

Some markets not available because of the holiday

Pa. Milk Production Down 0.8 Percent In November

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Milk production in Pennsylvania during November totaled 863 million pounds, down 0.8 percent from last year's production, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

The number of cows in the state during the month averaged 591,000 head, unchanged from October, but 5,000 less than November 2001. Production per cow averaged 1,460 pounds in November, 35 pounds less than October and unchanged from November 2001.

Milk production per cow in the 20 major states surveyed during

November 2002 totaled 11.7 billion pounds, up 1.8 percent compared to production during November 2001. October revised production, at 12.0 billion pounds, was up 2.1 percent from October 2001.

The number of milk cows on farms in November in the 20 major states averaged 7.79 million head, 54,000 head more than a year earlier, and 1,000 head more than October 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,501 pounds for November, 16 pounds above November 2001.

National Weekly Lamb Report

Des Moines, Iowa
December 31, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB REPORT for week ending Monday, Dec. 30: SLAUGHTERED LAMB PRIOR WEEK: From Forward Contracts: Domestic 0; Imported 0. From Formula Arrangements: Domestic 18,368 head; Imported: 582.

SLAUGHTERED PACKER OWNED SHEEP: DOMESTIC: 3,656 head, 49-85 lbs (avg. 70 lbs); dressing 50.0-50.0%, avg. 50.0%; Choice or better 99.6%. IMPORTED: None.

FORWARD CONTRACT PURCHASES: No trade reported.

FORMULA PURCHASES: DOMESTIC: 2,394 head, 60-64 lbs (avg. 63.3 lbs) 160.41-169.00, wtd. avg. price 165.13; 9,348 head, 65-75 lbs (avg. 72.6 lbs) 160.30-176.00, wtd. avg. price 163.28; 8,243 head, 75-83 lbs (avg. 77.8 lbs) 160.07-174.00, wtd. avg. price 165.42.

IMPORTED: 1,569 head, 60-70 lbs (avg. 66.7 lbs) 149.23-165.00, wtd. avg. price 152.78.

Robert Fulton Fire Co. Hay Market

Wakefield, Pa.

Report Supplied By Auction

Thursday, January 2, 2003

11 LOADS.

MIXED HAY: 200.00-226.00.

TIMOTHY HAY: 165.00-186.00.

CORN FODDER: 86.00.

STRAW: 110.00-122.00.

SALE EVERY THURS., 10 A.M.

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

December 31, 2002

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE 314...(Supplied by auction)...steers 1.00 to 2.00 lower, cows active, heifers and bulls steady.

STEERS: Choice 1-3 1100-1500 lbs 66.00-75.00, Select 1-2 60.00-68.00, Standard 1-2 40.00-60.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Choice 2-3 1200-1590 lbs 55.00-64.00, Select 1-2 48.00-55.00, Standard 1-2 30.00-40.00.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1000-1300 lbs 65.00-74.00, Select 1-2 58.00-65.00, Standard 1-2 45.00-53.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 36.00-43.00, Boners 80-85% lean 32.00-37.00, Lean 85-90% lean 25.00-34.00.

BULLS: Yield Grade 1 1150-1850 lbs 45.00-52.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: 320-575 lbs 64.00-75.00, 700-980 lbs 50.00-64.00, 350-600 lbs 48.00-56.00; HEIFERS: 300-600 lbs 63.00-76.00, 380-700 lbs 48.00-64.00; BULLS: 290-480 lbs 65.00-74.00, 580-800 lbs 40.00-50.00.

CALVES 89...FARM CALVES: No 1 Holstein bulls 95-115 lbs 90.00-107.50, No 2 80-100 lbs 80.00-95.00; No 2 Holstein heifers 85-100 lbs 140.00-210.00.

HOGS 52...BARROWS AND GILTS: 49-54% lean 240-270 lbs 33.00-39.00, 40-45% lean 230-260 lbs 30.00-35.00.

BOARS: lightweights 5.00-15.00

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 1...NO MARKET TEST!

Vintage Hay

Vintage, Pa.

Report Supplied by Auction

Thursday, January 2, 2003

Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 142.00-165.00.

TIMOTHY: 190.00.

GRASS: 132.00.

MIXED HAY: 137.00.

STRAW: 120.00-162.00.

CORN FODDER: 75.00.

