

Southeastern Project Grass Meeting Set

SPINNERSTOWN (Bucks Co.) — The Southeastern Pennsylvania Resource Conservation and Development Council will host a Project Grass meeting in Spinnerstown on Wednesday, July 30, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The meeting is for livestock graziers, forage producers, and horse-owners.

Tim Fritz of King's AgriSeeds, Ronks, will speak on "Why Grazing Works and How To Put the Pieces Together."

Karen Sullivan of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Norwich, N.Y., will address the topic "Balancing Animal Nutrition Needs in Grazing Operations."

Everyone from beginners to experts are encouraged to attend.

The meeting will take place at the Milford Township Building in Bucks County. The township building is located a half mile south of the Quakertown Exit of the north-east extension of the Pennsylvania turnpike. The address is 2100 Krammes Rd., just off Rt. 663 in Spinnerstown.

The meeting will also include finalization of the Southeast Chapter of Project Grass, with a review of proposed bylaws and election of officers.

For more information, call (215) 541-7930 or e-mail chairman@separc.org.

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53.00-57.00. Sheep 100-150 lbs 38.00-44.00, individual at 47.00; 150-250 lbs 20.00-34.00 Bucks few 175-250 lbs 31.00-42.00, individual at 46.00.

Slaughter Goats: Compared to Monday, on a light run of mixed quality goats, kid goats sold steady to firm, while yearlings traded weak to 10.00 lower. Nanny traded steady to 6.00 lower, Billies sold from 10.00-30.00 lower on a very light test. Wether goats traded 7.00 lower on a light run. Buyer attendance was low, with moderate bidding activity. All goats are sold by the head, with estimated weights.

Kids: Selection 1 few 20-40 lbs 49.00-59.00, pkg 60.00; 40-60 lbs 60.00-70.00. Selection 2 20-40 lbs 36.00-46.00; 40-60 lbs 48.00-54.00; few pigmies 19.00-25.00. Selection 3 20-40 lbs 20.00-32.00.

Yearlings: Selection 2 60-80 lbs 59.00-68.00, few 70.00-72.00; 80-100 lbs 74.00-78.00. Selection 3 60-80 lbs 52.00-58.00.

Nannies: Selection 2 50-70 lbs 51.00-62.00, mostly 50.00-56.00; 70-100 lbs 63.00-69.00, few pigmies 25.00-31.00, individual up to 42.00. Selection 3 50-70 lbs 31.00-41.00.

Billies: Selection 1 few 100-150 lbs 110.00-112.00; few 150-200 lbs 142.00-148.00. Selection 2 few 70-100 lbs 75.00-85.00; few 100-150 lbs 88.00-101.00. Selection 3 few 70-100 lbs 50.00-68.00.

Wethers: 70-100 lbs 83.00-94.00, few down to 76.00-78.00.

Lancaster County Weekly Cattle

New Holland, Pa.
Report Supplied By USDA
Friday, July 11, 2003

	CATTLE	CALVES
THIS WEEK	2425	2071
LAST WEEK	1688	1853
LAST YEAR	2643	2138

For July 18, no information available from auction or USDA as of presstime.

Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter steers sold mostly steady. Supplies increase substantially this week with the July 4th holiday being out of the way. In addition, majority of the producers finished up in the hay fields last week before the weekend rains. However, buyers were a little hesitant to move livestock early in the week due to the extreme temperatures and humidity. But by week's end market activity was active especially from the kosher slaughterers as they were trying to fill next week slaughter schedules. Additionally, they had plenty to choose from late in the week as quality improved as they continued to trade above the 80.00 mark. Nationally, western direct feedyard's continued to move the bulk of their live steers at 75.00, with dresses sales at 119.00-120.00, which is steady to weak. The August contracts move up around 71.00, but still trading at a discount to the cash trade. The boxed beef trade was slightly higher for the week, with the Choice and Select spread still around 7.00 as heavy Choice carcasses were at 130.53 on Thursday, with the heavy Select at 123.86. Local Holstein prices were 2.00 to 3.00 higher this week, with some high quality steers trade as high as 75.50. Slaughter heifers sold at mostly steady prices on limited numbers. Slaughter cows finished the week at steady to mostly 2.00 lower after trading as much as 6.00 lower early in the week on some lower quality cows, with excess fill. Slaughter bulls traded steady to firm, with some very high dressing Charollais bulls trading at 67.50-70.75, with a few up to 73.00 early in the week. The reported supply this week in Lancaster County included 885 head of slaughter steers, 157 head of slaughter heifers, 1074 head of slaughter cows, 148 head of slaughter bulls, and 161 head of feeder cattle.

