

**Kentucky Feeder Cattle Sales**

Lexington, Ky.  
March 25, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA  
BLUE GRASS STOCKYARDS Daily Auction Report: 2,799 head. Steer calves steady to firm, heifer calves steady to 2.00 higher. Yearling steers and heifers firm to 1.00 higher. Holsteins under 600 lbs firm to 1.00 higher in a light test, over 700 lbs 3.00 to 4.00 higher in a limited comparison.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Medium and Large 1: 300-350 lbs ind 335 104.00, few 350-400 lbs 99.00-100.00; 400-450 lbs 94.00-100.00, 450-500 lbs 92.50-101.00, including 62 head (mixed) 471 lbs 100.00; 500-550 lbs 86.00-97.00, 550-600 lbs 85.00-94.00; 600-700 lb calves no early test, 600-700 lb yearlings 80.50-84.75, 700-800 lbs 73.00-79.60, including 22 head (Charx) 721 lbs 79.60 & 78 head (Charx) 772 lbs 78.90; 800-900 lbs 70.00-74.75, including 25 head (Charx-red) 863 lbs 73.50; few 900-1000 lbs 69.75-71.00; 18 head 1013 lbs 70.80. Medium and Large 2: 300-400 lbs 95.00-99.00; 400-500 lbs 86.00-100.00; 500-600 lbs 77.00-82.50; 600-700 lbs 72.50-78.50. **HOLSTEINS:** Large 3: 400-500 lbs 76.00-77.00, including 38 head 469 lbs 77.00; 14 head 531 lbs 74.50; 700-800 lbs 64.30-65.25, including 23 head 742 lbs 64.30.

**BULL CALVES:** Medium and Large 1: 300-400 lbs 95.00-99.00; 400-500 lbs 87.00-97.50; 500-600 lbs 81.50-93.00; 600-700 lbs 74.00-78.50; 700-800 lbs 69.00-71.00; 800-900 lbs 65.00. Medium and Large 2: 500-600 lbs 78.00-82.00; 600-700 lbs 67.00-75.00; 700-800 lbs 63.00-66.00.

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Medium and Large 1: 300-400 lbs 88.00-98.00; 400-500 lbs 79.50-86.00; 500-600 lbs 74.00-83.50; 600-700 lbs 70.00-75.25; 700-800 lbs 67.00-73.00. Medium and Large 2: 300-400 lbs 82.00-85.00; 400-500 lbs 75.00-81.00; 500-600 lbs 70.00-78.00; 600-700 lbs 66.00-73.50.

**Midwest Daily Livestock Summary**

Amarillo, Texas  
March 26, 2003  
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Five area direct slaughter cattle trade not enough sales for a market test. **STEERS:** LIVE BASIS: 65-80% Choice 78.00; 35-65% Choice: 76.00. **DRESSED BASIS** 35-65% Choice: 124.00-126.00, wtd. avg. price 125.41 **HEIFERS:** LIVE BASIS: 35-65% Choice 78.00. **DRESSED BASIS:** 35-65% Choice 125.00-126.00, wtd. avg. price 125.73.

At So. St. Paul terminal market, slaughter steers and heifers sold mostly steady. So St Paul: Steers: Choice 2-3 1373-1522 lbs 75.75-76.50. Few Select and Choice 2-3, 1397-1406 lbs 74.50-74.90. Heifers: Choice 2-3 1165-1320 lbs 75.80-76.25.

At Sioux Falls terminal market, slaughter steers and heifers 1.00-2.00 higher than last week. Steers: Choice and Prime 2-4 1300-1455 lbs 77.50-79.50, part load 1310 lbs 79.90. Two loads Choice and Prime 3-4 1520 lbs 77.50. Select and Choice 2-3 1230-1450 lbs 75.25-77.50. Heifers: High Select and Choice 2-3 1165-1375 lbs 77.10-79.20. Select and Choice 2-3 1085-1360 lbs 74.50-77.00.

Estimated daily cattle slaughter under federal inspection this week through Wednesday 369,000 head compared to 385,000 last week and 363,000 a year ago.

