North Carolina **Livestock Sales** Raleigh, N.C.

February 26, 2003 Report Supplied By USDA

Mount Arry Livestock Auction CAT-TI F and CALVES: 1237 head. Slaughter cows were 4 00 to 6.00 higher; bulls 2.00-7 00 higher Feeder steers and bulls 250-400 lbs were 2.00 to 10.00 higher, all others mostly steady Slaughter cows and bulls 22 percent. Replacement pairs and feeder cows 4 percent Feeder steers and bulls under 600 lbs 35 percent, over 600 lbs 8 percent. Feeder heifers under 600 lbs 26 percent, over 600 lbs 5 percent

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80 percent lean 850-1500 lbs 35.00-38.00, high dressing 38.00-46.50; Boners 80-85 percent 850-1400 lbs 32.00-37.50, high dressing 37.50-48.00; Lean 85-90 percent 850-1300 lbs 29.00-35.00, high dressing 36.00-38.00.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 11000-1500 lbs 40.00-47.50; 1500 lbs and up 48.50-60.00, with one at 61.50

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1 and 2: 200-250 lbs 105.00-156.00; 250-300 lbs 92.00-110.00; 300-350 lbs 88.00-113.00; 350-400 lbs 89.00-110.00: 400-450 lbs 87.00-99.00: 450-500 lbs 90.00-94.00; 500-600 lbs 73.00-88.00; 600-700 lbs 72.00-78.50; 700-800 lbs 67.00-71.00. Small 1 and 2: 200-250 lbs 80.00-97.00; 300-350 lbs 70.00-84.00; 350-400 lbs 70.00-88.00; 400-450 lbs 80.00-87.00; 450-500 lbs 75.00-85.00; 500-600 lbs 66.00-78.00; 600-700 lbs 61.00-71.00. Medium and Large 3: 350-400 lbs 69.00-88.00. Large Holstein 200-250 lbs 65.00-74.00; 300-350 lbs 58.50-73.00; 500-600 lbs 48.00-60.00; 800 lbs and up 37.00-46.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 and 2: 200-250 lbs 75.00-92.00; 250-300 lbs 77.00-86.00; 300-350 lbs 80.00-87.00: 350-400 lbs 76.00- 84.00-400-450 lbs 76 00-84.00; 450-500 lbs 74.00-84.50; 500-600 lbs 71.00-76.50; 600-700 lbs 68.00-76.00: 700-800 lbs 60.00-66.00; 800 lbs and up 50.00-60.00. Small 1 and 2: 200-250 lbs 60.00-76.00; 250-300 lbs 58.00-77.00; 300-350 lbs 58.00-76.00: 350-400 lbs 70.00-80.00. 400-450 lbs 65.00-75.00; 450-500 lbs 65.00-75 50; 500-600 lbs 62.00-72.00; 600- 700 lbs 64.00-67.00. Medium and Large 3: 250-300 lbs 68.00-76.00; 300-350 lbs 65.00-75.00; 350-400 lbs 70.00-75.00; 400-450 lbs 72.00-74.00; 450-500 lbs 65.00-73.50; 500-600 lbs 60.00-69.50; 600-700 lbs 64.00- 66.00. Small 3: 200-250 lbs 51.00-58.00; 350-400 lbs 42.00-54.00; 500- 600 lbs 50.00-57.00; 600-700 lbs 40.00-51.00.

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FEEDER BUILS: Medium and Large 1 and 2: 400-450 lbs 84.00-93.00; 450-500 lbs 79.00-90.00; 500-600 lbs 75.50-83.50; 600-700 lbs 69.50- 75 00. Small 1 and 2. 400-450 lbs 72.00-79.50; 450-500 lbs 60.00-76.00; 500-600 lbs 65 00-77.00; 600-700 lbs 60.00-69.50, 700 lbs and up 48.00-59.50 Medium and Large 3. 600-700 lbs 59 50-68.00

STOCK COWS. Small 1, 900-1075 lbs middle age cows bred 5-8 months 290.00-410.00 per head. Medium 1, 1000-1300 lbs middle age cows bred 3-8 months 390.00-540.00 per head

BABY CALVES, per head: Holstein Small 32 50-50.00; Large 57.50- 102 50.

