

Grantsville Livestock

Grantsville, Maryland
Report Supplied by Auction
Saturday, May 24, 2003

STOCK STEERS AND BULLS: 200-500 lbs. 45.00-94.50.

STOCK HEIFERS: 35.00-87.00.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Good to Choice 63.00-74.50, Medium to Good 52.00-62.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: Good 50.00-54.50, Light 46.00-52.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Good to Choice 60.00-72.50, Medium to Good 50.00-66.00.

BULLS: Heavy 43.00-58.00, Light 40.00-47.00.

COWS: Utility Holsteins 42.00-52.00, Canners 33.00-41.50, Culls 32.00 and down.

BOB CALVES: 40.00 and down.

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES RETURN TO FARM: 90-120 lbs. Up to 135.00.

HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES RETURN TO FARM: Up to 230.00.

BEEF CROSS CALVES RETURN TO FARM: Up to 170.00.

HOGS: Top Quality up to 40.00, Heavy up to 38.00, Light 25.00-34.00; **FEEDER PIGS, BY HEAD:** Up to 40.00.

SOWS: 18.00-25.00.

MALE HOGS: 3.50-21.00.

LAMBS: 70-85 lbs. up to 112.00, 85-125 lbs. up to 122.00, 30-60 lbs. up to 110.00, Culls up to 60.00.

SHEEP: Up to 30.00, **FAT UP TO** 25.00.

GOATS: Large 55.00-115.00, Medium 25.00-70.00, Small 10.00-44.00, all by the head, kid 3.00-50.00.

Feeder sale every second Sat. per month.

Red Meat Production In April Down 1 Percent

WASHINGTON, D. C.
May 23, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA/NASS

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.85 billion pounds in April, down 1 percent from the 3.90 billion pounds produced in April 2002.

April 2002 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays. April 2003 contained 22 weekdays and 4 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.15 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.97 million head, up 1 percent from April 2002. The average live weight was 1,209 pounds, down 18 pounds from April a year ago.

Veal production totaled 16.0 million pounds, 1 percent below April a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,300 head, down 3 percent from April 2002. The average live weight was 336 pounds, up 9 pounds from April a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.33 million head, 1 percent below April 2002. The average live weight was 268 pounds, up 1 pound from April a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production, at 19.4 million pounds, was up 2 percent from April 2002. Sheep slaughter totaled 295,600 head, 6 percent above last year. The average live weight was 132 pounds, down 5 pounds from April a year ago.

January to April red meat production was 15.12 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 2 percent from last year, veal was up 6 percent, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton was down 11 percent.

West Virginia Feeder Cattle

Charleston, W. Va.
May 28, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

Regular Sales at Parkersburg, Weston, Spencer, Marlinton and Greenbrier Valley from May 23 and 24. Prices per cwt.

FEEDER STEERS: 93 head. Med./Lge. 1: 200-300 lb 92.50-109.00; 300-400 lb 87.00-101.00; 400-500 lb 82.50-99.00; 500-600 lb 77.50-92.00; 600-700 lb 75.00-91.00; 700-800 lb 77.00-79.50; 800-900 lb 72.00; 900-1000 lb 65.50. Med./Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 90.00-97.50; 300-400 lb 72.00-78.00; 400-500 lb 75.00-87.00; 500-600 lb 74.50-80.00; 600-700 lb 70.00-77.00; 700-800 lb 65.00. Small 1-2: 200-300 lb 76.00; 500-600 lb 68.00-71.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: 172 head. Med./Lge. 1: 200-300 lb 81.00-82.00; 300-400 lb 74.00-86.00; 400-500 lb 72.00-89.00; 500-600 lb 72.00-80.00; 600-700 lb 66.00-78.50; 700-800 lb 62.00-76.00; 800-900 lb 57.00-61.00; 900-1000 lb 62.50. Med./Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 83.00-87.00; 300-400 lb 70.00-83.00; 400-500 lb 66.00-79.50; 500-600 lb 55.00-73.50; 600-700 lb 57.00-70.00; 700-800 lb 55.00-65.00. Small 1-2: 200-300 lb 70.00; 300-400 lb 69.00-73.00; 400-500 lb 59.00-71.00; 500-600 lb 57.00-66.00; 600-700 lb 44.50-57.00.

