

Fredericksburg VQA Feeder Cattle Sale

Harrisonburg, Va.
October 2, 2003

Report Supplied by USDA

Fredericksburg State Graded Feeder Cattle Sale, Oct. 1 — 337 head (212 steers, 125 heifers) Prices per cwt

FEEDER STEERS Medium and Large 1 7 head 500-600 lb avg 570 lb 106.00, 34 head 600-700 lb avg 655 lb 107.00, 3 head 700-800 lb avg 735 lb 98.00, 23 head 800-900 lb avg 835 lb 94.50, 9 head 900-1000 lb avg 945 lb 89.00 Medium and Large 2. 31 head 500-600 lb avg 550 lb 103.00; 36 head 600-700 lb avg 640 lb 102.50; 9 head 700-800 lb avg 735 lb 93.50 Large 1-2, Double L's. 6 head 600-700 lb avg 660 91.00

FEEDER HEIFERS Medium and Large 1 26 head 600-700 lb avg 638 lb 88.50; 12 head 700-800 lb avg 732 lb 86.50; 8 head 800-900 lb avg 829 lb 79.50, Medium and Large 2. 10 head 400-500 lb avg 447 lb 86.50, 34 head 500-600 lb avg 540 lb 84.00

Red Meat Production In State Down 5 Percent

Harrisburg, Pa.

October 5, 2003

Report Supplied By PASS

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during August 2003 totaled 101.8 million pounds, dressed weight basis, down 5 percent from August 2002, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service (PASS).

Beef production, at 108.8 million pounds live weight, was down 7 percent from August 2002. Total head slaughtered was 86,400 down 6 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 13 pounds to 1,260 pounds. Veal production was 4.8 million pounds live weight, down 12 percent from a year ago. Calf slaughter of 16,000 head was down 14 percent, average live weight increased 6 pounds to 303 pounds.

Pork production, at 53.3 million pounds live weight, was up 2 percent from a year earlier. Total head slaughtered was 217,500, down less than 1 percent. Average live weight increased 5 pounds to 245 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production was 700,000 pounds live weight, up 8 percent from 2002. The number slaughtered was 6,800, up 6 percent from August of last year. The average live weight increased 3 pounds to 104 pounds from August 2002.

Nationally, commercial red meat production for August 2003 totaled 3.91 billion pounds, dressed weight basis, down 5 percent from the 4.14 billion pounds produced in August 2002. Beef production, at 2.33 billion pounds dressed weight basis, was 6 percent below the previous year. Veal production, at 14.2 million pounds, a new monthly low, was 15 percent below August a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.56 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.7 million pounds, was down 6 percent from August 2002.

January-August red meat production was 31.0 billion pounds, 1 percent below the previous year. Accumulated beef production was down 1 percent from last year, veal production was down slightly from last year, pork was down slightly also, and lamb and mutton production was down 10 percent.

National Weekly Lamb Report

Des Moines, Iowa

October 7, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB REPORT for week ending Monday, Oct. 6. **SLAUGHTERED LAMB PRIOR WEEK** From Forward Contracts. Domestic 0; Imported 0. From Formula Arrangements. Domestic 21,640 head; Imported 0.

SLAUGHTERED PACKER OWNED SHEEP: DOMESTIC 1,873 head, 71-81 lbs, avg. 76 lbs; dressing 50%; Choice 99.6%. **IMPORTED:** None.

FORWARD CONTRACT PURCHASES: No trade reported.

FORMULA PURCHASES. DOMESTIC 1,166 head, 52-65 lbs, avg. 64.1 lbs; 170.00-184.05, wtd. avg. 182.14; 16,694 head, 65-75 lbs, avg. 71.3 lbs, 172.22-184.38, wtd. avg. price 177.48; 2,562 head, 76-84 lbs, avg. 80.5 lbs, 172.63-182.00, wtd. avg. price 177.87; 615 head, 85-87 lb avg 169.02-177.74, wtd. avg 173.51 **IMPORTED:** None reported.

