

East Coast and North Central Veal Report

Des Moines, Iowa
March 5, 2003
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CARLOT VEAL CARCASS REPORT, Mar. 3. Northeast and North Central Basis Compared to trading last week. Northeast special fed veal mostly steady with a few 5.00 lower on light to moderate offerings and demand. North Central steady to weak on mostly light to moderate offerings and a light demand. Market undertone trending mostly steady to weak.

VEAL CARCASS, SPECIAL FED, HOT BASIS, FOB PRODUCTION POINTS: Northeast 1,000 head, hide-off, 215-275 lb 180.00-193.00. North Central 465 head; hide-on 240-300 lbs 165-175.00.

CONTRACT INFORMATION Hot Basis, Hide-Off (of March 5, 2003): Contract calves slaughtered this week. 190 00-206 00, mostly 190.00-204 00 Packers base market 180 00-195.00. Future contracts offered: Firm Bottom 177 00-182.00, Firm Top 197 00-202.00. Firm Bottom, 180.00, Split Half Top 200.00 Fixed 181 00, 183.00, and 184.00.

•North Central - OH, IN, IL, MI & WI.
•Northeast - MA, MD, PA, NY, NJ, DE, CT & VT

WEEKLY DISTRIBUTIVE, LESS THAN CARLOT, EAST COAST AREA VEAL CUTS TRADE, SPECIAL FED: Market for Tuesday, Mar 4 — Compared to last week: Distributive special fed cuts are trading occasionally weak on loin cuts. Other cuts mostly steady with chucks slightly firm. Market activity slow to moderate with chucks mostly moderate on light to moderate offerings and demand.

Prices per CWT Carcass, hide off 200-250 lb 220-240 00; Foresaddles 85-110 lb 170-185 00, Kasher Foresaddles 90-110 lb 195-205 00; Hindsaddles 85-115 lb 280-300.00; Loin, regular 17-25 lb 235-275 00; Loin, 4x4 trmd 12-18 lb 425-460.00, 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 725-800.00; 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 39-41.00.

National Sheep Summary

San Angelo, Texas
March 4, 2003

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At midwest market centers all classes steady. At New Holland, PA slaughter lambs not established; slaughter ewes steady. At San Angelo, TX slaughter lambs 7.00-10.00 higher; slaughter ewes firm; feeder lambs 2.00-5 00 higher, instances 7.00 higher. Estimated receipts 6500 head for today.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs: San Angelo, shorn and woolled 95.00-105.00; new crop 95 lbs 109 00. Midwest: shorn 98.00-100 00, woolled 93.00-95 00 New Holland: no test. Virginia: no test

SLAUGHTER EWES: San Angelo. Good and Choice 2-4 38 00-45.00; Good 2-3 50 00-59.00; Utility and Good 1-3 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, 33.00-40.00; Cull 1 25.00-33.00. New Holland. Good and Choice 2-4 68.00-74.00; Utility and Good 1-3 130-190 lbs 35.00-58.00, 195-260 lbs 31.00-46.00. Billings: no test. Virginia: no test.

FEEDER LAMBS Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: 70-90 lbs 100.00-104.00; set 113 lbs 104.00; new crop 40-60 lbs 120 00-125.00; 60-80 lbs 118.00-125 00, set 61 lbs 130.00; 80-90 lbs 105 00-115.00, 90-105 lbs 105.00-110.00. Midwest: 60-80 lbs 100 00-110 00, 80-100 lbs 80 00-100 00, 90 00-100 00 Virginia: no test. Billings: no test

REPLACEMENT EWES: Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: Mixed age 105-135 lbs 62 50-68.00 cwt. Billings: no test.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Weekly

Springfield, Ill.
February 28, 2003

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Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Summary — Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. Feeder steer prices were 1 00-2.00 higher. Feeder heifers were unevenly steady. Demand and trading activity were moderate. Some severe weather early in the week hampered transportation and feeder trading was limited in some areas. Reported sales consisted of about 64% beef steers, 26% heifers and 10% Holstein steers. Approximately 85% of the cattle marketed this week weighed over 600 lbs. Confirmed sales 1250 this week, 300 last week and 1050 last year.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large Frame 1-2, load lot 573 lbs 93.50; 575-675 lbs 84.00-87.00; 725-750 lbs few 74.00-77.50, 800-850 lbs 79.00-80.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Medium and Large Frame 3: load lot 500 lbs 75.00.

FEEFER HEIFERS: Medium and Large Frame 1-2: load lot 625 lbs 87 00, 625-725 lbs 75.50-78.00; 725-800 lbs 72.50-74.00.

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

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary


Springfield, Ill.
February 28, 2003

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Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Report (includes lambs sold in IL., IN., OH., MI.) — Compared to last week, slaughter lambs over 90 lbs were firm to 2 00 higher. Lambs under 80 lbs were sharply higher due to tight supplies. Ewes were steady to firm. Goats were steady. Demand was moderate to good. Trading was slow. Severe winter storms slowed trading to a standstill early in the week. Carlot lamb carcasses were mostly 4.00-5.00 higher. Confirmed sales this week about 54% slaughter lambs, 46% ewes and an additional 499 head of goats. Total sheep and lambs sales 650, last week 650 and year ago 1125

SLAUGHTER LAMBS. Choice 2-3

March 22 issue of Lancaster Farming will contain publicity about the upcoming Pennsylvania Beef Expo, scheduled March 27-30 at State College. Watch for it!



110-130 lbs 84.00-90.00, few up to 92.00; 90-110 lbs 92.00-98.00; 50-70 lbs 110.00-120.00; 70-80 lbs 100.00-110.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility to Good 1-3: 43.00-48.00; Cull to Utility. 35.00-43.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS (cwt.): KIDS: Selection 2: 20-40 lbs 92.00-102.00; 40-60 lbs 90.00-92.00. Selection 3: 20-60 lbs 50.00-57.00. YEARLINGS: Selection 2: 70-90 lbs 57.00-62.00. DOES/NANNIES and BUCKS/BILLIES: Selection 2-3. 80-125 lbs 45.00-50.00.

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.

Highlights of the March Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Conference are scheduled for the April 19 Pennsylvania Forage and Grassland Council's (PFGC's) *Foraging Around* newsletter. Included: PFGC award presentations, conference updates, and news and information.

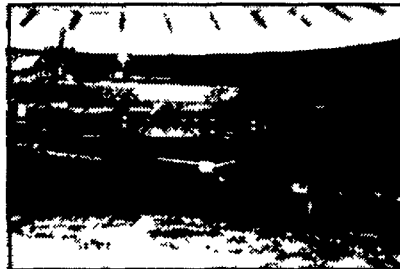
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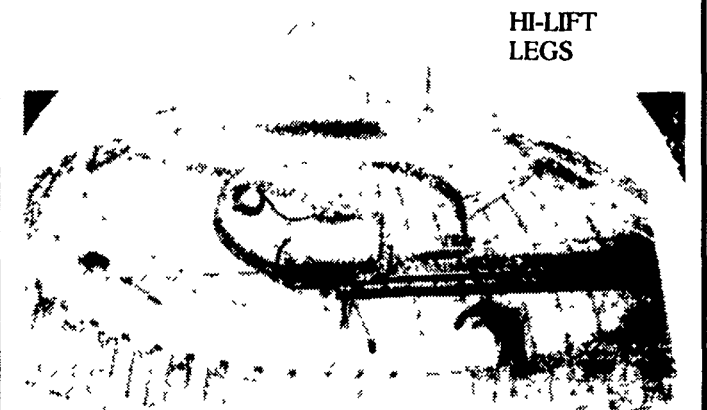
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