

**Southern & Eastern
Direct Feeder Pigs**Columbia, S.C.
March 21, 2003

Report Supplied by USDA

Southern And Eastern US Direct FOB Feeder Pig Report: Weekly summary of prices FOB farm basis, week ended Mar. 21: Receipts 49,526; last week 56,246. Compared to last week: Early weaned pigs and 40-50 pound feeder pigs mostly steady. Demand moderate for moderate offerings. Receipts include 42,606 head shipped to Iowa and Central US. Also, receipts include and estimated 35% formulated prices. Prices per head.

EARLY WEANED PIGS, 10 LB BASIS, Estimated 50-54% lean value: Lot size 250 head or less 508 head, 22.00-33.57, wtd. avg. price 28.71; lot size 250-750; 4,113 head, 26.30-33.00, wtd. avg. price 29.43; lot size 750 or more 15,750 head, 23.00-30.00, wtd. avg. price 26.37. Total Composite: 20,371 head, 22.00-33.57 wtd. avg. price 27.05.

PIGS, 40 LB BASIS, Estimated 50-54% lean value: Lot size 250-750 lb: 800 head, 48.40-50.00, wtd. avg. 49.20

PIGS, 45 LB BASIS, Estimated 50-54% lean value: Lot size 750 or more 24,750 head, 48.50-50.93, wtd. avg. price 49.12

PIGS, 50 LB BASIS, Estimated 50-54% lean value: Lot size 250 or less 375 head, 50.00-53.50, wtd. avg. price 51.87.

PIGS, 55 LB BASIS, Estimated 50-54% lean value: Lot size 750 or more 3,230 head, 56.75

Prices quoted on per head basis picked up at sellers farms in NC, SC, GA, TN, KY, AL, MS, AR, MO, TX, OK, KS, IN, OH, MI, CO, UT, and WY

Prices do not include freight or brokers fees. Many lots of 40-60 lb pigs sold with a .25-.40 per lb slide. Also, some lots of early weaned pigs have a 1.00 per lb sliding valued adjusted from a 10 lb basis. Early weaned pigs under 19 days old.

Estimated lean value is projected to base slaughter weights with normal confinement feeding conditions. This report does not cover any trades which include profit/loss share agreements or any other form of shared or retained ownership agreement.

Pa. Grain Report

March 24, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

Compared with last Monday's market for Eastern and Central Pennsylvania: Corn steady to 50 lower. Wheat .10 to mostly .20 lower. Barley and Oats steady to weak. Soybeans mostly steady to 05 higher. Ear Corn mostly steady under tight supply. All prices paid delivered to dealers dock. All prices per bushel, except Ear Corn per ton.

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Corn No. 2-y: 2.81-3.00 avg. 2.92, contract for harvest 2.39-2.54. Wheat No. 2: 3.05-3.33, avg. 3.18; contract for harvest 2.85-3.07. Barley No. 3: 2.40-2.60, avg. 2.50, contract for harvest 1.65-1.70. Oats No. 2: 2.15-2.40 few to 2.70, avg. 2.42. Soybeans: 5.71-5.90, avg. 5.79, contract for harvest 4.87-4.97. Gr. Sorghum: 2.60, avg. 2.60; contract for harvest 2.37. Ear Corn: 84.00-105.00, avg. 89.80.

SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Corn No. 2-y: 2.76-2.97, avg. 2.90. Wheat No. 2: 3.00-3.15, avg. 3.10. Barley No. 3: 1.90-2.40, avg. 2.14. Oats No. 2:

1.90-2.25, avg. 1.95. Soybeans No. 1: 5.70-5.91, avg. 5.74. Ear Corn: 55.00-100.00, avg. 93.50.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

Corn No. 2: 2.90-3.00, avg. 2.89. Wheat No. 2: 3.00-3.15, avg. 3.08. Barley No. 3: 1.90, avg. 1.90. Oats No. 2: 2.00-2.30 few 1.70, avg. 2.08. Soybeans No. 1: 5.25-5.44, avg. 5.35. Ear Corn: 84.00-85.00, avg. 84.33.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA

Corn No. 2-y: 2.82-3.05, avg. 2.96. Wheat No. 2: 2.80-3.20, avg. 3.00. Barley No. 3: 2.20-2.50, avg. 2.32. Oats No. 2: 1.90-2.20, avg. 1.97. Soybeans: 5.75-5.80, avg. 5.77. Gr. Sorghum: none. Ear Corn: 83.00-90.00, avg. 86.00.

