

Virginia Livestock Auction Summary
Richmond, Va.

April 1, 2003

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NORTHERN VIRGINIA LIVE-STOCK — Fredericksburg, Front Royal, Marshall, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Staunton and Winchester for Mar. 24 - 27. All prices per hundred pounds live-weight (CWT.), except where noted.

FEEDER CATTLE: 3,284 head.

FEEDER STEERS: Med. and Lge. 1: 200-300 lb 90.00-105.00; 300-400 lb 91.00-110.00; 400-500 lb 86.75-108.00; 500-600 lb 81.25-99.00 few 78.00-80.75; 600-700 lb 73.00-90.00; 700-800 lb 68.00-82.00; 800-900 lb 64.00-66.00; 1000-1100 lb 60.00-66.00. Small 1: 300-400 lb 90.00-100.00 few to 50.00; 400-500 lb 85.00-95.00 few to 60.00; 500-600 lb 76.00-88.00; 600-700 lb 70.00-76.00. Med./Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 76.50-89.50; 300-400 lb 83.00-110.00; 400-500 lb 87.00-100.00 few 70.00-86.00; 500-600 lb 70.50-97.00 few 67.50-73.50;

600-700 lb 75.00-85.00 few 63.00-71.25; 700-800 lb 61.00-76.00; 800-900 lb 65.00-69.00; 900-1000 lb 60.00-63.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Med. and Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 80.00; 300-400 lb 62.00-71.00; 500-700 lb 62.00-67.50; 700-900 lb 58.50-64.00 few 48.50; 900-1100 lb 52.00-52.75.

HEIFERS: Med. and Lge. 1: 200-300 lb 78.00-84.50; 300-400 lb 75.50-93.50; 400-500 lb 72.00-85.00; 500-600 lb 69.00-85.00; 600-700 lb 67.25-75.00; 700-800 lb 61.00-66.00; 800-900 lb 62.25. Small 1: 300-400 lb 69.00-80.00; 400-500 lb 65.00-71.50 few 51.00-60.50; 500-600 lb 61.00-70.00; 600-700 lb 57.50; 700-800 lb 49.00-54.00. Med./Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 79.00; 300-400 lb 72.00-85.00; 400-500 lb 66.00-80.00; 500-600 lb 64.00-77.00; 600-700 lb 60.00-69.00; 700-800 lb 55.00-70.00.

BULLS: Med. and Lge. 1: 200-300 lb 87.50-105.00; 300-400 lb 80.00-110.00 mostly 80.00-100.00; 400-500 lb 75.00-95.00; 500-600 lb 72.50-92.00; 600-700 lb 64.50-76.00; 700-900 lb

59-68.00. Small 1: 400-500 lb 60.00-75.50; 500-600 lb 59.50-63.00. Med./Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 82.00-89.00; 300-400 lb 72.50-92.00; 400-500 lb 69.00-87.50; 500-600 lb 64.00-77.75; 600-700 lb 62.50-64.00.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: 537 head. **SLAUGHTER STEERS AND HEIFERS:** 48 head. HEIFERS: Choice 2-3, 900-1100 lb 75.50, 1100-1300 lb 74.50; Standard 1-2: 850-1100 lb 40.00-47.00.

SLAUGHTER COWS: 433 head. Breaking Utility and Commercial 2-4, 33.50-42.00; Cutter and Boning Utility 1-3, 32.25-41.00; Canner and Low Cutter 1-2, 21.00-33.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: 56 head. YG 1-2, 900-1300 lbs 42.00-43.25; YG 1-2, 1300-1600 lbs 39.50-45.00; YG 1-2, 1600 lbs and over 42.00-51.80.

COWS RETURNED TO FARMS: 110 head. Med./Lge. 1-2, 7 yrs to aged bred 2-8 months 850-1425 lbs, 235.00-720.00 per head; 4-10 yrs old, very thin, bred 4-6 months, 800-1050 lbs mostly 250.00-485.00 per head.

COWS WITH CALVES AT SIDE: 69 pairs. Med./Lge. 1 few 2, 3 to 12 yrs 950-1250 lbs with 150-300 lb calves 580-875.00 per pair. Med./Lge. 1-2: 5 yrs old/up, 900-1200 lbs with 100-300 lb calves, 590.00-710.00 per pair; 6 yrs. to aged, 800-1350 lbs with 115-294 lb calves, 200.00-660.00 per pair.