**CME Futures Closes for Live Cattle:** April 75.52, unchanged; May 73.12, down 7; June 70.05, unchanged.

Slaughter cow at South St. Paul sold steady to firm, instances 1.00 higher. Premium White 70-75 percent lean over 1200 lbs 44.00-48.00, high dressing 48.00-50.50.

Breakers 70-80 percent lean over 1100 lbs 42.00-45.50, high dressing 45.50-47.25. Boners 80-85 percent lean over 1050 lbs 40.00-43.50. Lean 85-90 percent lean over 850 lbs 37.00-40.00, high dressing 40.00-41.75.

Barrows and gilts at So. St. Paul, MN and Sioux Falls SD, sold steady, instances 1.50 lower with 220-270 lb 47-51% lean hogs moving at 33.00-34.50. The National 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 weak to .50 lower with prices ranging 39.50-51.01, weighted average price 48.02. Iowa-So. Minnesota direct trade closed 1.00 lower at 39.50-51.01, with weighted average price 46.69. The Western Cornbelt closed 1.25-1.50 lower with prices ranging 39.50-51.01, weighted average price 46.90. The Eastern Cornbelt prices were steady ranging from 41.00-51.01, weighted average price 48.84.

Hog slaughter under federal inspection estimated this week through Wednesday 1,141,000 head compared to a week ago 1,135,000 head and 42,000 a year ago.

**CME Future Closes for Lean Hogs:** April 49.52, down 190; May 55.80, down 190; June 57.75, down 102.

Slaughter lambs traded steady at So. St. Paul, MN Slaughter Lambs: Shorn: Choice, end Prime 2-3 115-145 lbs 93.00-95.00. Woolled: New Crop: Choice, end Prime 2-3 125-145 lbs 88.00-90.00.

Sheep and lamb slaughter under federal inspection estimated week to date through Wednesday 39,000 head compared to 38,000 a week ago and 42,000 a year ago.

**Tennessee Feeder Cattle Sales**

Nashville, Ten.  
March 25, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

Tennessee Weighted Average report for Monday, Mar. 24, at Dickson, Huntingdon and Cookeville Receipts 1582 calves and feeders (16 pct over 600 lbs) Trend-Feeder steers and heifer calves 2.00 to 5.00 higher instances 5.00 to 10.00 higher, over 600 lb steady. Average weights and average prices in parentheses.

**FEEDER STEERS:** Med./Lge. 1-2: 57 head, 300-400 lb (354) 88.00-115.00 (107.31); 92 head, 400-500 lb (447) 88.00-105.00 (95.74); 40 head, 500-600 lb (561) 78.00-93.00 (86.19); 46 head, 600-700 lb (636) 73.00-83.50 (78.45). **Med./Lge. 3:** 17 head, 300-400 lb (339) 84.00-105.00 (97.00); 13 head, 500-600 lb (545) 72.50-87.00 (77.97).

**FEEDER HEIFERS:** Med./Lge. 1-2: 82 head, 300-400 lb (356) 81.00-97.00 (88.53), 120 head, 400-500 lb (454) 77.00-89.00 (82.07); 77 head, 500-600 lb (538) 70.00-85.00 (77.48); 36 head, 600-700 lb (627) 66.00-77.50 (70.79). **Med./Lge. 3:** 39 head, 300-400 lb (365) 74.00-90.00 (81.89); 36 head, 400-500 lb (452) 67.50-83.00 (75.85); 38 head, 500-600 lb (544) 62.00-76.50 (70.59); 14 head, 600-700 lb (639) 61.00-66.00 (63.78).

**FEEDER BULLS:** Med./Lge. 1-2: 24 head, 300-400 lb (366) 92.00-115.00 (102.73), 51 head, 400-500 lb (454) 85.00-103.00 (92.61), 53 head, 500-600 lb (548) 74.00-87.00 (80.45); 22 head, 600-700 lb (646) 65.00-78.00 (73.07), 121 head, 800-900 lb (815) 60.00-64.50 (62.15).

**National Sheep Summary**

San Angelo, Texas  
March 25, 2003  
Report Supplied By USDA

At midwest market centers all classes steady At New Holland, PA slaughter lambs 10.00-30.00 lower; slaughter ewes sharply lower At Billings, MT compared to two weeks ago slaughter ewes 10.00 lower; feeder lambs 2.00-6.00 higher. At San Angelo, TX slaughter lambs weak to 3.00 lower, slaughter ewes steady, feeder lambs weak. Estimated receipts 8,000 head for today.

**SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** Choice and Prune 2-3 90-150 lbs; San Angelo. shorn and woolled 96.00-97.00. Midwest. shorn 90.00-95.00; woolled 85.00-90.00. New Holland: 90-100 lbs 116.00-120.00, 100-115 lbs 98.00-114.00. Virginia: no test.

**SLAUGHTER EWES:** San Angelo: Good and Choice 2-4 33.00-40.00; Good 2-3 40.00-51.00, Utility and Good 1-3 50.00-57.00; Utility 1-2 40.00-50.00; few Cull and Utility 1-2 31.00-40.00. Midwest-Utility and Good 1-3 30.00-35.00; Cull 1 20.00-30.00. New Holland. Utility and Good 1-3 105-205 lbs 22.00-40.00; 210-250 lbs 24.00-26.00. Billings: Good 2-3 38.00-44.50, Utility 1-2 27.50-36.50; Cull 1 15.00. Virginia, no test.

**FEEDER LAMBS:** Medium and Large 1-2: San Angelo: 90-100 lbs 95.00-100.00, new crop 40-60 lbs 112.00-118.00; 60-70 lbs 110.00-114.00; 70-80 lbs 109.00-113.00; 80-90 lbs 104.00-110.00; 90-110 lbs 102.00-110.00. Midwest: 60-80 lbs 90.00-100.00; 80-100 lbs 80.00-90.00. Virginia: no test. Billings. 70-80 lbs 106.50-114.00, 80-90 lbs 108.00-109.00, 90-100 lbs 104.00-110.50, 100-110 lbs 100.00-105.00; 110-115 lbs 99.00-100.00, 120-140 lbs 92.50-95.00.

**REPLACEMENT EWES:** Medium and Large 1-2 San Angelo Mixed age 105-135 lbs 56.00-62.00 cwt. Billings. Whiteface ewe lambs 85 lbs 100.00 per head, 97 lbs 112.00 per head, bred baby tooth 137.00-145.00 per head, bred solid mouth 97.50 per head; bred broken mouth 150-190 lbs 42.50-46.00 cwt, ewes and lambs 97.50 per family.

**East Coast and North Central Veal Report**

Des Moines, Iowa  
March 26, 2003  
Supplied By USDA

**CARLOT VEAL CARCASS REPORT:** Northeast and North Central Basis. Compared to trading last week Northeast special fed veal mostly steady and North Central not tested on light to moderate demand and offerings.

**VEAL CARCASS, SPECIAL FED, HOT BASIS, FOB PRODUCTION POINTS:** Northeast 305 head, hide-off, 215-275 lb 186-192.00.

**CONTRACT INFORMATION:** Hot Basis, Hide-Off — (As of March 26, 2003) Contract calves slaughtered this week 185 00-200 00, few to 206 00. Packers base market 180 00-190 00. Future contracts offered Firm Bottom 178 00-182 00, Firm Top 198 00-200 00. Firm Bottom, 180 00. Split Half Top 200 00. Fixed 183 00 and 184 00.

•North Central - OH, IN, IL, MI & WI  
•Northeast - MA, MD, PA, NY, NJ, DE, CT & VT  
WFFKLY DISTRIBUTIVE, LESS THAN CARLOT  
FAST COAST ARFA VEAL CUTS TRADIT, SPECIAL FED Market for Tuesday, Mar. 25 Compared to last week Distributive special fed cuts are trading generally steady with exception to rib cuts trading weak to lower. Retail trading slow with light to moderate demand and foodservice demand light to moderate offerings.