LEHIGH VALLEY AREA

Corn No. 2-y: 2.90-3.00, avg. 2.96. Wheat No. 2: 3.20-3.31, avg. 3.25. Barley No. 3: 2.45-2.50, avg. 2.47. Oats No. 2: 2.30-2.50, avg. 2.36. Soybeans No. 1: 5.50-5.60, avg. 5.53. Gr. Sorghum: 3.20-3.35, avg. 3.28. Ear Corn: 83.00-95.00, avg. 87.00.

EASTERN AND CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SUMMARY

Corn No. 2-y: 2.80-3.00, avg. 2.94, month ago 2.95, year ago 2.35. Wheat No. 2: 3.00-3.33, avg. 3.14, month ago 3.41, year ago 2.78. Barley No. 3: 2.20-2.50, avg. 2.29; month ago 2.23, year ago 1.89. Oats No. 2: 1.90-2.40, avg. 2.12, month ago 2.06, year ago 1.89. Soybeans No. 1: 5.60-5.90, avg. 5.73, month ago 5.73, year ago 4.35. Ear Corn: 83.00-100.00, avg. 89.29; month ago 90.00, year ago 67.91.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO

Prices FOB Truck. Corn 2.44-2.48. Wheat 2.80-2.86. Soybeans 5.57-5.81. Soybean Meal Bulk 44% 175.50-178.40; 48% 183.40-184.50.

**East Fluid Milk
And Cream Review**Madison, Wis.
March 26, 2003

Report Supplied by USDA

Spot prices of class II cream, dollars per lb. butterfat: F.O.B. producing plants. Northeast: 1.3588-1.4903. Delivered Equivalent: Atlanta. 1.3807-1.5012 mostly 1.4245-1.4465.

PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, dollars per lb. wet solids, F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast Class II, includes monthly formula prices: .9000-.9800, Class III - spot prices: .7400-.8200.

SPOT SHIPMENTS OF GRADE A MILK: FLORIDA: This Week: In 0, Out 42; Last Week: In 0, Out 0; Last Year: In 0, Out 86. **SOUTHEAST STATES:** This week: In 0, Out 0; last week: In 0, Out 0, last year: In 0, Out 0.

Regional Milk Market Administrators announced the following, February 2003 uniform prices. Northeast \$11.79, Mideast \$10.72, Southeast \$12.32, Florida \$13.65 and Western New York (a state order) \$11.40 at the base city or county in the orders. (For the Northeast, Mideast, and Western New York orders, statistical uniform prices are reported.)

Milk production is increasing along seasonal patterns in the Middle Atlantic and Northeastern states. Milk output is increasing more noticeably in the Southeast. The weather has warmed in most areas of the East and having a positive impact on the milk flow. Fluid milk supplies are long and Florida continues to ship milk out of state for processing. Bottled milk demand is seldom better than fair. Traditionally, milk sales do slow down during March. The two major influences on the slower demand are spring break and the exodus of the winter resi-

dents from Florida and other Southeastern "wintering grounds." Surplus milk volumes range from moderate to long. Some increased manufacturing is reported in the Southeast as milk supplies increase. In the Northeast, manufacturing is steady, but some plants, or portions of them, are reportedly going to be down later this week for maintenance.

The condensed skim markets are about steady. Demand for both Class II & III wet solids is little changed from earlier this month.

The fluid cream market is mixed. The market tone has been firm for most of March, but some suppliers note that a couple users will have operations down late this week (as noted above) and are taking less cream after midweek. This will put more cream on the market. Spot prices are higher and lower as the drop in price reflects some late-week sales. Demand for Class II cream has been improving as the weather improves. Most noticeably, soft serve ice cream mix makers have been looking for more cream in the last week or so. Additionally, producers of aerosol, whipped cream were looking for extra loads late last week and early this week. Some improvement in bottled cream processing was also noted. Ice cream producers are starting to gear up for spring needs and most are operating on slightly longer schedules. Most ice cream producers have little trouble finding desired volumes of cream. Fuel surcharges are becoming more of a factor in transportation costs. Reports of a surcharge of 20% were noted, but 10-12% is more common. Churning activity is steady to occasionally lighter due to the improving demand for Class II & III cream.

