

Staunton Weekly Feeder Cattle Sale

Richmond, Va.
December 9, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

WEEKLY AUCTION at Staunton, Dec 6 — FEEDER CATTLE 458 head Prices per cwt. based on in weights.

STEERS: 280 head. Med./Lge. 1 200-300 lb 82-92.00; 300-400 lb 82-98.00, 400-500 lb 82-96.00; 500-600 lb 80-89.00; 600-700 lb 76-84.00; 70-800 lb few 78.00; 800-900 lb 74-82.75; 1000-1100 lb 70-74.35. Med./Lge 2: 300-400 lb 80-95.00; 400-500 lb 80-90.00; 500-600 lb 77-85.00; 600-700 lb 72-79.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: 18 head. Med./Lge.2: 300-500 lb 53-55.00; 500-700 lb 55-59.00.

HEIFERS: 120 head. Med./Lge. 1: 300-400 lb 70-76.00; 400-500 lb 69-75.00, 500-600 lb 68-72.00; 600-700 lb 65-72.00; 700-800 lb few 65.00.

BULLS: 40 head. Med./Lge 1: 200-300 lb 82-97.00; 300-400 lb 80-90.00; 400-500 lb 79-86.00, 500-600 lb 65-74.00; 600-700 lb 64-73.00.

Tri-State Weekly Feeder Cattle Sale

Richmond, Va.
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WEEKLY AUCTION at Tri-State, Dec 6 — FEEDER CATTLE: 509 head. Prices cwt., based on in weights

FEEDER STEERS: 175 head. Med./Lge 1 200-300 lb 92-101.00; 300-400 lb 94-101.00; 400-500 lb 82.50-92.00; 500-600 lb 77-86.00; 600-700 lb 77.25-83.00; 700-800 lb 70-77.75. Med./Lge. 2. 300-400 lb 83-91.00; 400-500 lb 80-86.00; 500-600 lb 76.50-79.50; 600-700 lb 68-75.50, 700-800 lb 73.50-77.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: 9 head. Med./Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 58-60.00; 300-500 lb 51-60.00; 500-700 lb 51.00.

HEIFERS: 225 head. Med./Lge. 1: 300-400 lb 77-84.00; 400-500 lb 75-82.50; 500-600 lb 74-78.00; 600-700 lb 69.50-75.50; 700-800 lb 64-67.00; 800-900 lb 60.50-65.00. Med./Lge. 2: 300-400 lb 74-79.00; 400-500 lb 73-79.00; 500-600 lb 68.50-74.00, 600-700 lb 60-68.00; 700-800

lb 70.50-72.00.

BULLS: 100 head. Med./Lge. 1: 200-300 lb 93-100.00; 300-400 lb 91-100.00; 400-500 lb 83.50-91.00; 400-500 lb 82.50-91.00; 500-600 lb 70-78.00; 600-700 lb 64-75.00; 700-900 lb 60-75.50.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary

Springfield, Ill.

December 6, 2002

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Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Report (includes lambs sold in IL., IN., OH., MI.) — Compared to last week, slaughter lambs and ewes were mostly 2.00-5.00 higher. Goats were steady. Demand was moderate to good. Trading was moderate. The Muslim holiday to celebrate the end of Ramadan has lead to increased demand, especially for lighter weight lambs and goats. Carlot lamb carcass prices in the central U.S. were sharply higher for carcasses under 45 lbs. Carcasses over 45 lbs were unevenly steady.

Confirmed sales this week about 62% slaughter lambs, 38% ewes and an additional 648 head of goats. Total sheep and lambs sales 1400, last week N/A and year ago 1500.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 2-3, new crop 120-140 lbs 80.00-85.00; 90-120 lbs 78.00-80.00; 65-75 lbs 80.00-84.00; 55-65 lbs few 96.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Cull to Utility: 30.00-35.00; Utility to Good: 35.00-40.00, few up to 43.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS (cwt.): Kids: Selection 2: 20-40 lbs 95.00-107.00; 40-60 lbs 94.00-95.00. Selection 3: 20-60 lbs 55.00-62.00. Yearlings: Selection 2: 70-90 lbs 62.00-65.00. Does/Nannies and Bucks/Billies: Selection 2-3: 80-125 lbs 57.00-65.00.