Lebanon Valley Livestock

Fredericksburg, Pa.

Report Supplied By PDA

December 31, 2002

CATTLE 69...(PDA)...Compared with sale two weeks ago...steers and heifers steady on a light test, cows firm on a limited supply.

STEERS: few Choice 1-3 1230-1285 lbs 71.75-72.75, average 72.25, Select 1-2 69.50-70.75, average 70.13.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: one Select 2 52.00.

HEIFERS: one Choice 1-3 1145 lbs 68.25, one Standard 2 46.50.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 38.00-41.75, average 39.92, Boners 80-85% lean 33.25-38.50, average 35.53, Lean 85-90% lean 28.00-33.75, high yielding to 35.00, average 31.45. Shells 26.75 and down.

BULLS: one Yield Grade 2 1295 lbs 42.00.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: one lot Large 3 945 lbs Holsteins 43.50, one lot Medium 2 400 lbs 68.00.

CALVES 95...VEALERS: Standard and Good 75-110 lbs 30.00-35.00, average 32.50, Utility 50-90 lbs 5.00-20.00, average 11.25. FARM CALVES: Holstein bulls mostly steady...No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 100.00-130.00, average 111.83, 80-85 lbs 77 00-95.00, average 84.00, No 2 80-120 lbs 50.00-95.00, weaker calves 35.00-45.00, average 75.67; few No 1 Holstein heifers 85-105 lbs 275.00-340.00, No 2 75-100 lbs 100.00-220.00.

HOGS 26...Sows mostly steady. Barrows and Gilts: one lot 40-45% lean 325 lbs 26.50.

SOWS: 1-3 415-500 lbs 21.50-22.00, average 21.88, 505-695 lbs 24.00-28.00, average 25.23, Medium 400-490 lbs 10.00-12.00, average 10.50.

BOARS: few 190-240 lbs 15.00-20.00, one 465 lbs 5.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

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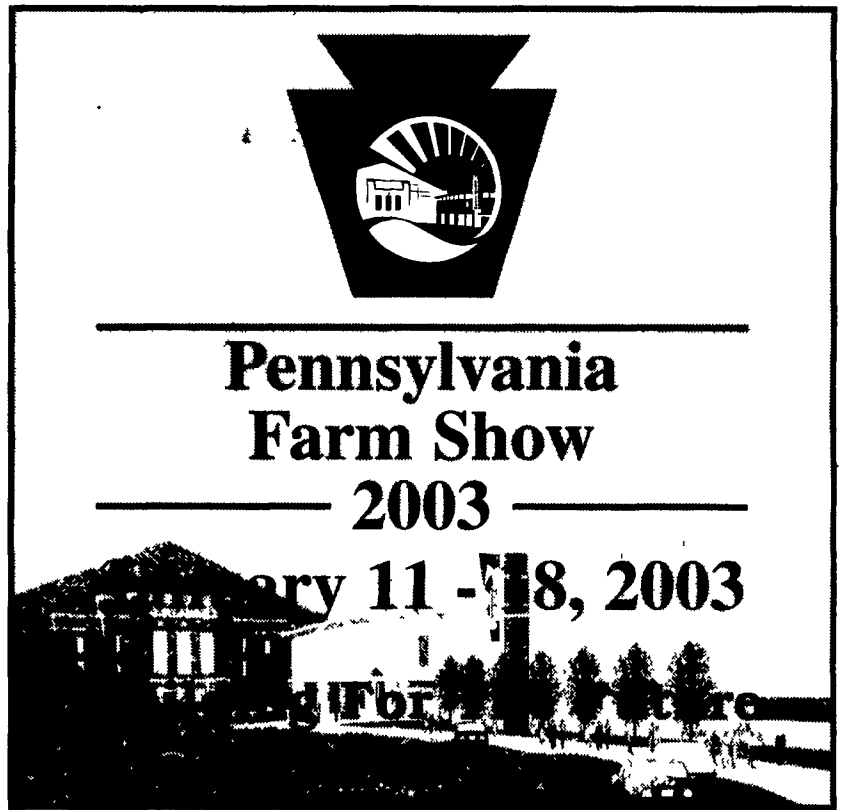
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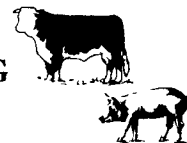
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