**Daily National
Grain Market
Summary**St. Joseph, MO
March 26, 2002

Report Supplied By USDA

Wheat bids regained some of this week's losses today, despite the lack of fresh export news this week. Crop concerns due to forecasts calling for the return of colder temperatures by Friday had traders buzzing. Corn bids showed light strength from technical buying on the Board. Upturns were limited due to poor export interest. Anticipation for next week's Planting Intentions and Stocks reports also kept a lid on advances. Soybean bids continued to bounce this week with bids on the downside today. Fund selling was noted in the pits, pressured by lower soybean meal trade and slow export demand. Many traders expect a lower figure on February's Census crush report due out tomorrow. Wheat 3 to 7 cents higher. Corn steady to 1 cent higher. Sorghum 1 cent lower. Soybeans 3 to 5 cents lower.

EXPORT SALES PURCHASER COMMODITY TONNAGE DELIVERY DATE: Nothing new confirmed.

THESE MAY NOT BE THE ONLY EXPORT SALES THAT HAVE TRANSPIRED, BUT THEY ARE THE ONLY SALES THAT COULD BE CONFIRMED.

TRUCK BIDS 03/26/03 03/25/03 03/27/02 Wheat Kansas City (HRW ORD) 3.46 up 5 2.85-2.87 Minneapolis (DNS) 3.99 1/4 up 3 3/4 3.43 1/4 Portland (SWW) 3.20-3.24 up 3 3/4 3.45-3.46 St. Louis (SRW) 3.15 up 7 3/12. Corn, US No. 2 Yellow Kansas City 2.34-2.36 unch 1.97-1.98 Minneapolis 2.19 up 1/4 1.94 1/4 So. Iowa 2.30-2.31 up 1-dn 1/4 2.03-2.03 1/2. Omaha 2.22-2.23 unch 1.87-1.88 Soybeans, US No. 1 Yellow Kansas City 5.74-5.77 dn 5.45-5.46 Minneapolis 5.58 dn 3 1/4 4.60 1/4 So. Iowa 5.68-5.70 dn 4 1/2-5.46 Cent. II Processor 5.78-5.81 dn 4 1/2 4.72 1/4-4.78 1/4.

Minneapolis truck - to arrive 20 days **FUTURES** Kansas City (May) Wheat 3.20 1/4 up 4 1/4 2.93 Minneapolis (May) Wheat 3.59 1/4 up 3 1/4 3.06 1/4 Chicago (May) Wheat 2.84 1/4 up 3 1/4 2.94 1/4 Chicago (May) Corn 2.28 dn 1/4 2.06 1/4 Chicago (May) Soybeans 5.69 dn 4 1/2 4.72 1/4 **EXPORT BIDS** Barge bids out of the Port of New Orleans, or Rail out of the North Texas Gulf. Bids per bushel, except sorghum per cwt.

US 1 HRW Wheat, Ord Protein Rail 3.77 1/4-3.80 1/4 up 4 1/4 3.35-3.44 US 2 Soft Red Winter Wheat Barge 3.39 1/4-3.45 1/4 up 3 1/4-8 1/4 3.37 1/4-3.38 1/4 US 2 Yellow Corn Barge 2.59 1/2 dn 1/4-1 1/4 2.29 1/4 US 2 Yellow Sorghum Rail 4.70-4.75 unch 4.15-4.18 Barge 4.61-4.80 unch-up 6.425-4.27 US 2 Yellow Soybeans Barge 6.01-6.02 dn 5 1/4 4.97 1/4.

**Dairy Products
Prices Highlights**

Washington, D. C.

March 21, 2003

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DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

CHEDDAR CHEESE prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.07 per pound for the week ending March 15. The price per pound increased 0.7 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.04 per pound, down 0.2 cents from the previous week.

BUTTER prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.07 per pound for the week ending March 15. The US price per pound increased 4.2 cents from the previous week.

NONFAT DRY MILK prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged 80.3 cents per pound for the week ending March 15. The US price per pound decreased 0.3 cents from the previous week.

DRY WHEY prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 15.7 cents per pound for the week ending March 15. The U.S. price per pound decreased 0.5 cents from the previous week.

**Hoof Trimming Clinic
for dairymen & hoof trimmers**

April 4, 2003; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Lebanon Expo, Lebanon, Pa.

Live hoof trimming

Cadaver feet demonstrations by local veterinarians

Featured speakers: Dan McFarland - facilities
Paul Neer - hoof trimming
Dr. Gary Brumble - foot disease

Door prizes from local hoof trimmers & businesses
(Free Day Of Trimming)

Free lunch to the first 400 farmers to arrive

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