Five-Area Weekly Average Direct Slaughter Cattle

St. Joseph, Mo., October 6, 2003 — USDA Market News Service
Sales in Texas/Oklahoma; Kansas; Nebraska; Colorado; and Iowa/Minnesota Feedlots for
Week Ending Sunday, October 5, 2003

Confirmed Sales: 167,909, Week Ago 188,798, Year Ago. 147,040

LIVE FOB BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds:

SLAUGHTER STEERS					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	2,598	1150-1425	89 00-96 00	1,341	93 15
65-80% Choice	3,036	1200-1450	89 50-95 00	1,312	92 64
35-80% Choice	27,249	1050-1400	87 00-95 00	1,260	90 55
0-35% Choice	10,850	1085-1370	87 00-91 50	1,243	90 06
TOTAL all grades	43,733	1050-1450	87.00-96.00	1,264	90.73

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	568	1050-1325	90 75-95 00	1,190	93 43
65-80% Choice	4,955	1100-1320	89 00-95 00	1,184	92 65
35-65% Choice	34,309	1020-1300	86 00-94 50	1,135	90 34
0-35% Choice	3,302	1050-1300	87 00-90 00	1,130	89 88
TOTAL all grades	43,134	1020-1325	86.00-95.00	1,141	90.61

DRESSED DELIVERED BASIS SALES - Beef Breeds:					
SLAUGHTER STEERS					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	1,600	787-866	140 00-150 00	818	147 03
65-80% Choice	4,933	740-915	141 00-150 00	834	146 59
35-65% Choice	15,674	693-901	140 00-150 00	832	145 21
0-35% Choice	40	739	145 00	739	145 00
TOTAL all grades	22,247	693-915	140.00-150.00	831	145.65

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS					
	Head Count	Weight Range	Price Range	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price
Over 80% Choice	488	709-835	142 00-150 00	761	146 58
65-80% Choice	4,193	698-865	140 00-148 00	772	146 12
35-65% Choice	13,470	676-864	140 00-147 00	755	145 60
0-35% Choice	251	752-772	145 00-146 00	761	145 54
TOTAL all grades	18,402	676-864	140.00-150.00	759	145.74

WEEKLY WEIGHTED AVERAGES					
This Week:					
	Head Count	Avg. Weight	Avg. Price		
Live Steer	43,733	1,264	90 73		
Live Heifer	43,134	1,141	90 61		
Dressed Steer	22,247	831	145 65		
Dressed Heifer	18,402	759	145 74		
Same Period Last Week:					
Live Steer	49,404	1,270	89 80		
Live Heifer	47,581	1,140	89 80		
Dressed Steer	24,833	820	143 38		
Dressed Heifer	17,893	754	144 50		
Same Period Last Year:					
Live Steer	39,129	1,308	63 93		
Live Heifer	45,336	1,199	64 27		
Dressed Steer	31,168	871	99 66		
Dressed Heifer	17,615	786	99 94		

Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 3—(USDA-NASS) — Total red meat production under federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 4, was estimated at 893.0 million lbs, according to the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. This was 1.1 percent lower than a week ago and 4.1 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 0.4 percent lower compared to the previous year.

MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds)

Week Ending (1)	Meat Production (million pounds)				Totals (3)
	Beef	Calf/Veal	Pork (2)	Lamb/Mutton	
04-Oct-03	486 0	3 3	400 0	3 7	893 0
27-Sep-03	507 7	3 5	388 2	3 8	903 2
Change	-4 3%	-5 7%	3 0%	-2 6%	-1 1%
05-Oct-02	527 4	3 7	385 6	4 1	920 8
Change	-7 8%	-10 8%	3 7%	-9 8%	-3 0%
2003 YTD	20,343 8	139 2	14,528 5	143 2	35,154 7
2002 YTD	20,469 6	140 7	14,543 1	157 8	35,311 2
Change	-0 6%	-1 1%	-0 1%	-9 3%	-0 4%

1- Previous week estimates may be revised Year ago data are actuals
2- Excludes lard
3- Totals may not add due to rounding 2003 totals are subject to revision

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER (head)

Week Ending	Cattle	Calves/Vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lambs
04-Oct-03	653,000	18,000	2,049,000	56,000
27-Sep-03	681,000	19,000	1,999,000	57,000
Change	-4 1%	-5 3%	2 5%	-1 8%
05-Oct-02	683,000	20,000	1,987,000	62,000
Change	-4 4%	-10 0%	3 1%	-9 7%
2003 YTD	27,454,000	748,000	73,592,000	2,138,000
2002 YTD	26,943,000	753,000	74,147,000	2,340,000
Change	1 2%	-0 7%	-0 7%	-8 6%

AVERAGE WEIGHTS (lbs.)