Slaughter Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1125-1465 lbs 78.00-83.75, couple fancy up to 85.00, Charollais-crosses 79.00-83.75, heavyweights 1500-1555 lbs 75.75-78.25. Choice 2-3 1050-1435 lbs 75.75-80.75, few heavyweights 1525-1565 lbs 72.50-75.50. Choice 2-4 1087-1455 lbs 76.00-80.00, mostly 77.50-79.25, Charollais-crosses 77.25-79.50, few lightweight 935-995 lbs 73.25-74.00. Select and low Choice 2-3 1105-1480 lbs 73.75-77.75, high yielding individual 1425 lbs 80.50, couple heavyweights 1550-1640 lbs 70.00-72.00. Select 1-2 982-1385 lbs 71.00-76.50, high yielding up to 83.00. Standard 1-2 1055-1440 lbs 66.75-72.75.

Holstein Steers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1300-1495 lbs 70.00-75.50, individual 1460 lbs 77.75. Choice 2-3 1115-1605 lbs 67.27-72.75. Select and low Choice 2-3 1145-1480 lbs 64.75-70.50. Select 1-2 1095-1460 lbs 61.75-66.00. Standard 1-2 1265-1400 lbs 59.00-62.50.

Slaughter Heifers: High Choice and Prime 2-4 1050-1425 lbs 77.25-80.75. Choice 2-4 1000-1275 lbs 73.25-78.25, few high yielding 1150-1220 lbs 79.75-80.75, few yield grade 5's, few light weights 905-980 lbs 67.50-71.25. Select and low Choice 1000-1480 lbs 71.00-73.50. Select 1-2 970-1200 lbs 69.00-75.25, few lightweights 900-967 lbs 62.00-63.00. Commercial and few Standard 2-4 954-1330 lbs 65.50-69.25

Slaughter Cows: Percent Lean, Weight, Bulk, Low Dressing. Premium White, 65-70, over 1600 lbs, 53.50-54.00, high dressing, 61.00-63.50. Breakers, 70-75, Over 1400 lbs, 46.50-54.00, 42.00-47.25. Boners, 75-80, Over 1200 lbs, 41.25-49.00, 39.00-44.00. Lean (Hi-Yield), 80-85, Over 1200 lbs, 39.75-47.00, 37.75-42.25. Lean, 85-90, Over 1000 lbs, 35.50-44.75, 31.50-41.00. Lean (Light-Wt), 85-90, 750-1000 lbs, 33.00-39.75, 27.50-33.75.

Slaughter Bulls: Yield Grade 1 980-2285 lbs 57.00-66.00, high dressing 1360-2210 65.50-70.75, few up to 73.00, low dressing 985-1860 lbs 45.00-53.00, outstanding fancy individual Bullock 74.00. Yield Grade 2 1035-2115 lbs 51.75-60.75, lower dressing single at 48.75, several 560-985 lbs 46.50-55.50.

