

Weaverland Hay

New Holland, Pa
Report Supplied By Auction
Thursday, July 10, 2003
Hay—Straw—Grain
TOTAL LOADS: 29.
ALFALFA: 100.00-135.00.
TIMOTHY HAY: 110.00.
ORCHARDGRASS: 130.00.
MIXED HAY: 55.00-135.00.
GRASS: 70.00-75.00.
STRAW: 100.00-167.00.
FIREWOOD: 57.00.

Shippensburg Hay Auction

Shippensburg, Pa.
Report Supplied By Auction
July 5 and 8, 2003
Hay—Straw—Grain
38 LOADS.
ALFALFA: 44.00-92.00.
MIXED HAY: 44.00-180.00.
TIMOTHY: 58.00-180.00.
BROMEGRASS: 52.00-210.00.
ORCHARDGRASS: 50.00-100.00.
STRAW: 57.50-85.00.
CORN: 110.00.
OATS: 3.00 BU.
MULCH: 15.00-30.00.

Oklahoma Feeder Cattle Weekly

Oklahoma City, OK
July 9, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA
OKLAHOMA NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, Weekly Cattle Summary — Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers 1.00-3.00 higher. Steer calves over 550 lbs and all heifer calves steady. Steer calves under 550 lbs 2.00-5.00 higher. Demand continues very good for all classes. Feedlot buyers aggressive for light supplies of cattle to fill pen space. Farmers with spring and summer grazing programs have made strong profits on yearling sales and are aggressive for light yearlings and weaned calves to replace the feeders they have sold. Calf sales were highlighted by 3 large strings of reputation bred calves. Cattle industry is thinking on a positive plane with much optimism floating around about August slaughter cattle.

National Feeder Cattle Weekly Review

St. Joseph, Mo.
July 3, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA
NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - Week Ending July 3 — NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY Total Receipts: 249,400; last week 255,400; last year 251,200. Direct: 60,500; last week 78,800; last year 34,800. Video/Internet: 128,000; last week 3,300; last year 152,800. Auctions: 60,900, last week 173,300; last year 63,600. This week's reported auction volume included 52 percent over 600 lbs (with the absence of the Southeastern markets) and 44 percent heifers.

Tennessee Feeder Cattle Sales

Nashville, Tenn.
July 9, 2003
Report Supplied By USDA
Tennessee Weighted Average report for Tuesday, July 8, at Dickson, Huntingdon, Somerville and Cookeville. Receipts 1,992 calves and feeders (18 pct over 600 lbs). Compared to two weeks ago, feeder 1.00-3.00 higher. Feeder heifers steady to 3.00 higher. Average weights and average prices in parentheses.
FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1-2: 63 head, 300-400 lb (355) 97.00-119.00 (108.15); 96 head, 400-500 lb (453) 87.00-104.00 (96.00); 113 head, 500-600 lb (548) 82.00-98.00 (91.47); 8 head, 500-600 lb (519) 98.00-101.00 (100.13); 59 head, 600-700 lb (634) 80.00-91.00 (86.22); 9 head, 700-800 lb (744) 74.00-84.00. Med./Lge. 3: 16 head, 300-400 lb (354) 85.00-114.00 (99.48); 30 head, 400-500 lb (447) 78.00-99.50 (89.57); 38 head, 500-600 lb (547) 74.00-92.00 (81.31); 11 head, 600-700 lb (629) 75.00-89.00 (84.79).

National Direct Feeder Pig Report

Week Ending July 3, 2003

USDA Market News, Des Moines, Iowa

Weekly Summary of prices on a farm to farm per head basis. FOB is the price picked up at the seller's farm. DELIVERED is the price unloaded at the buyer's farm, including trucking and broker's fees.

RECEIPTS: This Week 98,748; Last Week 102,007

VOLUME BY STATE OR PROVINCE OF ORIGIN:

Oklahoma 18.0%	Iowa 14.0%	North Carolina 13.9%	Manitoba 10.6%
Ontario 7.1%	Missouri 6.8%	Indiana 6.5%	Nebraska 4.7%
Illinois 4.4%	Minnesota 3.3%	Illinois 3.2%	Wisconsin 2.9%
Arkansas 1.6%	Michigan 1.1%	Tennessee 1.0%	Colorado 0.5%
Kansas 0.5%			