TO FARMS: 82 head. Newborn to 4 Weeks 3.00-90.00 per head. Over 100 lbs 12.50-137.00 per cwt.

SHEEP: 163 head. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS:** 100 head. Spring Woolled: Choice and Prime 1-2, 80-110 lb 91.25-97.00, 110-125 lb 90.00; Good and choice 1-3, 60-90 lbs 90.090. Old Crop Woolled: Choice and Prime 1-2, 90-110 lbs 84.50-95.00, 110-130 lb 80.00-82.75; Good and Choice 1-3, 60-90 lbs 80.00. **SLAUGHTER EWES:** 63 head. Choice 2-4, 16.25-20.00; Utility and Good 1-3, 19.25-29.00; Cull and Utility 1-2, 18.50-23.00.

SLAUGHTER HOGS: 47 head. **BARROWS AND GILTS:** US 2-4, 250-300 lbs 28.00-35.00. **SOWS:** US 1-3, 500 lbs and over 17.00.

Dairy Products Prices Highlights

Washington, D. C. March 28, 2003

Report Supplied By NASS/USDA DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS:

CHEDDAR CHEESE prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.07 per pound for the week ending March 22. The price per pound decreased 0.1 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.05 per pound, up 0.9 cents from the previous week.

BUTTER prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.06 per pound for the week ending March 22. The U.S. price per pound decreased 2.1 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 22. The U.S. price per pound increased slightly from the previous week.

DRY WHEY prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 16.0 cents per pound for the week ending March 22. The U.S. price per pound increased 0.4 cents from the previous week.

East Fluid Milk And Cream Review

Madison, Wis. April 2, 2003

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Spot prices of class II cream, dollars per lb. butterfat: F.O.B. producing plants: Northeast: 1.3853-1.4944. Delivered Equivalent: Atlanta: 1.3744-1.4944 mostly 1.3962-1.4617.

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 - .7400-8000.

SPOT SHIPMENTS OF GRADE A MILK: FLORIDA: This Week: In 0, Out 106; Last Week: In 0, Out 42; Last Year: In 0, Out 69. **SOUTHEAST STATES:** This week: In 0, Out 0; last week: In 0, Out 0; last year: In 0, Out 0.

Milk production is showing more increases across the region. Gains are most noticeable in the Southeast where contacts state that the milk flow is "up all over." Milk output is just starting to increase in the Northeast where the weather is still more winter-like than spring-like. Fluid milk supplies are abundant for the slow to fair Class I demand. The "snow birds" are heading north and bottled milk sales are down accordingly in Florida and other Gulf Coast "wintering spots." Also, some schools are on spring break this week. Farther north, Class I milk sales are heavier this week. Effective this week, a new agreement between handlers puts in place new operational changes which will more efficiently handle the milk and more accurately reflect Florida's milk utilization. Southeastern manufacturing plants that are operating are nearly full. Some plants have been taking in intra-company shipments from the Southwest.

In the Northeast, surplus milk supplies are heavier at some butter/powder plants. Slow Class I sales and self-induced slow downs at some mozzarella plants are pushing more milk into other plants. The condensed skim market is mixed. Contract sales are clearing normal volumes, but spot sales are lagging earlier levels. Reports indicate that Midwestern buyers of Class III wet solids are finding Western loads at better prices. Most of the extra condensed skim that is no longer clearing to the Midwest is being dried.

The fluid cream market is seeing some improvement this week. Spot prices are both higher and lower. The CME butter average did fall about a half cent last week, but multiples were often higher in response to improved demand. Buying interest improved with better spot sales into ice cream, soft serve mix, bottling, and cream cheese plants. Some of the smaller ice cream producers are now on full schedules while large operation have been running quiet full for some time. Ice cream mix makers have been very busy and most have purchased extra or spot loads of cream this week. Cream bottlers have stepped up production for the brief Easter/Passover boost to demand. Churning activity is steady.

Direct Slaughter Cattle Daily Market Review

St. Joseph, Mo.

