

**Robert Fulton Fire Co.
Hay Market**

Wakefield, Pa.
Report Supplied By Auction
Thursday, April 3, 2003

24 LOADS.

ALFALFA: 1ST CUTTING 137.00-165.00, 2ND 167.00-180.00, 3RD 160.00-192.00.

MIXED HAY: 150.00-155.00.

GRASS HAY: 115.00-140.00.

TIMOTHY: 165.00-172.00.

STRAW: 90.00-100.00.

CORN FODDER: 72.00.

SALE EVERY THURS., 10 A.M.

Vintage Hay

Vintage, Pa.

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Hay—Straw—Grain

ALFALFA: 140.00.

GRASS: 105.00-175.00.

MIXED HAY: 70.00-140.00.

OAT STRAW: 112.00 BY THE LOAD.

CORN FODDER: 50.00 BY THE LOAD.

Tennessee Feeder

Cattle Sales

April 2, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

Tennessee Weighted Average report for Tuesday, Apr. 1, at Dickson, Huntingdon and Cookeville. Receipts 2,178 calves and feeders (19 pct over 600 lbs). Trend: Feed-

er steers and heifer unevenly steady. Average weights and average prices in parentheses.

FEEDER STEERS: Med./Lge. 1-2: 74 head, 300-400 lb (354) 99.00-117.00 (105.91); 73 head, 400-500 lb (451) 84.00-107.00 (93.91); 82 head, 500-600 lb (542) 79.00-100.00 (88.02). 50 head, 600-700 lb (643) 76.50-88.00 (82.60); 21 head, 700-800 (736) 69.00-76.00 (74.76). Med./Lge. 3: 20 head, 300-400 lb (344) 89.00-105.00 (96.92); 24 head, 400-500 lb (452) 74.50-94.50 (84.94).

FEEDER HEIFERS: Med./Lge. 1-2: 76 Head, 300-400 lb (363) 80.00-97.50 (87.79); 147 head, 400-500 lb (438) 75.00-89.00 (83.63); 155 head, 500-600 lb (537) 73.00-86.00 (79.38); 53 head, 600-700 lb (640) 68.00-75.50 (71.62); 31 head, 700-800 lb (773) 61.00-69.00 (68.62). Med./Lge. 3: 33 head, 300-400 lb (377) 72.00-89.00 (81.25); 58 head, 400-500 lb (451) 69.00-85.50 (77.15); 52 head, 500-600 lb (544) 67.00-76.00 (71.76).

FEEDER BULLS: Med./Lge. 1-2: 24 head, 300-400 lb (363) 80.00-97.50 (87.79); 88 head, 400-500 lb (453) 69.00-102.00 (90.54); 94 head, 500-600 lb (549) 75.00-89.00 (82.61); 46 head, 600-700 lb (636) 67.00-82.00 (74.19); 16 head, 700-800 lb (734) 62.00-71.00 (67.35); 14 head, 800-900 lb (814) 61.00-67.50 (63.25).

Midwest Daily Livestock Summary

Amarillo, Texas

April 2, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

Five area direct slaughter cattle trade, Live sales mostly 2.00 higher at mostly 80.00. Dressed sales 2.00 higher at 128.00-129.00. **STEERS: LIVE BASIS:** Over 80% Choice 79.50-79.50, wtd. avg. price 79.50; 65-80% Choice 78.00- 80.00, wtd. avg. price 79.68; 35-65% Choice 78.00-80.00, wtd. avg. price 79.66. **DRESSED:** over 80% Choice 128.00-129.50, wtd. avg. average 128.74; 65-80% Choice 128.00-129.50, wtd. avg. 128.98; 35-65% Choice 126.00-129.50, wtd. avg. 128.21. **SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: LIVE BASIS:** Over 80% Choice 79.50-80.00, wtd. avg. price 79.61; 65-85% Choice 79.00-80.00, wtd. avg. price 79.93; 35-65% Choice 79.00-80.00, wtd. avg. price 79.48. **DRESSED:** Over 80% Choice 128.00-129.00, wtd. avg. price 128.22; 65-80% Choice 128.00-129.00, wtd. avg. price 128.75; 35-65% Choice 126.00-129.00, wtd. avg. price 128.06.

At So. St. Paul, slaughter steers and heifers sold 1.25-1.45 lbs 78.25-81.00, pkg 1343 lbs 82.00. Select and Choice 2-3 1250-1490 lbs 75.00-78.10. Heifers: Choice 2-3 1221-1375 lbs 78.75-80.50; Select and Choice 2-3 1156-1310 lbs 75.50-77.00.