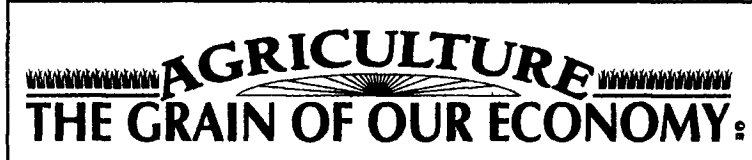
VOLUME BY STATE OF DESTINATION:

Iowa 53.4%	Illinois 12.0%	Nebraska 10.7%	Minnesota 8.3%
Indiana 5.1%	Missouri 3.2%	Ohio 2.9%	Wisconsin 2.6%
Pennsylvania 0.7%	Kentucky 0.5%	Washington 0.5%	

TREND: Compared to last week. Early weaned pigs steady to 1.00 lower. All feeder pigs steady to 3.00 per head lower. Demand light to moderate for moderate offerings. Receipts include 43% formulated prices

Lot Size Per Trade	Total Head	Price Range FOB Seller	Wtd Avg FOB	Price Range Delvrd Buyer	Wtd Avg Delvrd
EARLY WEANED PIGS 10 POUNDS BASIS: Estimated 40-54% Lean Value					
250 head or less	1,669	23.00-29.60	27.07	24.00-31.00	28.45
250-750	10,091	20.00-31.00	26.49	22.00-32.00	28.34
750 or more	33,200	17.00-31.50	28.25	19.00-33.25	29.75
Total Composite	44,960	17.00-31.50	27.81	19.00-33.25	29.38
FEEDER PIGS 40 POUNDS BASIS: Estimated 40-54% Lean Value					
250 head or less	375	30.00-37.00	34.20	35.00-38.00	36.80
250-750	4,950	30.00-43.00	34.24	35.00-45.00	37.93
750 or more	18,868	32.50-41.00	35.00	36.50-44.91	39.53
Total Composite	24,193	30.00-43.00	34.83	35.00-45.00	39.16
FEEDER PIGS 45 POUNDS BASIS: Estimated 40-54% Lean Value					
250-750	180	45.00	45.00	46.40	46.40
750 or more	14,000	39.00-46.54	41.59	41.25-48.63	43.78
Total Composite	14,180	39.00-46.54	41.63	41.25-48.63	43.81
FEEDER PIGS 50 POUNDS BASIS: Estimated 40-54% Lean Value					
250 head or less	725	42.00-47.00	44.09	44.00-47.50	45.67
250-750	1,960	34.50-42.00	39.60	36.50-44.00	41.55
750 or more	6,580	40.00-49.50	44.06	41.50-51.02	45.75
Total Composite	9,265	34.50-49.50	43.11	36.50-51.02	44.84
FEEDER PIGS 55 POUNDS BASIS: Estimated 40-54% Lean Value					
250-750	5,100	38.50-46.11	42.56	42.50-50.11	46.56
750 or more	1,050	39.50	39.50	43.50	43.50
Total Composite	6,150	38.50-46.11	42.04	42.50-50.11	46.04

Most lots of 40-60 weight pigs have a sliding value from the negotiated weight basis which is calculated on the actual average weight of the load plus or minus .30-.40 per pound. Some early weaned lots have a slide of 50-1.00 per pound. Early weaned pigs are under 19 days old. Estimated lean value is projected to use slaughter weights with normal confinement feeding conditions. Vaccination and health program values are not included but health status should be disclosed.



Receipts this week 7430; last week 8032; last year 9244. Supply consisted of 72% over 600 lbs; 23% calves; 5% cows and bulls. Heifers comprised 33% of feeder & calf supply.

Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1: CALVES: 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 106.00-120.00 (114.12); 500-550 lbs (514 lbs) 98.00-110.00 (106.20), load Fancy 550 lbs 108.50; 550-600 lbs (569 lbs) 97.00-103.50 (100.80); 600-650 lbs (622 lbs) 91.00-96.00 (93.66), 3 loads Fancy 101.00-104.00; 650-700 lbs (675 lbs) 92.00-95.25 (94.48); 700-750 lbs (738 lbs) 86.75-88.00, 2 loads Fancy 95.25-95.75. YEARLINGS: 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 94.00-96.00 (95.53); 700-750 lbs (726 lbs) 92.00-94.75 (93.89); 750-800 lbs (773 lbs) 87.50-91.75 (89.79); 800-850 lbs (830 lbs) 85.50-88.75 (87.62); 850-900 lbs (883 lbs) 84.00-84.50 (84.21); 900-975 lbs (950 lbs) 80.75-85.50 (83.43).

