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Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle

St. Joseph Mo. December 16, 2002 - USDA Market News Service
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for
Week Ending Sunday, December 15, 2002

Confirmed Sales 169,746 Week Ago 145,553 Year Ago 177,102

LIVE FOB BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds:
SLAUGHTER STEERS

	#Head	Wt Range	Price Range	Av. Wt	Av. Price
Over 80% Choice	1,993	1175-1425	69.00-73.00	1,348	71.92
65-80% Choice	5,528	1235-1425	70.00-74.25	1,354	72.40
35-65% Choice	38,602	1100-1440	70.00-73.50	1,270	72.66
0-35% Choice	1,692	1150-1350	71.00-73.00	1,227	72.39
TOTAL all grades	47,815	1100-1440	69.00-74.24	1,282	72.59

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS

Over 80% Choice	3,825	1175-1375	70.50-73.00	1,281	72.23
65-80% Choice	7,789	1100-1425	70.00-73.50	1,229	72.46
35-65% Choice	37,187	1025-1350	71.00-73.50	1,143	72.73
0-35% Choice	55	1080-1150	72.00-73.00	1,149	72.02
TOTAL all grades	48,856	1025-1425	70.00-73.50	1,167	72.65

DRESSED DELIVERED BASIS - Beef Breeds:

SLAUGHTER STEERS

Over 80% Choice	2,109	639-880	112.00-115.00	849	113.87
65-80% Choice	16,030	740-960	112.00-116.00	874	114.04
35-65% Choice	13,003	700-950	112.00-116.00	844	114.39
0-35% Choice	45	918	113.00	918	113.00
TOTAL all grades	31,187	693-960	112.00-116.00	860	114.17

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS

Over 80% Choice	1,464	750-839	113.00-115.00	792	114.96
65-80% Choice	7,186	680-925	112.00-115.00	785	114.43
35-65% Choice	13,553	712-857	112.50-115.00	772	114.49
0-35% Choice					
TOTAL all grades	22,203	680-925	112.00-115.00	777	114.50

WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES:

	Head Count	Av Weight	Av Price
Live Steer	47,815	1,282	72.59
Live Heifer	48,856	1,167	72.65
Dressed Steer	31,187	860	114.17
Dressed Heifer	22,203	777	114.50

Week Ago Weighted Averages:

Live Steer	44,089	1,270	73.42
Live Heifer	37,409	1,173	73.59
Dressed Steer	24,797	852	115.49
Dressed Heifer	14,745	770	115.54

Year Ago Weighted Averages:

Live Steer	46,762	1,291	62.78
Live Heifer	35,759	1,162	63.00
Dressed Steer	40,563	834	100.95
Dressed Heifer	31,292	755	101.05

Southern & Eastern Direct Feeder Pigs

Columbia, S.C.

December 13, 2002

Report Supplied by USDA

Southern and Eastern US Direct FOB Feeder Pig Report Weekly summary of prices FOB farm basis, week ended Dec 13. Receipts 55,122 last week 21,789. Compared to last week early weaned pigs and 40-50 pound feeder pigs 2,400 higher. Demand good for heavy offerings. Receipts include 49,242 head shipped to Iowa and Central US. Also receipts include an estimated 41% formulated prices.

PIGS, EARLY WEANED 10 LB BASIS, estimated 50-54% lean value. Lot size 250 head or less, 810 head, 24.00-34.00, wtd avg price 30.25; lot size 250-750 2,166 head, 28.00-34.08, wtd avg price 32.40, lot size 750 or more 27,250 head, 30.73-40.00 wtd avg price 34.22. Total Composite: 30,226 head, 24.00-40.00, wtd avg price 34.02.

PIGS, 40 LB BASIS, estimated 50-54% lean value. Lot size 250-750 3,366 head, 40.00-46.50, wtd avg price 45.11; lot size 750 or more 6,965 head, 36.50-47.50, wtd avg price 45.33. Total Composite 10,331 head, 36.50-47.50, wtd avg price 45.26.

PIGS, 45 LB BASIS, estimated 50-54% lean value. Lot size 250 head or less, 160 head, 44.15, lot size 750 or more 9,400 head, 53.00-56.33, wtd avg price 54.02. Total Composite 44,15-56.33, wtd avg price 53.86.

PIGS, 50 LB BASIS, estimated 50-54% lean value. Lot size 250 head or less, 180 head, 42.00; lot size 750 or more, 2,000 head, 43.00-37.00, wtd avg price 45.00. Total Composite 2,180 head, 42.00-47.00, wtd avg 44.75.

PIGS, 55 LB BASIS, estimated 50-54% lean value. Lot size 750 or more, 2,825 head, 60.00-61.00, wtd avg price 60.58.

*Prices are quoted on a per head basis "picked up" at the sellers farm in NC, SC, GA, TN, KY, AL, MS, AR, MO, TX, OK, KS, IN, OH, MI, PA, CO, UT, and

WY. Prices do not include freight or broker fees. Many lots of 40-60 weight pigs sold with a 25-40 per pound slide. Also, some lots of early weaned pigs have a 1.00 per pound sliding value adjusted from a 10 pound basis. Early weaned pigs under 19 days old.

Estimated lean value is projected to base slaughter weights with normal confinement feeding conditions. This report does not cover any trades which include profit/loss share agreements or any other form of shared or retained ownership agreements.

State Graded Feeder Pig Sale

Carlisle Livestock Market, Inc.

Sale Reported by PDA

Friday, December 13, 2002

RFSULTS ON 1316 PIGS.