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.

National Sheep Summary

San Angelo, Texas
December 10, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

At midwest market centers slaughter lambs steady, slaughter ewes 5 00 higher, feeder lambs 3 00-5 00 higher At New Holland, PA no report At San Angelo, TX slaughter lambs steady, slaughter ewes 2 00-3 00 lower, instances 5 00 lower, feeder lambs not well tested Estimated receipts 8,000 head for today

SLAUGHTER LAMBS. Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs San Angelo shorn and woolled 80 00-87 00 Midwest shorn 85 00-87 00, woolled 110-125 lbs 75 00-83 00, 125-145 lbs 77 00-86 00 New Holland 80-120 lbs no report. Virginia no test

SLAUGHTER EWES San Angelo Good and Choice 2-4 33 00-38 00, Good 2-3 40 00-52 00, Utility and Good 1-3 45 00-54 00, Utility 1-2 35 00-45 00, Cull and Utility 1-2 30 00-35 00. Midwest Utility and Good 1-3 35 00-40 00, Cull 1 25 00-35 00 New Holland Good and Choice 2-4 no report, Utility and Good 1-3 no report. Billings no test.

FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2 San Angelo 60-90 lbs 91 00-98 00 Midwest 60-80 lbs 88 00-98 00, 80-100 lbs 80 00-88 00. Virginia no test. Billings no test

REPLACEMENT FWES Medium and Large 1-2 San Angelo no test Billings no test

Tennessee Feeder Cattle Sales

Nashville, Tenn.

December 12, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

FEEDER CATTLE: Tennessee Weighted Average Report for Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Knoxville, Lawrenceburg, Sweetwater, Maury City, and Savannah Receipts 4,852 calves and feeders (22% over 600 lbs.) Trend Feeder steers and heifers uneven Average weight and average price in parentheses Price per cwt

FEEDER STEERS. Med./Lge. 1-2 97 head, 300-400 lb (358 lb) 85-115.00 (99.05); 118 head, 400-500 lb (452 lb) 75-96.00 (86.22), 146 head, 500-600 lb (546 lb) 73.50-87.50 (80.49); 136 head, 600-700 lb (644 lb) 70-85.00 (78.03); 34 head, 700-800 lb (733 lb) 70-82.00 (77.78), 19 head, 800-900 lb (831 lb) 62-78.50 (72.46) Med./Lge. 3: 41 head, 300-400 lb (359 lb) 70-104.00 (88.41); 66 head, 400-500 lb (446 lb) 68-88.00 (78.50); 42 head, 500-600 lb (535 lb) 65-79.50 (73.96); 25 head, 600-700 lb (625 lb) 65-75.50 (70.41)

FEEDER HEIFERS. Med./Lge 1-2 109 head, 300-400 lb (354 lb) 73.50-94.50 (82.34), 243 head, 400-500 lb (454 lb) 70-85.00 (76.06), 308 head, 500-600 lb (544 lb) 69-79.50 (74.44); 139 head, 600-700 lb (634 lb) 67.78.00 (73.17); 21 head, 700-800 lb (737 lb) 62.50-74.50 (70.08); 10 head, 900-1000 lb (940 lb) 58-67.75 (64.18) Med/lge 3 41 head, 300-400 lb (359 lb) 65-82.00 (73.88), 116 head, 400-500 lb (454 lb) 60-77.00 (70.70), 65 head, 500-600 lb (535 lb) 60-73.00 (67.99), 25 head, 600-700 lb (634 lb) 59.50-71.50 (65.62)

FEEDER BULLS. Med./Lge 1-2 16 head, 300-400 lb (374 lb) 90-109.50 (98.91), 85 head, 400-500 lb (456 lb) 73-97.00 (83.10); 97 head, 500-600 lb (545 lb) 70-83.00 (76.92), 53 head, 600-700 lb (635 lb) 65-76.00 (71.32); 25 head, 700-800 lb (739 lb) 63-73.50 (68.76).

