

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary

Springfield, Ill.
January 10, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Report (includes lambs sold in IL., IN., OH., MI.) — Compared to last week, slaughter lambs were 2.00-6.00 higher on weights over 90 lbs. Lambs under 90 lbs were 1.00-4.00 higher in light trading. Ewes were 1.00-2.00 higher. Goats were steady. Demand was moderate to good. Trading was moderate. Carlot lamb carcass prices were sharply higher on weights under 55 lbs. Carcasses over 55 lbs were weak to 1.00 lower. Confirmed sales this week about 72% slaughter lambs, 28% ewes and an additional 461 head of goats. Total sheep and lambs sales 1000, last week 925 and year ago 925.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 2-3 110-130 lbs 82.00-88.00, few up to 90.00 shorn, 80.00-86.00 woolled; 100-110 lbs 77.00-80.00; 60-70 lbs 90.00-93.00; 55-60 lbs few 112.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility to Good: 44.00-48.00, few up to 50.00; Cull: 30.00-32.00.

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.

Tennessee Graded Goat and Sheep Sale

Nashville, Tenn.
January 13, 2002

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Tennessee Livestock Producers Graded Goat and Sheep Sale at Thompson Station, Friday, Jan. 10. Receipts: 620 head, 403 goats, 217 sheep; last sale 843. Goats sold per head or per hundred weight, actual or estimated.

GOATS: SLAUGHTER CLASSES: KIDS: Selection 2: 35-50 lb 114-115.00, 51-65 lb 103-109.00, 66-85 lb few 92.00. Selection 3: 25-35 lb 90-97.00, 36-50 lb 107.50-110.00, 51-65 lb 85-90.00, 66-85 lb 93-95.50. **YEARLINGS:** Selection 2-3: 55-85 lb not well tested. **BUCKS/BILLIES:** All wghts. 101-101.50. **NANNIES/DOES:** All wghts. 99.00.

KIDS: FEEDERS: Selection 3: 24-38 lb not well tested.

REPLACEMENT GOATS: NANNIES/DOES: Selection 2: Per head; weights estimated. Small 65-75 lb 45-51.00; Medium 75-90 lb 52-67.00; Large 90 lb/up few 61-80.00. **BILLIES/BUCKS:** Selection 2: Per head. 75-150 lb 69-81.00. Boer or Boer cross 112.50-220.00.

SHEEP: SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Good and Choice few Prime 60-80 lb not well tested; 80-100 lb 85-89.50; 100-120 lb few 85.50; 120-150 lb 77.50-87.25. Barbadoes and Katahdin: 60-80 lb 89.50-114.00. **SLAUGHTER EWES:** Utility and Good, all wghts. 36-46.50. **SLAUGHTER RAMS:** All wghts. few 36-42.50.

sisted of about 32% beef steers, 53% heifers and 15% Holstein steers. Approximately 24% of the cattle marketed this week weighed over 600 lbs. Confirmed sales 950 this week, N/A last week, and 1150 last year.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1-2: 575-725 lbs 81.25-84.75; 725-800 lbs 80.00-81.00, few 75.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Medium and Large 3: 650-800 lbs 61.50-63.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1-2: 525-700 lbs 82.50-84.00; 700-750 lbs 75.00-80.00.

Prices are based FOB the farm unless otherwise indicated. Delivered prices include freight, commissions, and other expenses.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Weekly

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Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Summary — Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio: Feeder cattle were unevenly steady compared to the last market test. Demand was light to moderate and trading activity was slow. Reported sales con-

Mercer Livestock Auction

Mercer, Pa.

January 14, 2003

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CATTLE 322...(PDA): steers 2.00 higher, cows steady to weak.

STEERS: High Choice and Prime 1200-1450 lbs 78.75-80.50, Choice 1-3 1170-1475 lbs 73.00-78.75, Select 1-2 65.00-74.00, Standard 1-2 50.00-62.25.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: few Choice 2-3 1505-1530 lbs 57.25-64.75, few Select 1-2 51.50-55.00, few Standard 1-2

45.00-47.50.

HEIFERS: Choice 2-4 1100-1480 lbs 70.00-81.00, few Select 1-2 66.00-72.00, few Standard 1-2 52.25-60.00.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 39.50-44.50, Boners 80-85% lean 35.00-41.00, Lean 85-90% lean 31.00-36.75. Shells 30.00 and down.