GOATS, per head: Slaughter Classes Kids: Selection 1: 40-60 lbs 40.00-60.00, 60-80 lbs 60.00-70.00; Selection 3: under 20 lbs 10.00. Does/Nannies: Selection 1: 70-100 lbs 62.50-70.00; Selection 2. 50-70 lbs 40.00-45.00. Bucks/Billies: Selection 1: 100-150 lbs 77.50-85.00.

East Coast and North Central Veal Report

Des Moines, Iowa February 26, 2003 Supplied By USDA

CARLOT VEAL CARCASS RE-PORT, Feb. 26: Northeast and North Central Basis: Compared to trading last week: Northeast special fed veal trading steady. Demand light on light to moderate supplies. North Central not

VEAL CARCASS, SPECIAL FED, HOT BASIS, FOB PRODUC-TION POINTS: Northeast 200 head, hide-Off, 215-275 lb 193-195.00. North Central 0.

CONTRACT INFORMATION: Hot Basis, Hide-Off (of February 26, 2003): Contract calves slaughtered this week: 190.00-209.00 mostly 190-204.00. Packers base market 180.00-195.00. Future contracts offered: Firm Bottom 178.00-182.00, Firm Top 197.00-202.00. Firm Bottom, 180.00, Split Half Top 200.00. Fixed 181.00, 182.00 and 185.00.

•North Central - OH, IN, II, MI & WI.

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

WEEKLY DISTRIBUTIVE, LESS THAN CARLOT, EAST COAST AREA VEAL CUTS TRADE, SPE-CIAL FED: Market for Tuesday, Feb. 25 — Compared to last week: Distributive special fed veal chuck, shoulder and breast trading firm to higher; other veal cuts generally steady. Demand light to moderate on moderate offerings with last week's bad weather cutting into kill numbers for the week and offerings of cuts.

Prices per CWT: Carcass, hide off 200-250 lb 220-240.00; Foresaddles 85-110 lb 175-185.00; Kosher Foresaddles 90-110 lb 195-205.00; Hindsaddles 85-115 lb 280-300.00; Loins, regular 17-25 lb 235-280.00, Loins, 4x4 trmd 12-18 lb 400-450.00; Hotel Racks, 8 rib 15-21 lb 425-460.00, 7 rib 14-20 lb 465-480.00, 6 rib 13-17 lb 525-545.00; Chuck, square cut 36-47 lb 110-120.00; Shoulder, full 14-20 lb 135-175.00, Legs, double 70-90 lb 275-300.00, TBS 3-piece 24-32 lb 575-635.00, BHS heel-out 27-35 lb 350-425.00; Top Round, trmd, cap-off 8-10 lb 710-800.00; Breast 10-12 lb 75-90.00; Necks, bone-in 24-28 lb 110-125.00; Stew Meat, regular 200-225.00; Boneless Trimmings 75-80% lean 52-61.50; Heavy Nature Green Hides, per piece 38-41.00.

National Sheep Summary

San Angelo, Texas February 25, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

At midwest market centers slaughter lambs 2.00 higher; slaughter ewes and feeder lambs steady. At New Holland, PA no comparison. At Billings, MT compared to two weeks ago slaughter ewes steady; feeder lambs not well tested. At San Angelo, TX slaughter lambs steady; slaughter ewes 1.00-3.00 higher; feeder lambs not well tested, few 2.00-3.00 higher. Total receipts 3145 head for today.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice and Prime 2-3, 90-150 lbs: San Angelo: shorn and wooled 85.00-95.00; few 98.00-99.00; set new crop 103 lbs 105.50. Midwest: shorn 90.00-92.00; wooled 88.00-90.00. New Holland: 80-100 lbs 120.00-136.00; 100-135lbS 106.00-134.00; 160-170 lbs 90.00-104.00. Virginia: no test.

SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo: Good and Choice 2-4, 38.00-45.00; Good 2-3, 50.00- 9.00; Utility and Good 55.00-63.50; Utility 1-2, 48.00-55.00; few Cull and Utility 1-2, 35.00-45.00. Midwest: Utility and Good 1-3 33.00-38.00; Cull 1 23.00-33.00. New Holland: Good and Choice 2-4, 58.00-76.00; Utility and Good 1-3, 120-180 lbs 36.00-58.00, 185-290 lbs 28.00-40.00. Billings: Good 2-3, 41.00-49.00; Utility 1-, 38.50-41.00; Cull 1, 25.00-31.00. Virginia: no test.

FEEDER LAMBS: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: 60-65 lbs 105.00-106.00; 70-90 lbs 98.00-102.50; set 122 lbs 82.00; new crop 50-60 lbs 110.00-118.00; 70-75 lbs 114.00; 80-90 lbs 103.00-110.00. Midwest: 60-80 lbs 95.00-105.00; 80-1001 bs 85.00-95.00. Virginia: no test. Billings: 80-90 lbs 95.00-107.00; 90-100 lbs 93.50-99.00; 105 lbs 96.50; 110-115 lbs 92.00-95.00; 120-130 lbs 85.00-91.50; 140-145 lbs 83.00-85.00.

REPLACEMENT EWES: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: Mixed age 105-135 lbs 62.50-70.00 cwt. Billings: Mixed age 150-175 lbs 52.00-53.50 cwt.

Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 21 - (USDA-NASS) - Total red meat production under federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, Feb. 22, was estimated at 853.1 million lb, according to the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. This was 0.8% lower than a week ago and 1.2% lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 1.3% lower compared to the previous year.

MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

(excludes condemned)							
Week Ending (1) Beef	Calf/Veal	Pork (2)	Lamb/Mutton	Totals (3)		
22-Feb-03	471.5	3 9	374 1	3 6	853 1		
15-Feb-03	470 8	3 9	381 7	3 5	859 9		
Change	0.2%	0%	-2 0%	2 9%	-0 8%		
23-Feb-02	488 6	3 4	367.0	4 5	863 5		
Change	-3 5%	14 7%	19%	-20 0%	-1 2%		
2003 YTD	3,771 0	29 3	2,887 6	26 5	6,7174		
2002 YTD	3,876 9	27 7	2,869 1	30 4	6,804 1		
Change	-2 7%	5 9%	0.6%	-13 0%	-1 3%		

1- Previous week estimates may be revised Year ago data are actuals

2- Excludes lard

3- Totals may not add due to rounding 2003 totals are subject to revision.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER (head)							
Week Ending	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lambs			
22-Feb-03	618,000	20,000	1,879,000	52,000			
15-Feb-03	616,000	20,000	1,915,000	52,000			
Change	0 3%	0.0%	-19%	0%			
23-Feb-02	643,000	17,000	1,85,000	65,000			
Change	-3.9%	17 6%	1 6%	-20.0%			
2003 YTD.	4,863,000	157,000	14,418,000	397,000			
2002 YTD	5,072,000	143,000	14,475,000	437,000			
Change	-4 1%	10 1%	-0 4,%	-7 2%			

	AVERAGE WEIGHTS (lbs.)							
	Week Ending: LIVE		Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lamb		
		Estimate	1267	327	268	136		
	15-Feb-03	Estimate	1270	325	268	136		
	23-Feb-02	Actual	1253	331	268	138		
DRESSED.								
	22-Feb 03	Estimate	767	200	200	69		
		Estimate	768	198	200	68		
	23-Feb-02	Actual	764	202	199	69		

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SLAUGHTERED BY CLASS CATTLE

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Wk Ending	Steers	Heifers	Cows Bulls/Stags	Barrows/Gilts	Sows	Boars/Stags
08-Feb-03	48.1%	32 2%	17.9% 1.7%	96 7%	3.1%	0 3%
09-Feb-02	49.0%	33 3%	16.1% 16%	96.8%	2.9%	0.3%

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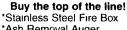
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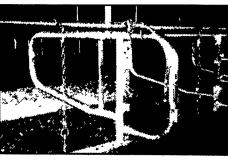
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