

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary

Springfield, Ill.
July 11, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Report (includes lambs sold in IL., IN., OH., MI.) — Compared to last week, slaughter lambs were 3.00-7.00 lower for lambs over 90 lb. Lambs under 90 lb were 3.00-9.00 lower. Slaughter ewe and goat prices remained steady. Demand was light to moderate. Trading activity was moderate. The fair season has started in the Midwest and the abundance of these lambs is pressuring the market. Carlot lamb carcass prices were 1.25-5.00 higher for weights under 45 lb. Prices for lamb carcasses over 45 lb were 2.00-6.75 higher. Confirmed sales this week about 65% slaughter lambs, 35% ewes and an additional 638 head of goats. Total sheep and lambs sales 1300, last week 800 and year ago 1050.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 2-3 90-130 lb 82.00-85.00; 65-85 lb 94.00-102.00. SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility to Good 1-3: 30.00-34.00; Cull to Utility: 25.00-30.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS (cwt.): Kids: Selection 2: 20-40 lb 100.00-105.00; 40-60

lb 90.00-97.50 Selection 3: 20-60 lb 50.00-65.00 Yearlings: Selection 2: 70-90 lb 55.00-70.00 Does/Nannies and Bucks/Billies: 50.00-60.00.

This report covers sheep and lambs sold direct off the farm through local country stations.

National Weekly Lamb Report

Des Moines, Iowa
July 15, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB REPORT for week ending Monday, July 14: SLAUGHTERED LAMB PRIOR WEEK: From Forward Contracts: Domestic 0; Imported 0. From Formula Arrangements: Domestic 16,270 head; Imported: 0.

SLAUGHTERED PACKER OWNED SHEEP: DOMESTIC: 346 head, 53-95 lbs, avg. 79 lbs; dressing 50%; Choice 96.5%. IMPORTED: None.

FORWARD CONTRACT PURCHASES: No trade reported.

FORMULA PURCHASES: DOMESTIC: 6,640 head, 46-65 lbs, avg. 61.5 lbs; 177.90-194.00, wtd. avg. price 184.63. 7,704 head, 66-74 lbs, avg. 70.6 lbs; 174.30-193.91, wtd. avg. price 187.01. 1,708 head, 76-86 lbs, avg. 80.4 lbs; 177.93-193.39, wtd. avg. price 188.49. IMPORTED: None reported.

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — The 2003 edition of the Reading Fair, a 149 year old Berks County tradition, is scheduled for the week of August 4th through the 9th at the Reading Fairgrounds located at Hilltop and County Welfare roads in Bern Township off Route 183, 1 mile north of the Reading Regional Airport.

The fair begins on Monday, August 4th. Thirty rides for kids of all ages will be on the midway. In addition there will be carnival games, old fashioned games and contests, animal judging and demonstrations, a horse show, agricultural and horticultural exhibits, commercial exhibits, and food available.

The hours for the rides and midway are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 4 p.m. till 10 p.m. and Wednesday and Saturday from 1 pm till 10 pm.

Ticket prices for the fair are \$7 apiece, which includes parking, rides, exhibits, all attractions and entertainment. Barta bus service is also available.

Kicking things off Monday evening August 4th at 8 p.m. is Grammy Award winner and country music male vocalist of the year Lee Greenwood.

Tuesday August 5th it's the Marcells from 7-9:30 p.m. An oldies band for 40 years, the Marcells will feature one of the greatest all time hits, "Blue Moon."

Wednesday is Berks County School Kids Day.

On Wednesday, August 6th, country music star T.G. Sheppard will be the featured performer from 7-9:30 p.m.

Also on Wednesday the Reading Fair will unveil their new motorsports

track with a demolition derby from 7-9 p.m.

Thursday, August 7th it's Danny and the Juniors from 7-9:30 p.m. Their appearance will feature "At The Hop."

On Thursday is the motorsports track from 7-9 p.m.

On Friday, August 8th Mustang Sally takes to the stage of the main entertainment tent from 7-9:30 p.m.

Friday evening from 6-9 p.m. at the new motorsports track it's the second annual Lee Reading Fair Rodeo presented by the Red Eye Rodeo Company. There will be bareback broncs, bull riding, he-man steer wrestling, a cowgirl barrel race and more and even a greased pig contest.

Also on Friday at 7 p.m. check out the horse show in the Berks County 4-H Center Show rings.

Saturday, August 9th the classic rock all stars will be the featured performers from 7-9:30 p.m. This group of rock legends features the founders and lead singers from Iron Butterfly, Blues Image, Sugarloaf, Rare Earth and Cannibal & The Headhunters.

Beginning at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday on the new motorsports track the New-Penn Jersey Tractor Pullers Association, Inc. are presenting a tractor pull featuring modified turbo tractors, modified open tractors and trucks (street legal).

At 9 a.m. on Saturday the performance division of the horse show gets underway. There will be Western and English classes.

In addition there will be daily performances of the Star Family Circus.

Also appearing daily is the Little Farmer Pig Races.

At the midway "Vegas" tent where you can catch daily performances by David and Kathie Haines, international stars of magic.

Also appearing in the "Vegas" tent and strolling the midway daily is Michael Rosman and his feats of comedy.

In the 4-H building check out the floral exhibits, needlepoint, quilts, clothing, a display of the winners of the kids coloring contest and lots more.

Check out the Reading Fair Web site at Readingfair.us.

Youths Awarded Stanley Moore Scholarships

AURORA, Colo. — The National Farmers Union Foundation recently announced the 2003 recipients of the Stanley Moore Scholarships.

Receiving \$500 each are Troy Benson of Murdock, Minn.; Nathan Cook of Valley City, N.D.; Kim Lonneman of Rushmore, Minn.; Mary Sandness of LaMoure, N.D.; Kelsey Thompson of Columbia, Mo.; and Philip Zubrod of Valley City, N.D.

This national scholarship program, offered through the National Farmers Union Founda-

tion, was established by stockholders of the Farmers Union Insurance Acquisition Company to honor Stanley Moore and his lifelong dedication to Farmers Union.

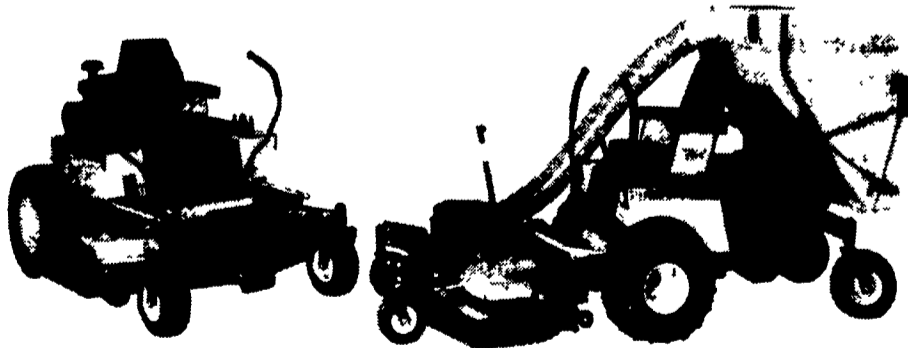
Moore was born into two prominent Farmers Union families in North Dakota. He rose through the ranks for 30 years before becoming president of the North Dakota Farmers Union. He also served as the NFU vice president and as chairman of the National Farmers Union Insurance Companies.

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