

**Livestock Cooperative Auction Market Of North Jersey Poultry & Eggs**  
 Hackettstown, N.J.  
 Report Supplied by Auction Tuesday, July 15, 2003

HEAVY FOWL .40-.95.  
 BROILERS .35-.60.  
 CHICKS .50-2.50 EA.  
 PULLETS 4.50-6.00 EA.  
 GEESE .45-.55, 3.50 EA.  
 BANTAMS .90, 1.00-2.75 EA.  
 ROOSTERS .90-1.25, 6.00 EA.  
 BUNNIES 1.00-4.50 EA.  
 DUCKLINGS .50-1.50 EA.  
 DUCKS .25-.60.  
 RABBITS 1.00-2.00, 1.75-3.00 EA.  
 PIGEONS 1.00-3.50 EA.  
 KEETS .50-1.00 EA.  
 GUINEAS 5.00-6.00 EA.  
 GRADE A EGGS:  
 WHITE JUMBO, EX. LRGE. .85-1.00,  
 LARGE .81-.86; BROWN JUMBO, EX. LGE. 1.00-1.02, LARGE .92-1.00.

**Northeast Eggs**  
 Atlanta, Georgia  
 Report Supplied by USDA  
 July 17, 2003

Prices were unchanged; however, the larger sizes were trending slightly higher. The market tone was steady to instances fully steady. Demand into all channels ranged moderate to fairly good, best where features were in progress. Large eggs were advertised at 47 cents per dozen with a minimum purchase of 25.00, limit one. Supplies were adequate to at times available for immediate trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually sufficient for the moderate to good demand. Light type fowl were at least adequate to fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

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 51-66 58-60

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT.

ported auction volume included only 35 percent over 600 lbs and 41 percent heifers. Compared to last week, yearling feeder steers and heifers sold 1.00-3.00 higher on tight supplies and very good demand as feedlots scramble to fill empty pens. Auction receipts were light this week but the large number of buyers on hand made it seem like late fall. The big-volume buyers are usually sporting flip-flops at the lake in early July - but this year they have their ostrich boots on, trying to knock the traders off of a few singles and odd-lots to scrounge a load of feeders together. Direct trading was also active this week, after recent Superior and Western video auctions set the price on country trades. Most of the direct sales in Texas and the Mountain states were for fall delivery, but Kansas reported numerous transactions for current delivery. Many Flint Hills grazers elect to double-stock their pastures early in the summer and these yearlings will be shipped within the next two weeks. Most of these 800 lb steers are selling in the 77.00-78.00 range, which according to the Futures Board have a snowballs chance of breaking even. However, these cattle appear affordable when compared to Western Cornbelt salebarns that have been selling 8 weight steers in the 90.00s and 7 weights over 100.00. Empty pens and abundant corn have the same effect on cattle feeders that green grass has on the backgrounder.

Stocker cattle and calf prices trended steady to 5.00 higher on light numbers in the Plains and Midwest. Southeastern markets lacked a comparison for last week but a definite higher undertone was noted. Most of the strength was placed on lightweights (under 500 lbs) as some producers have already cashed-in their yearlings and are looking to reload.

The fed cattle market failed to see the advance this week that most of the industry had expected. Most feedlots are very current as they continue to market aggressively. Since early May the weekly slaughter has averaged 750,000 head, with the exception of holiday weeks. So why are packers continuing to buy cattle at 74.00? (because they can).

**Tennessee Feeder Cattle Sales**  
 Nashville, Tenn.  
 July 16, 2003  
 Report Supplied By USDA

Tennessee Weighted Average report for Tuesday, July 15, at Dickson, Huntingdon, Somerville and Cookeville. Receipts 1,825 calves and feeders (17 pct over 600 lbs). Trend: Feeder steers steady. Feeder heifers steady to 2.00 lower. Average weights and average prices in parentheses.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1-2: 44 head, 300-400 lb (349) 99.00-121.00 (109.42); 73 head, 400-500 lb (457) 88.00-106.00 (96.39); 72 head, 500-600 lb (550) 84.00-95.00 (89.98); 48 head, 600-700 lb (640) 78.00-89.00 (85.44). Med./Lge. 3: 43 head, 300-400 lb (356) 84.00-111.00 (97.65); 29 head, 400-500 lb (463) 77.00-95.50 (86.85); 29 head, 500-600 lb (538) 75.00-87.50 (82.50); 7 head, 600-700 lb (652) 74.00-82.50 (79.66).

FEEDER HEIFERS: Med./Lge. 1-2: 41 head, 300-400 lb (348) 83.00-97.00 (92.74); 136 head, 400-500 lb (448) 78.00-93.00 (85.01); 136 head, 500-600 lb (546) 75.00-87.00 (81.05); 9 head, 500-600 lb (572) 86.00; 48 head, 600-700 lb (640) 71.00-84.00 (77.91); 16 head, 700-800 lb (748) 70.00-79.00 (74.94). Med./Lge. 3: 28 head, 300-400 lb (348) 73.00-90.00 (83.09); 46 head, 400-500 lb (445) 74.00-84.00 (79.00); 51 head, 500-600 lb (537) 68.00-81.00 (75.50); 7 head, 600-700 lb (619) 73.00-79.00 (75.15).