Calf Summary: Compared to last week's closing prices, slaughter calves sold steady for the week. Holstein bull calves suitable for special-fed veal barns sold steady to 28.00 higher for the week. The greatest price increase was noticed in the Graded Number Two Bull calves in part due to the addition of the Graded Number Three Bull's to the sifting process. This greatly improved the quality and uniformity of the sorts. After first implemented in Vintage on Tuesday, Number Two Bull calves sold nearly 40.00-60.00 higher, between 137.00-170.00. Northeast special fed veal mostly 235.00-265.00, few small sales at higher levels on very good demand and very light offerings. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 1344 head of heifers and bulls at the two graded sales in Lancaster County this week, compared to 1190 last week.

Slaughter Calves: Good and Choice 115-225 lbs 93.00-130.00; 400-450 lbs 89.00-94.00. Standard and Utility 60-130 lbs 20.00-45.00, weaker 11.00-20.00.

Holstein Calves Going Into Special-fed Veal Barns:

Monday- Holstein Bulls 80-120 lbs 125.00-157.00. Plainer Holstein Bulls 80-105 lbs 85.00-125.00. Weaker Holstein Bulls 75-100 lbs 62.00-85.00. Few Holstein Heifers 75-90 lbs 200.00-330.00.

Tuesday- Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 120 lbs 115.00; 95-115 lbs 150.00-167.00; 80-90 lbs 75.00-115.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 95-115 lbs 137.00-170.00; 90 lbs 90.00-97.00; few large lots 80-85 lbs 60.00-75.00, few 75 lbs 30.00. Graded Number Three Holstein Bulls package averaging 109 lbs 90.00; 80-95 lbs 35.00-50.00. Graded Number One Holstein Heifers 95.00-115.00 lbs 435.00-460.00; lot averaging 83 lbs 390.00; lot averaging 73 lbs 110.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Heifers package 104 lbs 400.00; 90-100 lbs 285.00-350.00, few packages 82 lbs 135.00-215.00; lot averaging 74 lbs 100.00, package averaging 59 lbs 85.00. Few Beef-type Heifers and Bulls 90-115 lbs 100.00-135.00; 70-85 lbs 40.00-80.00.

Thursday- Graded Number One Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 115.00-154.00, 80-90 lbs 75.00-115.00. Graded Number Two Holstein Bulls 90-125 lbs 122.00-135.00; 80-90 lbs 65.00-87.00. Graded Number Three Bulls 105-130 lbs 75.00; 75-100 lbs 30.00-40.00. Holstein Heifers 90-125 lbs mostly 180.00-260.00; 80-90 lbs 170.00-500.00. Plainer-type heifers 90-125 lbs 80.00-135.00, 70-90 lbs 90.00-170.00. Weaker heifers 70-100 lbs 40.00-85.00.

Pennsylvania Livestock Auction

Waynesburg, Pa.

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Report Supplied By Auction

CATTLE: STOCK COWS: 41.50-54.50. SLAUGHTER COWS: Utility & Commercial 42.00-52.50; Boner & Boning Utility 36.00-46.50; Cutter & Boning Utility 35.00-43.00; Canner & Low Cutter 35.00-40.50; Shells 30.00 & down.

BULLS: YIELD GRADE 1 1500#-2000# 51.00-61.75; YIELD GRADE 2 1000#-1400# 38.00-70.00.

FEEDER STEERS: M & L 1 300-500# 80.00-100.00. 250-280# 80.00-102.00; M 600-900# 55.00-88.00.

HEIFERS: M 1 & L 1 300-500# 68.00-84.00; L 1 400-650# 60.00-82.00.

BULLS: M & L 1 300-620# 70.00-94.00.

CALVES: Veal Prime 70.00-85.00; Choice 60.00-84.00; Good 35.00-70.00; Farm Calves #1 Holstein Bulls 90-120# Few 35.00-150.00; #2 Holstein Bulls 80-100# Few 10.00-50.00; Beef — Bull & Hfrs./Hd. 35.00-90.00.

