

Oklahoma Feeder Cattle Weekly

Oklahoma City, OK
September 24, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

OKLAHOMA NATIONAL STOCKYARDS, Weekly Cattle Summary — Compared to last week Feeder steers fully steady Feeder heifers 100-200 higher Demand good for feeder cattle Steer and heifer calves 100-400 lower, with exception of steer calves under 5 weight steady Calf demand moderate Bulk of calves carrying more flesh and less weaning time than in past several weeks. Packers slowed slaughter rates Monday as Choice grading cattle continue scarce

Receipts this week 10,512, last week 10,495, last year 11,147 Supply consisted of 38% yearlings and calves over 600 lbs, 54% calves, 8% cows and bulls Heifers comprised 42% of feeder & calf supply

Prices follow with weighted average weight and price in parenthesis

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1: CALVES: 350-400 lbs (378 lbs) 118.50-127.00 (123.03), 400-450 lbs (434 lbs) 110.00-122.50 (118.35), 450-500 lbs (479 lbs) 106.00-115.00 (109.11), 500-550 lbs (529 lbs) 98.00-108.00 (101.87); 550-600 lbs (581 lbs) 95.50-103.00 (99.66); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 95.00-104.00 (97.84); 705 lb calves 95.00. **YEARLINGS:** 550-600 lb thin (567 lbs) 104.50-107.00 (105.98); 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 104.00-108.50 (105.74); 700-750 lbs (730 lbs) 103.00-106.00 (104.69); 750-800 lbs (775 lbs) 100.75-107.25 (103.95); 800-850 lbs (815 lbs) 100.00-103.50 (102.34), 910 lbs 91.50; 980 lbs 88.25.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1. CALVES: 300-350 lbs (339 lbs) 111.00-124.00 (120.25); 350-400 lbs (377 lbs) 104.50-112.00 (108.88); 400-450 lbs (432 lbs) 95.00-108.00 (103.16), 450-500 lbs (483 lbs) 92.00-102.00 (95.12); 500-600 lbs (550 lbs) 92.00-98.00 (94.53), 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 91.50-96.75 (94.91) **YEARLINGS:** 600-700 lbs (650 lbs) 97.00-101.75 (98.88), 700-800 lbs (750 lbs) 96.00-100.00 (97.57); 800-875 lbs (850 lbs) 92.25-97.75 (93.63); 900-950 lbs (908 lbs) 86.00-89.75 (89.30)

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary

Springfield, Ill.
September 19, 2003

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Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Report (includes lambs sold in IL, IN, OH, MI) — Compared to last week, slaughter lambs were 400-500 lower on weights over 110 lbs Lighter weight lambs were 400-500 higher. Slaughter ewe and goat prices remained steady. Demand and trading activity were moderate Carlot lamb carcass prices were sharply higher on carcasses under 40 lbs Lamb carcasses over 40 lbs ended mixed Confirmed sales this week about 78% slaughter lambs, 22% ewes and an additional 672 head of goats. Sheep and lamb sales 1550, last week 1450 and year ago 1000.

SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Choice 2-3: 110-135 lbs 80.00-84.00; 65-75 lbs 79.00-102.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES: Utility to Good 1-3: 30.00-34.00; Cull to Utility: 26.00-30.00.

SLAUGHTER GOATS (cwt): KIDS: Selection 2: 20-40 lbs 98.00-103.00, 40-60 lbs 88.00-92.00 Selection 3 20-60 lbs 45.00-60.00 **YEARLINGS:** Selection 2 70-90 lbs 55.00-65.00 **DOES/NANNIES AND BUCKS AND BILLIES** 45.00-55.00

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

Note: receipts do not cover total movement in the area.

Slaughter Cattle Weekly Review

Oklahoma City, Okla.
September 19, 2003

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NATIONAL SLAUGHTER CATTLE SUMMARY - Week Ending Sept. 19: Slaughter cattle traded 1.00-2.00 higher with dressed sales 3.00 higher Packer demand moderate to good as cattle were once again sold early in the trading period Cattle continue to be sold with limited days on feed as is evident by the wide spread in the Choice and Select cut-outs, which sits at just under 29.00. From the stocker/feeder end all the way to boxed beef end industry is working at record level pricing and all facets bringing in the profits. It all goes back to the basics of economics and is simply driven by demand. Boxed beef prices seems to have topped out with a sharp decline Friday morning. Beef prices Friday averaged 146.23, down 2.51 from last Friday. Sales of slaughter cattle on a national basis for negotiated cash trades totaled a minimum of 192,100 head through 10:00 a.m. Friday Last week's full count was 278,700 head.

STEERS AND HEIFERS: Midwest Direct Markets: Live Basis: 35-80 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs 88.00-94.50, wtd avg 92.38. Dressed Basis: 35-80 percent Choice, 550-950 lbs 142.00-149.00, wtd avg 145.30 High Plains Direct Markets, Live Basis: 35-65 percent Choice, 900-1400 lbs 88.00-91.50, wtd avg 89.45.