TRFND COMPARFD WITH THE LAST SALE, FEEDER PIGS WERE EXTREMELY ACTIVE, 1281 HEAD OUT OF 1316 PIGS WNE TO SLAUGHTER FOR THE UPCOMING HOLIDAY DEMAND. ALL PIGS WERE SOLD BY THE HUNDRED WEIGHT.

US+N1-2: 20 HEAD 21-22 LBS. 206.00-232.00; 92 HEAD 25-29 LBS. 120.00-165.00, 42 HEAD 44-49 LBS. 101.00-122.00; 161 HEAD 50-69 LBS. 78.00-107.00, 97 HEAD 70-83 LBS. 68.00-81.00; 120 HEAD 98-120 LBS. 56.00-65.00

US+N2: 20 HEAD 18-23 LBS. 200.00-221.00, 7 HEAD 28-30 LBS. 134.00-135.00, 135 HEAD 32-41 LBS. 114.00-127.00; 71 HEAD 44-49 LBS. 100.00-110.00, 80 HEAD 52-60 LBS. 76.00-101.00; 41 HEAD 65-69 LBS. 66.00-83.00; 9 HEAD 71-79 LBS. 80.00, 27 HEAD 96 LBS. 58.00.

US+N2-3: 97 HEAD 27-45 LBS. 100.00-131.00

AS IS. 64 HEAD 28 LBS. 99.00, 31 HEAD 55-75 LBS. 60.00-74.00, 16 HEAD 108 LBS. 48.00

BOARS 34 HEAD 20-57 LBS. 70.00-160.00.

NEXT STATE GRADED FEEDER PIG SALE JAN 10, 2003 RECEIVING 7-10:30 A.M. SALE TIME 1 P.M.

Eastern Corn Belt

Direct Hogs

Des Moines, Iowa

December 17, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

EASTERN CORN BELT DIRECT DAILY HOGS, for Tuesday, Dec. 17 of 1:30 p.m.

CURRENT VOLUME TODAY. Producer Sold Negotiated Actual 21,286. Other Market Formula 2,849, Swine or Pork Market Formula 33,710, Other Purchase Arrangement 16,485, Packer Sold (All purchase types) Actual today 246.

NEGOTIATED PURCHASES (Including packer sold) BARROWS AND GILTS 17,805 head. Compared to prior day's close, uneven, mostly 50 higher. Base Market Hog, 185 lb Carcass Basis, Plant Delivered (9-11 inch backfat, 6 sq in loin/2.0 depth) Range \$37.50 - 44.75, wtd avg \$42.16.

5 Day rolling Average Market Hog (measurements based on slaughter data submitted) 194.68 lb carcass based, plant delivered (0.79 inch backfat, 6.69 sq. inch loin/2.23 inch loin depth) FFLI: 50.50%, price range \$41.34 - 48.25.

Purchase volume by state of origin: Alabama 1,197; Delaware 40; Georgia 982; Illinois 23,651; Indiana 18,526; Kentucky 1,738; Maryland 134; Michigan 6,014; Mississippi 1,201; New York 703; North Carolina 6,997; Ohio 9,994; Pennsylvania 3,480; South Carolina 801; Tennessee 1,667; Virginia 130; Wisconsin 2,780.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Pig Weekly

Springfield, Ill.

December 13, 2002

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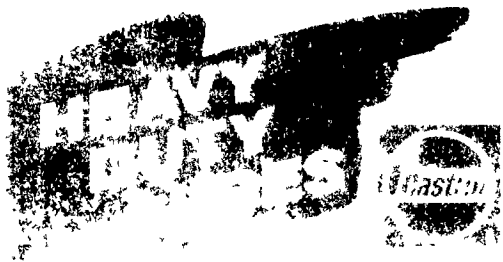
Eastern Corn Belt Direct Feeder Pig Weekly Summary (includes pig prices on negotiated, contract and formula basis) - FEEDER PIGS Total receipts: 10,177, negotiated 20,821; last week 14,026. Trends: SEW 10 lb pigs traded steady and feeder pigs sold steady to 2.00 higher on a light test. Trading activity was moderate for light to moderate offerings.

FOB Eastern Cornbelt - Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan. Receipts: 6,677; last week 12,521.

EARLY WEANED PIGS, 10 LB BASIS, estimated 50-54% lean value. Lot size 250-750 1,067 head, 32.95-33.60, wtd avg price 33.30; lot size 750 or more: 5,430 head, 30.73-36.00, wtd avg price 33.28. Total Composite: 6,467 head, 30.73-36.00, wtd avg price 33.28.

PIGS, 50 LB BASIS, Estimated 50-54% lean value. Lot size under 250, 180 head, 42.00.

FOB prices quoted on per head basis "picked up" at sellers farm, prices do not include freight.



HEAVY DUTY LUBES

THURSDAY, DEC. 26 to TUESDAY, DEC. 31, 2002

END-OF-YEAR SALE



Drums (55 gal)

- Dieselall Plus 15W40 \$299.00**
- Blue Hydraulic Plus \$245.00**
- Universal Tractor Fluid \$282.00**

10% CASH & CARRY DISCOUNT

- WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



Pails (5 gal)

- Dieselall Plus 15W40 \$35.95**
- Blue Hydraulic Plus \$27.19**
- Universal Tractor Fluid \$32.95**

10% CASH & CARRY DISCOUNT

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST



Grease (case of 10 tubes)

- Heavy Duty Lithium \$14.95**
- Pyroplex Red \$15.95**
- Pyroplex Blue \$25.95**

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