HOGS: Barrows & Gilts #1-2 210-255# 37.50-41.00; #2-3 255-280# 39.00-40.00; Sows #1-3 300-500# 30.00-34.00; Feeder Pigs 1-3 15-20# 5.00-22.00/Hd. 1-3 25-35# 10.00-23.00/Hd.

LAMBS: High Choice 80-100# 77.00-102.00; Choice 40-75# 75.00-107.00; Feeder Lambs Good 50.00-102.00; Sheep 10.00-35.00; Fat Sheep 15.00 and down.

GOATS: Large 45.00-100.00/Hd.; Medium 30.00-67.00/Hd.; Small 10.00-30.00/Hd.

HORSES: Horses 19.00-51.50; Ponies 20.00-48.00.

Indiana Livestock Auction

Homer City, Pa.

Thursday, July 17, 2003

Report Supplied By PDA

CATTLE: 112.

STEERS: CHOICE 1-3 1020/1380 LBS. 74.00, 77.75. SELECT 1-2 70.75, 73.75.

HOLSTEIN STEERS: CHOICE 2-3 1382 LBS. ONE AT 66.00. SELECT 1-2 57.00-61.50.

HEIFERS: CHOICE 1-3 1334 & 1366 LBS. 72.00 & 79.25. SELECT 1-2 65.75, 70.50.

COWS: BREAKERS 75-80% LEAN 47.25, 54.75. BONERS 80-85% LEAN 40.50, 47.75. LEAN 85-90% LEAN 36.00, 44.00. SHELLS 35.00 AND DOWN.

BULLS: YG 1 1982 LBS. ONE AT 56.75. YG 2 900/2040 LBS. 48.00, 49.75.

FEEDER CATTLE: STEERS NO MARKET TEST. BULLS: FEW M & L-2 605/860 LBS. 55.00, 68.00

CALVES: 75 STANDARD & GOOD 70/115 LBS. 32.50, 52.50. UTILITY 70/100 LBS. 27.50-30.00. NO. 1 BULLS 90/125 LBS. 115.00, 132.50. ONE AT 140.00. NO. 2 BULLS 85/95 LBS. 65.00, 110.00. NO. 1 HEIFERS 110 LBS. ONE AT 360.00. NO. 2 HEIFERS 68/84 LBS. 125.00, 170.00. BEEF CROSS BULLS AND HEIFERS 75/95 LBS. 107.50, 142.50.

HOGS: NO MARKET TEST.

FEEDER PIGS: NO MARKET TEST.

SHEEP: 18. CHOICE 64/72 LBS. 88.00, 93.00. CH 80/100 LBS. 89.00, 100.00. SLAUGHTER SHEEP COUPLE 21.00 & 40.00.

GOATS: 38. KIDS: SELECTION 1 40/60 LBS. 66.00, 72.50. SELECTION 2 20/40 LBS. 27.50, 42.50. 40/60 LBS. 52.00, 53.00. SELECTION 3 20/40 LBS. 6.00, 15.00. NANNIES: 50/70 LBS. 22.50, 32.50. 70/100 LBS. 50.00, 65.00.

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Beef Collections Will Continue As Legal Process Moves Forward

DENVER, Colo. — Although The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld a ruling that the checkoff program is unconstitutional, collections of beef checkoff assessments continue pending further notification from the court and USDA.

The Cattlemen's Beef Board has asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Justice attorneys representing the checkoff program to begin the appeal process with the United States Supreme Court.

The Department of Justice, which represents USDA and the Beef Board, now has 45 days to decide whether to ask for a rehearing by the full slate of judges that sit on the Eighth circuit in St. Louis. The Department of Justice can also seek review of the case by the U. S. Supreme Court.

According to the ruling by the Eighth Circuit Court of Ap-

peals, the stay of Judge Kornmann's injunction against collection of the checkoff will remain in place pending further filings in this case and normal collections should continue unless the court and USDA direct us to stop.

Remittances not received by the due date will be treated as non-compliance. Late fees will accrue accordingly.