SLAUGHTER COWS AND BULLS (Average Yielding): Slaughter cows and bulls steady to 1.50 higher, except southeast 1.00-3.00 lower. USDA's Cutter cow carcass cut-out value closed Thursday at 96.79, down 4.22 from last Thursday

COWS: Breakers 75-80% lean 1000-1600 lbs. Colorado 52.50-56.00; Oklahoma 51.50-54.50, Alabama 41.50-44.50 Boners 80-85% lean 900-1500 lbs. Colorado 50.00-53.50; Oklahoma 48.00-51.50, Alabama 42.00-45.50 Lean 85-90% lean 900-1400 lbs Colorado 45.00-48.00, Oklahoma 44.00-47.50; Alabama 35.50-38.50.

BULLS: 88-92% lean 1500-2200 lbs: Colorado 55.50-59.50; Oklahoma 55.00-58.50; Alabama 53.00-57.00.

Red Meat Production Down 5% In August

Washington, D. C.
September 19, 2003

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Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.91 billion pounds in August, down 5 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in August 2002

August 2002 contained 22 weekdays and 5 Saturdays. August 2003 contained 21 weekdays and 5 Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds, was 6 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.13 million head, down 2 percent from August 2002. The average live weight was down 34 pounds from the previous year, at 1,225 pounds

Veal production totaled 14.2 million pounds, a new monthly low and 15 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 79,700 head, down 17 percent from August 2002. The average live weight was 5 pounds above last year, at 294 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.56 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.04 million head, 6 percent below August 2002. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 260 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.7 million pounds, was down 6 percent from August 2002 and was a new monthly low. Sheep slaughter totaled 241,200 head, 9 percent below last year. The average live weight was 129 pounds, up 3 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2003 commercial red meat production was 31.0 billion pounds, down 1 percent from 2002. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal was down slightly, pork was down slightly from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

North Carolina Livestock Sales

Raleigh, N.C.
September 23, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

MOUNT AIRY LIVESTOCK AUCTION: CATTLE and CALVES: Receipts: 814, last week 1398. Slaughter cows were 4.00 to 5.00 lower, bulls 5.00 to 8.00 lower. Feeder heifers were steady to 4.00 higher; steers steady to 5.00 lower, bulls steady. Slaughter cows and bulls 18 percent. Replacement pairs and feeder cows 6 percent. Feeder steers and bulls under 600 lbs 41 percent, over 600 lbs 6 percent. Feeder heifers under 600 lbs 24 percent, over 600 lbs 4 percent.

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80 percent lean 850 lbs and up 40.00-43.50, high dressing 44.50-48.00; Boners 80-85 percent 850 lbs and up 40.00-43.00, low dressing 34.50-39.00; Lean 85-90 percent 850 lbs and up 34.50-39.00

SLAUGHTER BULLS: Yield Grade 1 and 2: 1000-1500 lbs 44.00-51.00; 1500 lbs and up 49.50-54.00.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1 and 2: 250-300 lbs 115.00-134.00; 300-350 lbs 111.00-118.00; 350-400 lbs 104.00-113.00;

400-450 lbs 99.00-104.50; 450-500 lbs 90.00-100.00; 550-600 lbs 85.00-92.00; 600-700 lbs 84.00-90.00. **HOLSTEINS:** Large 200-300 lbs 73.00-75.00; 300-400 lbs 80.00-85.00, 400-500 lbs 80.00; 500-600 lbs 65.00-72.00; 700-800 lbs 62.00-68.00

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1 and 2: 200-250 lbs 100.00-110.00; 250-300 lbs 94.00-113.00; 300-350 lbs 94.00-111.00; 350-400 lbs 90.00-100.00; 400-450 lbs 87.00-92.00, 450-500 lbs 86.50-91.00; 500-550 lbs 80.00-87.00, 550-600 lbs 83.00-90.00; 600-700 lbs 82.00-90.00

FEEDER BULLS: Medium and Large 1 and 2: 400-500 lbs 85.00-92.50; 500-600 lbs 84.00-87.00; 600-700 lbs 70.00-80.00.

FEEDER COWS: Medium 1, 760-930 lbs young age cows 38.50-50.00. Large 1, 1045-1205 lbs middle age cows 36.50-45.00. Medium 1, 780-995 lbs middle age cows 39.50-51.00.

STOCK COWS: Medium 1, 950-1050 lbs middle age cows bred 3-8 months 400.00-525.00 per head. Large 1, 1100-1350 lbs middle age cows bred 2-5 months 460.00-590.00 per head.

COWS/CALF PAIRS: Small 1, 650-800 lbs middle age cows with calves 175-425 lbs 315.00-650.00 per pair. Large 1, 1100-1200 lbs with calves 225-400 lbs 560.00-650.00 per pair.

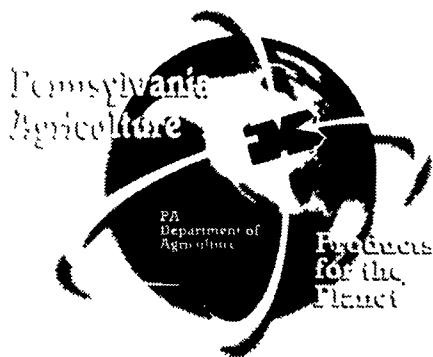
BABY CALVES, per head: Holsteins small 25.00-55.00, large 65.00-102.50.



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Dennis C. Wolff
Secretary of Agriculture

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