Prices per CWT: Carcass, hide off 200-250 lb 220-240.00. Foresaddles 85-110 lb 170-185.00, Kosher Foresaddles 90-110 lb 195-205.00, Hindsaddles 85-115 lb 280-300.00, 1 oms, regular 17-25 lb 235-275.00, 1 oms, 4x4 trmd 12-18 lb 390-450.00. Hotel Racks, 8 rib 15-21 lb 425-445.00, 7 rib 14-20 lb 425-480.00, 6 rib 13-17 lb 495-525.00, Chuck, square cut 36-47 lb 115-125.00, Shoulder, full 14-20 lb 135-175.00, 1 ogs, double 70-90 lb 275-295.00, TBS 3-piece 24-32 lb 575-635.00, BHS heel-off 27-35 lb 350-415.00, Top Round, trmd, cap-off 8-10 lb 725-800.00, Breast 10-12 lb 75-90.00, Necks, bone-in 24-28 lb 100-125.00, Stew Meat, regular 200-225.00, Boneless Trimmings 75-80% lean 52-61.50, Heavy Nature Green Hides, per piece 39-41.00.

**Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle**  
St. Joseph, Mo. March 24, 2003. USDA Market News Service  
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma/Kansas/Nebraska/Colorado, and Iowa/Minnesota/Feedlots for Week Ending Sunday, March 23, 2001

Confirmed Sales 166,826 Week Ago 187,306 Year Ago 121,390

**LIVE FOB BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds**

	Head Count		Weight Range		Price Range		Avg. Weight		Avg. Price	
	Over	Under	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>										
Over 80% Choice	1,587	1,300	1,425		76.00	79.00	1,373		77.99	
65-80% Choice	5,510	1,075	1,400		76.00	80.00	1,318		78.18	
35-80% Choice	45,190	1,075	1,425		75.00	78.50	1,229		77.99	
1-35% Choice	4,263	1,100	1,350		75.00	78.00	1,215		77.80	
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>56,550</b>	<b>1,075</b>	<b>1,425</b>		<b>75.00</b>	<b>80.00</b>	<b>1,241</b>		<b>77.99</b>	
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>										
Over 80% Choice	2,544	1,150	1,275		76.00	78.50	1,220		75.03	
65-80% Choice	4,369	1,075	1,340		76.00	79.00	1,214		77.95	
35-65% Choice	36,140	1,000	1,350		75.00	78.50	1,115		77.97	
1-35% Choice	1,134	1,085	1,230		76.50	78.00	1,120		77.84	
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>44,187</b>	<b>1,000-1,350</b>			<b>75.00-79.00</b>		<b>1,131</b>		<b>77.97</b>	
<b>DRESSED DELIVERED BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds</b>										
<b>SLAUGHTER STEERS</b>										
Over 80% Choice	1,709	787	905		124.00	127.00	837		125.33	
65-80% Choice	9,221	702	1,350		122.00	127.00	825		125.26	
35-65% Choice	12,886	698	1,889		121.50	126.00	817		124.97	
1-35% Choice	506	683	794		123.00	126.00	768		124.97	
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>24,322</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>1,350</b>		<b>121.50</b>	<b>127.00</b>	<b>816</b>		<b>125.10</b>	
<b>SLAUGHTER HEIFERS</b>										
Over 80% Choice	953	703	812		124.00	126.00	765		125.05	
65-80% Choice	5,028	662	1,660		123.00	126.00	780		125.02	
35-65% Choice	8,553	645	1,844		121.00	126.00	737		125.01	
1-35% Choice	117	686			126.00		686		126.00	
<b>TOTAL all grades</b>	<b>15,011</b>	<b>645-860</b>			<b>121.00-126.00</b>		<b>776</b>		<b>125.35</b>	

**Weekly Weighted Averages**

	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Live Steer	56,550	1,241	77.99
Live Heifer	44,187	1,131	77.97
Dressed Steer	24,322	821	125.10
Dressed Heifer	15,011	746	125.35
<b>Same Period Last Week</b>			
Live Steer	61,490	1,245	76.85
Live Heifer	52,835	1,137	76.67
Dressed Steer	22,820	814	121.63
Dressed Heifer	23,293	736	121.50
<b>Same Period Last Year</b>			
Live Steer	33,299	1,244	70.36
Live Heifer	23,758	1,124	71.03
Dressed Steer	25,441	829	113.97
Dressed Heifer	19,143	762	113.57

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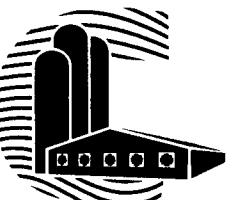
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