FEEDER BULLS: Med./Lge. 1-2: 16 had, 300-400 lb (378) 94.00-115.00 (104.76); 68 head, 400-500 lb (454) 82.00-104.00 (91.67); 73 head, 500-600 lb (545) 72.00-93.50 (85.82); 43 head, 600-700 lb (644) 67.00-89.00 (79.07); 14 head, 700-800 lb (751) 60.00-79.00 (70.70).

**Kentucky Feeder Cattle Sales**  
 Lexington, Ky.  
 July 15, 2003  
 Report Supplied By USDA

BLUE GRASS STOCKYARDS Daily Auction Report: Receipts: 2,091. Compared to Monday: Steer and heifer calves steady to 1.00 lower. Yearling steers steady to 1.00 lower, yearling heifers steady. Holsteins poor early test.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1: 300-350 106.00-111.00, 350-400 lbs no early test; 400-450 lbs 98.00-108.00, 450-500 lbs 96.00-106.00; 500-550 lbs 95.00-105.00, including 43 head(mixed) 518 lbs 103.00; 550-600 lbs 90.00-96.70, including 36 head(blk) 600 lbs 96.70; 600-700 lb calves 85.00-90.00; 600-700 lb yearlings 89.00-93.50; 700-800 lbs 82.00-88.40, including 71 head(mixed) 752 lbs 88.40 & 66 head(mixed) 796 lbs 86.45; few 800-900 lbs 79.50-84.00; 17 head 915 lbs 83.00. Holsteins: Large 3: 5 head 496 lbs 70.00; 500-600 lbs 68.00-71.00; 12 head 792 Lbs 69.50; cpl 1070 lbs 58.00.

BULL CALVES: Medium and Large 1: 300-400 lbs 94.00-102.00; 400-500 lbs 91.00-98.00; 500-600 lbs 84.00-96.00; 600-700 lbs 78.00-84.00. Medium and Large 2 500-600 lbs 78.00-82.00; 600-700 lbs 71.00-77.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 300-400 lbs no early test; 400-500 lbs 84.00-94.00; 500-600 lbs 83.00-93.50 fleshy 80.00-82.00; 600-700 lbs 81.50-84.25, including 36 head(blk-Charx) 680 lbs fleshy 82.40; 700-800 lbs 77.50-84.00, including 59 head(mixed) 764 lbs 83.80. Medium and Large 2 300-400 lbs 86.00-94.00; 400-500 lbs 82.00-87.00; 500-600 lbs 78.00-85.00; 600-700 lbs 74.50-79.25; 700-800 lbs 72.00-76.00.

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 Hay—Straw—Grain

29 LOTS TOTAL.  
 ALFALFA: 2 LOTS, 4.00 AND 4.10 BALE.  
 MIXED HAY: 15 LOTS, .50-3.70 BALE.  
 TIMOTHY: 4 LOTS, .35-3.00 BALE.  
 GRASS: 1 LOT AT 1.80.  
 MULCH: .35.  
 OAT STRAW: .75 AND 1.00.  
 RYE STRAW: 1.40.  
 FIREWOOD: 25.00 AND 30.00.

**National Feeder Cattle Weekly Review**  
 St. Joseph, Mo.  
 July 11, 2003  
 Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY - Week Ending July 11 — NATIONAL FEEDER & STOCKER CATTLE SUMMARY Total Receipts: 422,800; last week 249,400; last year 421,600. Direct: 111,500; last week 60,500; last year 90,000. Video/Internet: 145,900; last week 128,000; last year 161,500. Auctions: 165,400, last week 60,900; last year 170,100. This weeks re-

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**Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Weekly**  
 Springfield, Ill.  
 July 11, 2003  
 Report Supplied By USDA

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Summary — Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio: Compared to last week, feeder cattle were 2.00-4.00 higher. Demand was moderate. Trading activity was slow to moderate. Heavy rains in Illinois, Ohio and Indiana hampered trading in some areas. The stronger slaughter cattle market, availability of good pastures, the continued ban on Canadian cattle, and tight cattle supplies in the trade area supported feeder prices. Reported sales consisted of about 15% beef steers, 85% heifers and 0% Holstein steers. Approximately 82% of the cattle marketed this week weighed over 600 lbs. Confirmed sales 900 this week, 200 last week and 1000 last year.

FEEDER STEERS: Med./Lge. 1-2: load lot 740 lb 88.50; load lot 975 lb 75.00. Holsteins: no test.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Med./Lge. 1-2: 550-600 lb 90.50-91.00; 625-700 lb 86.50-87.50; 750-850 lb 83.50-84.00.

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