East Coast and North Central Veal Report

Des Moines, Iowa

December 11, 2002

Supplied By USDA

CARLOT VEAL CARCASS REPORT Northeast and North Central Basis Compared to trading last week Northeast special fed veal mostly steady to weak on mostly moderate offerings and a light to moderate demand North Central steady to weak for moderate offerings and a light demand Market undertone steady to weak

VEAL CARCASS, SPECIAL FED, HOT BASIS, FOB PRODUCTION POINTS Hide-On, 240-300 lb Northeast 226 head North Central N/A Hide-Off, 215-275 lb North East 205 00

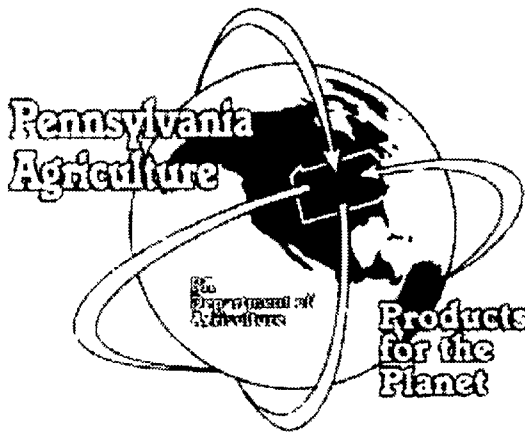
CONTRACT INFORMATION Hot Basis, Hide-Off (As of Dec 11, 2002) Contract calves slaughtered this week 205 00-215 00 mostly 205-208 00 Packers base market 190 00-205 00 Future contracts offered Firm Bottom 182-185 00 Firm Top 200 00 and mostly 205 00 Firm Bottom, Open Top 180 00 and 185 00 Firm Bottom, 182 00, Split Top 200 00 Fixed 185 00, 188 00, 189 00 and 190 00

•North Central - OH, IN, IL, MI & WI

•Northeast - MA, MD, PA, NY, NJ, DE, CT & VT

WEEKLY DISTRIBUTIVE, LESS THAN CARLOT, EAST COAST AREA VEAL CUTS TRADE, SPECIAL FFD Market for Tuesday, Dec 10 — Compared to last week Distributive special fed veal cuts are trading unevenly steady Racks for the foodservice industry are trading firm Leg cuts continue to trend weak Movement is slow to moderate on light to mostly moderate offerings and a light to moderate demand

Prices per CWT Carcass hide off 200-250 lb 225-245 00. Foresaddles 85 110 lb 170-185 00, Kasher Foresaddles 90-110 lb 195-210 00, Hindsaddles 85-115 lb 285-300 00 Loms, regular 17-25 lb 275-305 00, Loms 4x4 trmd 12-18 lb 425-475 00 Hotel Racks 8 rib 15-21 lb 440-450 00, 7 rib 14 20 lb 455-480 00 6 rib 13-17 lb 495-525 00 Chuck square cut 36-47 lb 85 110 00 Shoulder full 14-20 lb 150-160 00, Legs, double 70-90 lb 285-310 00, LBS 3-piece 24-32 lb 575 650 00, BHS heel-out 27 35 lb 375-450 00, Top Round, trmd, cap-off 8-10 lb 700-850 00 Breast 10 12 lb 65-80 00, Necks, bone-in 24-28 lb 110 130 00 Stew Meat regular 200 225 00 Boneless trimmings 75 80%, lean 60-70 00 Heavy Nature Green Hides per piece 37-42 00



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Secretary of Agriculture



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