Sioux Falls terminal slaughter steers and heifers 2.00 higher. Steers: Choice 2-3, 1268-1390 lbs 79.40-80.40, 2 loads old crop high dressing blacks 1394 lbs 81.10.

Choice end Prime 3-4 1377-1610 lbs 78.00-79.85. High Select and Choice 2-3 1273-1421 lbs 77.80-80.10. Select and Choice 2-3 1133-1437 lbs 74.10-75.90. Heifers: Choice 2-3 1125-1198 lbs 79.00-80.90.

Estimated daily cattle slaughter under federal inspection week to date totals through Wednesday 376,000 head compared to 369,000 last week and 352,000 a year ago.

CME Futures Closes for Live Cattle: April 77.12, up 90; May 74.47, up 72; June 71.45, up 95.

Slaughter cows at South St. Paul sold 2.00 higher. Premium White 70-75 percent lean over 1200 lbs 46.00-49.00, high dressing 49.00-52.50. Breakers 70-80 percent lean over 1100 lbs 45.00-48.00, high dressing 48.00-50.00. Boners 80-85 percent lean over 1050 lbs 42.00-45.00, high dressing 45.00-45.50. Lean 85-90 percent lean over 850 lbs 40.00-43.00, high dressing 43.00-43.50.

Barrows and gilts were steady at St. Paul. 220-270 lb 49-51% lean barrow and gilts closing at 31.00-31.50, few 32.00. At Sioux Falls, the same classes sold steady at 32.00. Direct trade, 10-17 inch back fat and 6 inch square loin/2.0 inch depth plant delivered. National direct trade closed weak ranging from 39.00-49.01, wtd. avg. 45.86. Iowa-So. Minnesota direct trade trended .75 lower ranging from 39.50-47.30, wtd. avg. 44.71. The Western Cornbelt closed .75 lower with prices ranging 39.50-47.47, wtd. avg. 44.82. The Eastern Cornbelt prices were steady selling from 40.00-49.01, wtd. avg. 46.72.

Hog slaughter under federal inspection estimated week to date through Wednesday at 1,115,000 head compared to 1,141,000 a week ago and 1,045,000 a year ago.

CME Future Closes for Lean Hogs: April 49.62, up 107; May 56.50, up 130; June 58.35, up 190.

Slaughter lambs sold steady at So. St. Paul, MN. Slaughter Lambs: Shorn: Choice, end Prime 2-3 115-145 lbs 93.00-95.00. Woolled: 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 38,000 head compared to 39,000 a week ago and 33,000 actual slaughter same period a year ago.

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary

Springfield, Ill.

March 28, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Report (includes lambs sold last week, slaughter lambs were mostly 3.00-5.00 lower. Lambs under 90 lbs were mostly 7.00 lower in a light market test. Ewes were 6.00 lower. Goats were steady. Demand was moderate. Trading was light to moderate. Carlot lamb carcass prices were mostly weak to 1.00 lower. Confirmed sales this week about 75% slaughter lambs, 25% ewes and an additional 412 head of goats. Total sheep and lambs sales 825, last week 900, and year ago 1575.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 2-3, 90-130 lbs 90.00-95.00, few up to 100.00; 50-70 lbs few 106.00-112.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility to Good 1-3: 35.00-40.00; Cull to Utility: few 25.00-35.00.

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.

National Weekly Lamb Report

Des Moines, Iowa

April 1, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA
NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB REPORT for week ending Monday, Mar. 31
SLAUGHTERED LAMB PRIOR WEEK: From Forward Contracts: Domestic 0; Imported 0. From Formula Arrangements: Domestic 25,115 head; Imported: 1,336.

SLAUGHTERED PACKER OWNED SHEEP: DOMESTIC: 1,6116 head; 69-85 lbs (avg. 76 lbs), dressing 50.0-50.0% (avg. 50.0%); Choice or better 96.2%. IMPORTED: None.

FORWARD CONTRACT PURCHASES: No trade reported.

FORMULA PURCHASES: DOMESTIC: 823 head, 60-63 lbs, avg. 62.21 lbs; 187.82-192.00, wtd. avg. price 189.98. 8,257 head, 65-75 lbs, avg. 69.9 lbs; 178.64-200.00, wtd. avg. price 189.29. 11,489 head; 75-84 lbs (avg. 90.1 lbs; 185.67-197.14, wtd. avg price 188.28. 1,000 head, 86-95 lbs, avg. 90.1 lbs; 183.21-185.86, wtd. avg. price 184.80

IMPORTED: 1,963 head, 68-76 lbs, avg 71.1 lbs, 182.33-187.82, wtd. avg. price 184.87

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