FEEDER BULLS: 114 head. Med./Lge. 1: 200-300 lb 86.00-87.00; 300-400 lb 87.00-100.00; 400-500 lb 87.00-91.00; 500-600 lb 77.00-93.50; 600-700 lb 65.00-78.50; 700-800 lb 65.00-78.50; 800-1000 lb 60.50-67.00. Med./Lge. 2: 200-300 lb 92.00; 400-500 lb 68.00-69.00; 500-600 lb 65.00-77.00; 600-700 lb 63.00-71.00; 700-800 lb 55.00; 800-1000 lb 56.00. Small 1-2: 300-400 lb 82.00; 400-500 lb 62.00-75.00; 500-600 lb 65.00-66.00; 600-700 lb 54.00-67.00.

Friend's Stockyard

Accident, Md.
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Monday, May 26, 2003

STOCK STEERS AND BULLS: 200-500 lbs. 55.00-94.00.

STOCK HEIFERS: 200-500 lbs. 51.00-88.00.

SLAUGHTER STEERS: Good to Choice 76.00-83.10, medium to good 70.00-75.50, heavy Choice over 1450 lbs. 55.00-71.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: heavy Choice 58.00-64.00, light 42.00-68.00.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS: Good to Choice 76.00-83.00, Medium to Good 60.00-70.50.

BULLS: heavy 42.00-54.00, light 36.00-61.00.

COWS: Utility (Holsteins) 45.00-53.00, Commercial to Good 38.00-44.50, cull cows 34.00 and down.

VEALS: Good to Choice 50.00-75.00, Med. to Good 50.00-67.00.

BOB CALVES: 40.00 and down.

HOLSTEIN BULL CALVES, RETURN TO FARM: 90-120 lbs. up to 177.50; **HOLSTEIN HEIFER CALVES, RETURN TO FARM:** 90-120 lbs. up to 260.00, **BEEF X CALVES** return to farm up to 140.00.

HOGS: top quality, up to 38.50.

SOWS: up to 30.00.

LAMBS: Choice up to 105.00.

GOATS: Choice up to 70.00.

Livestock prices are all given per hundred weights.

Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey Poultry & Eggs

Hackettstown, N.J.
Report Supplied by Auction

Tuesday, May 27, 2003

HEAVY FOWL: .50-1.50, 4.00-4.50 EA.

LEGHORN FOWL: 3.25 EA.

BROILERS: 1.00-1.25 EA.

CHICKS EA: .20-5.00 EA.

DUCKLINGS: .75-2.00 EA.

PULLETS: 4.50-6.75 EA.

GOSLINGS: 2.75-3.00 EA.

BANTAMS: .50-.95, 1.00-2.50 EA.

ROOSTERS: 1.30, 5.00 EA.

SILKIES: 1.50-2.00 EA.

BUNNIES: 4.25-6.00 EA.

DUCKS: .70-2.40.

RABBITS: .50-2.00, 5.00-7.00 EA.

PIGEONS: 2.00-4.00 EA.

GUINEA KEETS: 2.75-3.00 EA.

GUINEAS: 8.00-12.50 EA.

GRADE A EGGS:

WHITE JUMBO, EX. LRGE.: .80,

LARGE: .72-.77; **BROWN JUMBO, EX. LRGE.:** .75-1.00, **LARGE:** .68-.87, **MEDIUM:** .60.

Slaughter Cattle Weekly Review

Oklahoma City, Okla.
May 23, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE SUMMARY - Week Ending May 23: Slaughter cattle trade moderately tested in the north sales thus far were 2.00 lower on live and dressed basis. Trading at a near standstill in southern plains with sellers taking wait-and-see posture to lower packer bids. Sellers encouraged by reduction in supply caused by Canadian border closing and apparent continued strong beef demand.