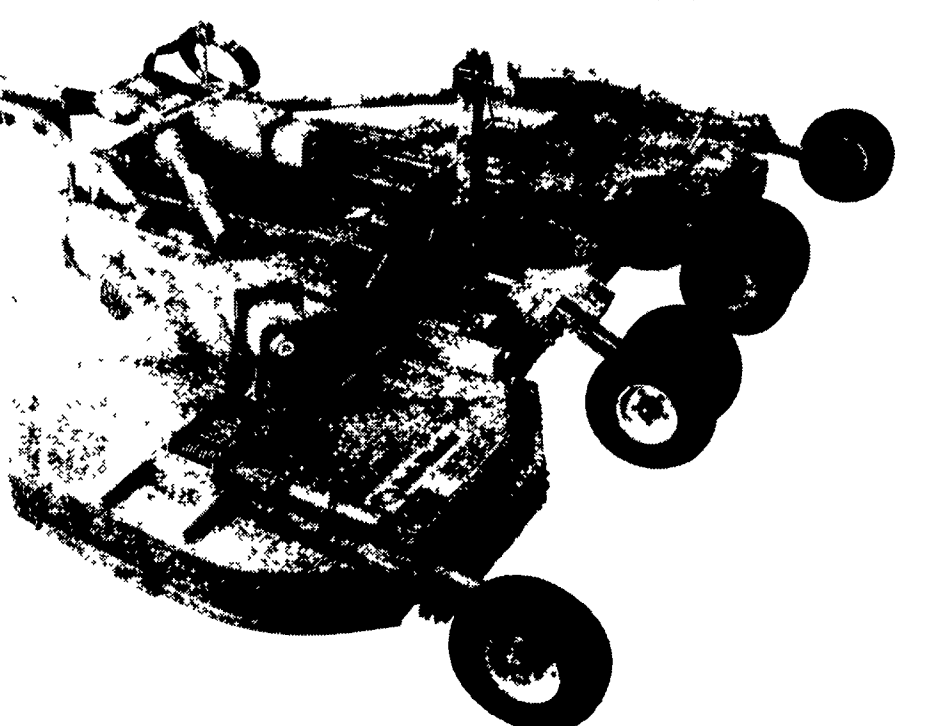
Week Ending	LIVE	CATTLE	CALVES/VEALERS	HOGS	SHEEP/LAMB
04-Oct-03	Estimate	1230	306	263	133
27-Sep-03	Estimate	1229	301	261	132
05-Oct-02	Actual	1273	306	263	132
DRESSED					
04-Oct-03	Estimate	748	189	196	67
27-Sep-03	Estimate	749	186	195	67
05-Oct-02	Actual	776	188	195	66

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SLAUGHTERED BY CLASS

Wk Ending	CATTLE				HOGS		
	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls/Stags	Barrows/Gilts	Sows	Boars/Stags
20-Aug-03	48 4%	33 2%	16 5%	1 9%	96 4%	3 3%	0 2%
21-Aug-02	49 9%	31 9%	16 5%	1 8%	96 6%	3 1%	0 2%

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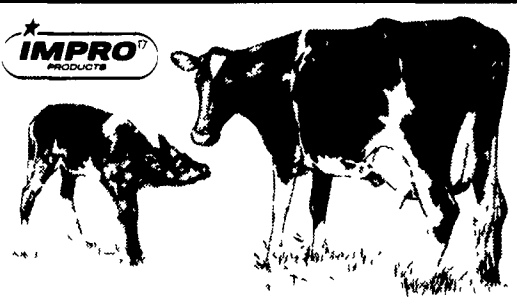


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