April 2, 2003

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National Slaughter Cattle Review as of 2:00 p.m.: Slaughter cattle demand was very good on available offerings across the Northern Plains and Cornbelt. Trading was moderate in Nebraska and Iowa and very light in Kansas to inactive in Texas. Compared to last week live sales ranged from 78.00 to mostly 80.00, steady to 2.00 higher. Dressed sales were at mostly 128.00 to 129.00, 2.00 higher than a week ago.

NEGOTIATED SALES: Confirmed: 25,658; Week Ago: 3,152; Year Ago: 21,168. Week to Date: 44,533; Week ago: 11,967; Year ago: 42,091.

NEGOTIATED: PRICES PAID for Domestic Slaughter Steers and Heifers (Information derived from the 5 area weighted average report.):

LIVE BASIS: STEERS: Over 80% Choice 79.50-79.50, avg 79.50; 65-80% Choice 78.00-80.00, avg 79.68; 35-65% Choice 78.00-80.00 avg. 79.66; under 35% Choice no quotes. Total all grades 78.00-80.00, avg 79.66. **HEIFERS:** Over 80% Choice 79.50-80.00, avg 79.65; 65-80% Choice 79.00-80.00, avg 79.93; 35-65% Choice 79.00-80.00, avg 79.48; under 35% Choice no quotes. Total all grades: 79.00-80.00, avg 79.64.

DRESSED BASIS: STEERS: Over 80% Choice 128.00-129.50, avg 128.74; 65-80% Choice 128.00-129.50, avg 128.98; 35-65% Choice 126.00-129.50, avg 128.21; under 35% Choice 128.00-129.00, avg 128.55. Total all grades 126.00-129.50, avg 128.48. **HEIFERS:** Over 80% Choice 128.00-129.00, avg. 128.22; 65-80% Choice 128.00-129.00, avg. 128.75; 35-65% Choice 126.00-129.00, avg 128.06; under 35% Choice no quotes. Total all grades 126.00-129.00, avg 128.19.

FORMULA PURCHASES: Prices established so far today for previously slaughtered cattle: Beef Type: Domestic: ed avg weight - 766 lbs; weighted avg net price - 124.61.

Covers transactions reported at 2:00 pm today. Comments and market conditions may include information gathered from voluntary sources. All prices, weights and head counts are only those gathered through the mandatory reporting system.

Kentucky Feeder Cattle Sales

Lexington, Ky.

April 1, 2003

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BLUE GRASS STOCKYARDS Daily Auction Report. Receipts: 2600 head (est) Compared to Monday: Steer and heifer calves firm to 100 higher Yearling steers and heifers fully steady. Holsteins not fully established early.

STEERS: Medium and Large 1 300-350 lbs 104.00-108.00, 350-400 lbs 100.00- 109.00; 400-450 lbs 95.00-102.00, 450-500 lbs 92.00-104.50, 500-550 lbs 88.00- 98.00, 550-600 lbs 86.00-97.00; 600-700 lb calves 74.00-81.00, 600-700 lb yearlings 77.00-89.50 most 82.00-88.50; 700-800 lbs 73.50-79.75; 800-900 lbs 71.00-76.40, including 105 head(bbwt) 801 lbs 76.40, 31 head(Charv-bbwf) 843 lbs 73.85, 59 head(bbwf-Charv) 851 lbs 73.80 & 102 head(bbwf) 873 lbs 73.40. Holsteins: 3 head 572 lbs 63.00, 63 head 661 lbs 70.40.

BULL CALVES: Medium and Large 1: 300-400 lbs 96.50-104.00, 400-500 lbs 90.00-98.00, 500-600 lbs 83.50-95.50, 600-700 lbs 74.00-81.50, 700-800 lbs 68.00-72.00. Medium and Large 2 300-400 lbs 90.00-96.00; 400-500 lbs 82.00-85.00; 500-600 lbs 78.00-83.50.

FEEDER HEIFERS Medium and Large 1: 300-400 lbs 85.00-93.50; 400-500 lbs 79.00-87.00; 500-600 lbs 76.00-84.50; 600-700 lbs 70.00-76.80, 700-800 lbs 69.00-72.25; 800-900 lbs 64.50-70.00. Medium and Large 2: 300-400 lbs 80.00-88.00; 400-500 lbs 74.00-82.00; 500-600 lbs 70.00-78.50; 600-700 lbs 66.00-70.00, pkg blks 615 lbs 75.50; 700-800 lbs 63.00-68.00.

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