Last Friday's Cattle On Feed's large placement numbers for April sent some negative vibrations through the trading complex as total numbers by next month could possibly be even with a year ago June 1 numbers. To the positive side carcass weights are low creating less tonnage for equal kill numbers to last year. Beef demand is considered positive to last year. Out front CME Live Cattle futures continue at apparent discounts to cash which should continue to pull cattle ahead of projected marketing dates. Boxed beef prices Friday a.m. averaged 134.82 up 1.78 from last Friday and up 8.52 from two weeks ago. Sales of slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades were only 79,600 through 10:00 a.m. Friday. Last week's full count was 243,000.

STEERS AND HEIFERS:

MIDWEST DIRECT MARKETS: Live Basis: 35-80 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs 78.00-80.00, wtd avg 78.12. Dressed Basis: 35-80 percent Choice, 550-950 lbs. 123.00-126.00, wtd avg 124.96.

HIGH PLAINS DIRECT MARKETS: Live Basis: 35-65 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs few 77.00-80.50.

SLAUGHTER COWS AND BULLS (Average Yielding): Slaughter cows steady to 2.00 higher. Bulls steady. The closing of the Canadian border to cattle and beef movement has tightened available supply to packers. USDA's Cattle cow carcass cut-out value closed Thursday at 93.78 up 3.46 from last Friday.

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 1000-1600 lbs: Colorado 42.50-45.50; Oklahoma 41.00-44.50; Alabama 39.00-42.50. Boners 80-85% lean 900-1500 lbs: Colorado 42.00-45.50; Oklahoma 40.00-43.50; Alabama 41.00-44.00. Lean 85-90% lean 850-1400 lbs: Colorado 38.00-41.50; Oklahoma 38.00-41.50; Alabama 36.00-39.00.

BULLS: 88-92% lean 1500-2200 lbs: Colorado 51.50-53.00; Oklahoma 50.50-53.50; Alabama 48.00-53.00.

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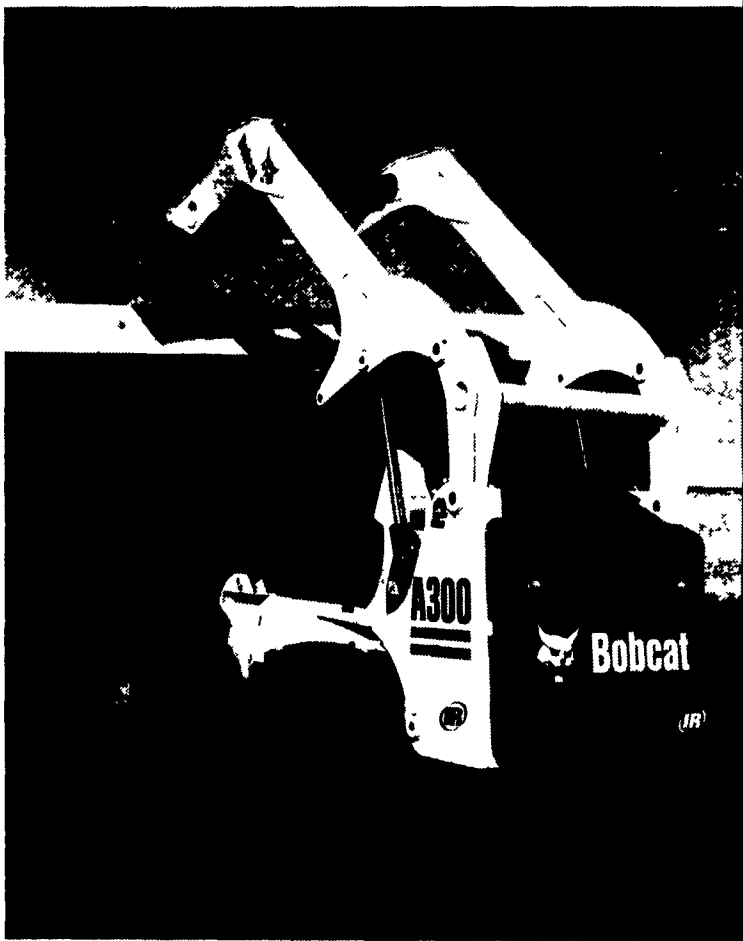
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