideas for successfully passing their farm to family, or those interested in locating interested, unrelated farmers to take over an operation, should attend. Beginning farmers are also urged to participate to glean ideas for building their businesses.

Contact Pennsylvania Farm Link at (717) 664-7077. A \$10.95 fee covers both continental breakfast and buffet lunch. The Garden Gate Restaurant lies on Rt. 422, three miles west of the Rt. 79 intersection.

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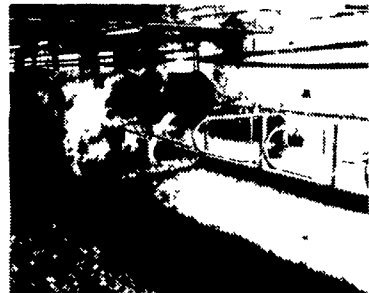
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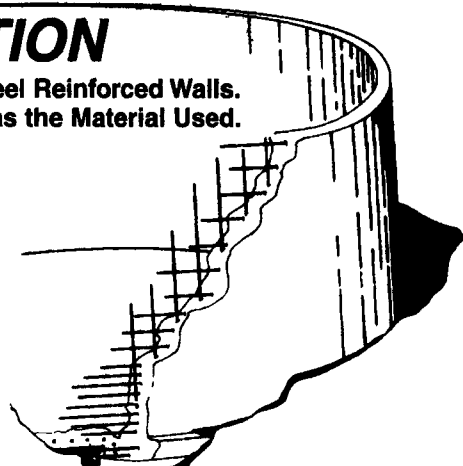
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