A20-Lancaster Farming, Saturday, February 1, 2003

Midwest Daily Livestock Summary Amarillo, Texas January 28, 2003 Report Supplied By USDA

The direct slaughter cattle trade in the five major marketing areas on Tuesday was not well established on live sales while dressed sales steady to 1.00 lower in Colorado. STEERS: LIVE BASIS: over 80% Choice 76.50; 65-80% Choice 76.25; 35-65% Choice 76.00. DRESSED BASIS: over 80% Choice 122.00; 65-80% Choice 120.00-122.00, wtd. avg.price 121.45; 35-65% Choice 122.00. HEIFERS: LIVE BASIS: 65-80% Choice 76.25. DRESSED BASIS: over 80% Choice 122.00; 65-80% Choice 120.00-122.00, wtd. avg.price 121.97; 35-65% Choice 122.00.

Terminal markets: So.St Paul slaughter steers sold .50 to 1.00 lower; slaughter heifers 1.00 lower in a light test. Steers: few Choice 2- 3 1305-1475 lbs 75.00-78.00. Heifers: few Choice 2-3 1260-1380 lbs 75.00- 78.00.

Cattle slaughter under federal inspection on Tuesday was estimated at 129,000 head compared to 132,000 a week ago and 130,000 a year ago. Week to date 254,000 head compared to 265,000 a week ago and 252,000 a year ago.

CME Futures Closes for Live Cattle: February 79.75, up 45; April 78.35, unchanged; June 70.65, up 07.

Slaughter cows at South St. Paul sold steady. Premium White 70-75% lean 43.00-45.50. Breakers 70-80% lean over 1100 lbs 42.00-45.00. Boners 80-85% lean over 1050 lbs 39.00-42.00, high dressing 42.00-44.00. Lean 85-90% lean 36.00-39.00, high dressing 39.00-41.00.

Barrows and gilts at terminal markets sold steady to .25 lower. 47-50 percent lean 220-270 lbs barrows and gilts sold from 34.50-35.50. The direct trade prices are based on 185 lbs hog carcass with 0.9-1.1 inch back fat and 6 inch square loin/2.0 inch depth plant delivered. National direct trade closed .75 lower, price range 40.00-49.09, wtd. avg.price 45.95. Iowa-So. Minnesota direct trade was .75-1.00 lower, price range 40.00-49.09, wtd. avg. price 46.31. The Western Cornbelt was .75 lower, price range of 40.00-49.09, wtd. avg.price 46.35. The Eastern Cornbelt trend was .50 lower, prices ranging 41.00-47.97, wtd. avg.price 45.32.

Hog slaughter under federal inspection on Tuesday was estimated at 378,000 head compared to 377,000 a week ago and 371,000 a year ago. Week to date 757,000 head compared to 735,000 a week ago and 740,000 a year ago.

CME Futures Closes for Lean Hogs: February 49.15, down 62; April 55.15, unchanged; May 59.82, down 45.

Slaughter lambs were steady on Tuesday-at So. St. Paul. Shorn, Choice, end Prime 2-3 115-145 lbs 87.00-89.00; Wooled, Choice, end Prime 2-3 125-145 lbs 85.00-87.00.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection on Tuesday was estimated at 8,000 head compared to 11,000 a week ago and 8,000 a year ago. Week to date 19,000 head compared to 22,000 a week ago and 20,000 a year ago.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary Springfield, Ill. January 244-2003

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 mostly firm to 5.00 higher. Ewes were unevents, steady. Goats were steady. Demand was light. Trading was slow. Carlot lamb carcass prices over 40 lbs were mostly 2.00-3.00 higher. Confirmed sales this week about 59% slaughter lambs, 41% ewes and an additional 411 head of goats. Total sheep and lambs sales 600, last week 1000 and year ago 675.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 2-3, 95-125 lbs 80.00-86.00, few up to 90.00; 65-75 lbs 93.00-99.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility to Good: 40.00-46.00, few up to 50.00; Cull to Utility: few 35.00-40.00.

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. Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle St. Joseph, Mo., January 27, 2003 – USDA Market News Service Sales in Texas/Oklahoma; Kansas, Nebraska; Colorado, and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for

Week Ending Sunday, January 26, 2003

Confirmed Sales. 155,740; Week Ago: 166,372, Year Ago^{196,445} LIVE FOB BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds: SLAUGHTER STEERS

SLAUGHTER STEERS					
	#Head	Wt Range	Price Range	Av. Wt	
Over 80% Choice	683	1275-1450	76 50-79 00	1,386	77 57
65-80% Choice	6,018	1125-1425	76 00-79 50	1,360	77 79
35-65% Choice	37,825	1095-1450	76 00-79 50	1,265	78 61
0-35% Choice	857	1150-1325	76 00-79 00	1,210	78 52
TOTAL all grades	45,383	1095-1450	76.00-79.50	1,279	78.48
SLAUGHTER HEIF					
Over 80% Choice	1,950	1225-1365	77 00-78 50	1,294	77 89
65-80% Choice	8,634	1035-1400	76 00-79 50	1,249	78 24
35-65% Choice	30,461	1000-1360	76 00-80 00	1,141	78 89
0-35% Choice	178	1065-1065	79 00-79 00	1,065	79 00
TOTAL all grades	41,224	1000-1400	76.00-80.00	1,170	78.71
DRESSED DELIVERED BASIS - Beef Breeds:					
SLAUGHTER STEE					
Over 80% Choice	3,718	756-928	121 00-123 00	882	122 40
65-80% Choice	13,663	747-945	120 50-124 00	865	122 40
65% Choice	12,370	700-917	121 00-125 00	847	122 13
0-35% Choice	82	869-869	122 00-122 00	869	122 00
TOTAL all grades	29,833	700-945	120.50-125.00	859	122.29
SLAUGHTER HEIF	FERS				
Over 80% Choice	1,711	698-866	119 50-124 00	814	121 51
65-80% Choice	9,461	708-878	119 50-124 00	788	122 30
35-65% Choice	9,139	700-859	121 00-123 00	775	121 68
0-35% Choice					
TOTAL all grades	20,311	698-878	119.50-124.00	784	121.95
WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES:					
Head Count Av Weight Av Price					Price
Live Steer		45,383	1,279	78 48	
Live Heiter		41,224	1,170	78 71	
Dressed Steer		29,833	859	122.29	
Dressed Heiter		20,311	784	121 95	
Week Ago Weighte	d Averag				
Live Steer		54,335	1,261	79 66	
Live Heifer		53,316	1.167	79 69	
Diessed Steer		17,950	858	124 12	
Dressed Heifer		18,232	797	124	4.20
Year Ago Weighted Averages:					
Live Steer		49,143	1,277	68	8 76
Live Heifer		49,915	1,169	68	8 88
Dressed Steer		36,103	860	108	8 56
Dressed Heifer		32 411	778	105	8.60

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Dressed Heifer

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