BULLS: few Yield Grade 1 1325-1875 lbs 47.75-52.50, few Yield Grade 2 1160-1935 lbs 42.00-47.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS: Medium 1-2 755-915 lbs 54.00-65.00, few 550-750 lbs 60.00-70.00, one 435 lbs 70.00; Large 1-2 595-820 lbs 45.00-59.00; **HEIFERS:** few Medium 1 500-675 lbs 60.00-69.00, Medium 1-2 675-850 lbs 45.00-59.00; **BULLS:** few Large 1-2 560-730 lbs 45.00-50.00, few Medium 1 495-565 lbs 62.00-73.00.

CALVES 67...VEALERS: few Good 160-250 lbs 70.00-84.00, Standard and Good 80-100 lbs 20.00-40.00, Utility 60-90 lbs 5.00-20.00. **FARM CALVES:** No 1 Holstein bulls 90-120 lbs 110.00-140.00, few No 2 80-110 lbs 50.00-100.00; few No 1 Holstein heifers 100-115 lbs 40.00-46.00, one No 2 85 lbs 300.00.

Few beef cross bulls and heifers 70-90 lbs 40.00-140.00.

HOGS 7...SOWS: few 1-3 400-585 lbs 21.00-26.00.

BOARS: one 415 lbs 8.00.

FEEDER PIGS 0...NO MARKET TEST!

SHEEP 0...NO MARKET TEST!

GOATS 1...NO MARKET TEST!

Farm Show Exhibitor Honored For Commitment To Event



On Tuesday of the Farm Show, Melvin S. Worley received a plaque presented by Dennis Grumbine, Farm Show director, thanking Worley for his commitment to the show. Worley, who remembers when the Farm Show building was first constructed, has attended, and later exhibited at the show since 1923.

Photo by Michelle Kunjappu

Apple, Pear Winners Named

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania growers exhibited a variety of apples and pears at this year's Fruit Competition at the 87th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

Billy Brent's Orchard, Fairfield, Adams County, submitted this year's winning entry, given the overall Best of Show award.

Judge Jerome Frecon noted that, when considering the quality of an apple entry, the sample must be "true to name, be within size, and uniform in size, appearance, and color." One must also "watch out for blemishes caused by things like insect, disease, and cold weather damage."

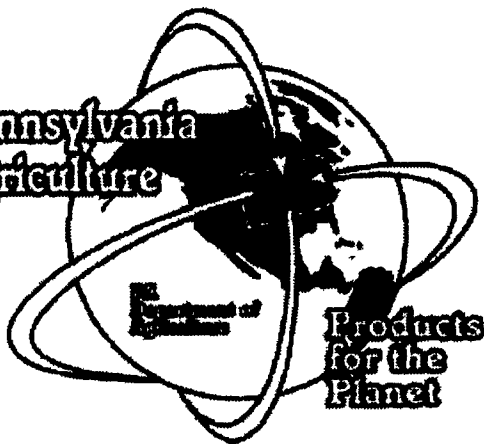
Apple growers this year in Pennsylvania faced many obstacles in producing quality fruit for their consumers. Frecon said that early frost in the spring and drought in the summer "made it a hard growing season," but assured fruit lovers they can still find good apples in the marketplace.

Lawrence Yager of Gettysburg, Adams County, was also a judge for the show.

Winners are as follows:

- Best bushel of apples: Billy Brent's Orchard.
- Best consumer package, 16-24 Lbs.: Strites Orchard.
- Best consumer package, 8-12 Lbs.: Peters Orchards
- Best tray of apples: Billy Brent's Orchard
- Best bagged apples: Strites Orchard.
- Best overwrap tray of apples: Billy Brent's Orchard
- Best plate of five apples: Peters Orchards.
- Best plate of five pears: Hollabaugh Bros., Inc.
- Best tray of 20 pears: Peters Orchards
- Best gift package of gift basket: Strites Orchard.
- Best of show award: Billy Brent's Orchard

Pennsylvania Agriculture



Pennsylvania Crop Insurance Program

The PA Crop Insurance Assistance Program has been extended for crop year 2003. Benefits include:

FREE "CAT" Coverage

**Discounted Premiums & Fees
(Paid for "Buy-Up" Coverage)**

To receive these benefits, contact a crop insurance agent today. List available at www.rma.usda.gov

Enrollment Deadline:

March 15 - Spring Planted Crops

Pennsylvania encourages growers to have crop insurance protection as part of their farming risk management plan. All policy fees and approximately 20 percent of net premium costs are paid for growers.

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