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1: CALVES: 400-500 lbs (450 lbs) 93.50-97.50 (96.00), load Fancy 102.00-103.50; 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 88.50-95.25 (92.50), 2 loads Fancy 96.00-101.00; 600-650 lbs (621 lbs) 84.00-90.00 (88.72), load Fancy 89.75-91.50; 650-700 lbs 83.50-85.75 (85.64). YEARLINGS: 550-600 lbs (576 lbs) 92.75-94.00 (93.10); 600-650 lbs (622 lbs) 88.50-93.25 (90.14); 650-700 lbs (672 lbs) 87.00-89.50 (88.47); 700-750 lbs (725 lbs) 85.00-89.25 (86.80); 750-800 lbs (779 lbs) 84.00-86.00 (85.38); 800-850 lbs (814 lbs) 81.25-85.85 (84.08); 880 lbs 81.00; 930 lbs 78.75.

Compared to last week, feeder and stocker cattle sold firm to 3.00 higher on light pre-holiday receipts. Price advances were quoted on both auction and direct sales, after several weeks of country buyers resisting the higher market for current delivery cattle. Southeastern calf markets were not well tested as most auction markets were closed. However, several salebarns in the Plains and the Midwest had decent receipts and demand was very good as reported by the USDA's Livestock Market News Service.

The first week of July not only means fireworks but also that it's time for the Annual Bar-B-Que Yearling Special at the livestock auction in the small northern Missouri town of Green City, population 688. Around 4000 head of top quality 700-900 lb yearling steers and heifers were offered, including 40 truckload lots. There were nearly 1200 head of 800-900 lb steers sold with an average price of 91.47. The jury is still out on whether these prices were provoked by the free lunch, an appearance by the newly crowned World Champion Livestock Auctioneer, or simply demand for these types of cattle. Iowa and Nebraska buyers dominated the bidding, which barely slowed down enough for the local buyers to nip at their heels. Premiums were being paid for home-raised cattle or those that had a verifiable origin. The Midwestern feeders that are paying through the nose for fancy yearlings are not going to get caught with their heads in the sand, should COOL (Country of Origin Labeling) come to fruition.

Timely precipitation across most of the United States has both crops and pastures looking good, which always turns into demand for feeders and stockers. The fed cattle market rebounded a bit this week, with live sales quoted 1.00 higher at 75.00 and 2.00-3.00 higher in-the-beef at 120.00 dressed. The weather outlook for the metropolitan areas is very good for the long Fourth of July weekend to include beef on the grill. Whether its hot dogs or steaks; have a great Independence Day from all of us at Market News.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Med. ge. 1-2: 65 head, 300-400 lb (357) 85.00-99.00 (91.24); 158 head, 400-500 lb (455) 78.00-96.00 (86.10); 151 head, 500-600 lb (545) 75.00-87.00 (82.19); part load 46 head, 500-600 lb (582) 84.00; 53 head, 600-700 lb (635) 71.00-83.00 (78.62); 12 head, 700-800 lb (732) 63.50-77.50 (73.15). Med./Lge. 3: 28 head, 300-400 lb (352) 78.50-93.00 (84.98); 68 head, 400-500 lb (449) 65.00-90.00 (81.45); 30 head, 500-600 lb (536) 68.00-87.50 (76.912); 30 head, 600-700 lb (668) 59.50-78.50 (67.79).

FEEDER BULLS: Med./Lge. 1-2: 12 head, 300-400 lb (338) 104.00-115.00 (109.64); 70 head, 400-500 lb (455) 86.50-105.00 (92.34); 74 head, 500-600 lb (550) 77.00-95.00 (86.85); 32 head, 600-700 lb (634) 63.00-88.00 (80.11); 11 head, 700-800 lb (751) 68.00-79.00 (73.10).

Northeast Eggs

Atlanta, Georgia
Report Supplied by USDA
July 10, 2003

Prices were unchanged; however, mediums were trending lower. The market tone was steady to instances barely steady with mediums in the weakest position. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to fairly good, best where features were at factor. Large 18 pack eggs were advertised at 2 for 3.00. Supplies were adequate to available for current trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient to fully sufficient for the moderate demand. Light type fowl were adequate to fully adequate for slaughter schedules.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN. RANGE MOSTLY EXTRA LARGE 71-84 74-77 LARGE 66-81 71-73 MEDIUM 53-68 58-60

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