

### Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Weekly

Springfield, Ill.  
October 17, 2003

#### Report Supplied By USDA

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Summary — Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio — Compared to last week, compared to last week, feeder cattle were mostly 1.00-2.00 higher. Holstein steers were unevenly steady. Demand was moderate but the continuing grain harvest season slowed trading to a standstill in some areas. The strongest demand is for yearling cattle but they are becoming increasingly harder to find. The sharply higher slaughter cattle market and stronger futures prices supported feeder cattle prices early in the week. Confirmed sales about 36% beef type steers, 39% heifers and 25% Holstein steers. Approximately 86% of the cattle marketed this week weighed over 600 lb. Confirmed sales 1200 this week, 1550 last week and 800 last year.

FEEDER STEERS: Med./Lge. 1-2: 525-575 lb 105-108.50; 750-875 lb 96.50-98.50; load lot 1020 lb 85.50. HOLSTEINS: Med./Lge. 3-4: 875-1075 lb 77.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Med./Lge. 1-2: 550-675 lb 100-105.00; 775-850 lb 90-92.00. Sm./Med. 2-3: 525-650 lb 98.50.

Prices are based FOB the farm unless otherwise indicated. Delivered prices include freight, commissions, and other expenses.

### Kentucky Feeder Cattle Sales

Lexington, Ky.  
October 21, 2003

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BLUE GRASS STOCKYARDS Daily Auction: Estimated Receipts: 3,000. Compared to Monday: Steer and heifer calves 1.00 to 2.00 lower. Yearling steers 2.00 to 3.00 lower, yearling heifers remain in short supply and not fully established, much weaker undertone. Holsteins poor early test.

FEEDER STEERS: Medium and Large 1: 300-350 lbs 110.00-120.00, 350-400 lbs 111.00-117.00; 400-450 lbs 102.00-111.00, 450-500 lbs 100.00-111.75; 500-550 lbs

100.00-109.75, 550-600 lbs 97.50-106.50; 600-700 lb calves 90.00-100.00, 600-700 lb yearlings few 96.00-101.00; 700-800 lbs 95.00-101.25 few inds 91.00-94.00, including 20 head (blk-grey) 784 lbs 101.25; 800-900 lbs 95.00-100.50, including 118 head (mixed) 828 lbs 100.50; 9 head 1002 lbs 93.25. HOLSTEINS: Large 3: 9 head 387 lbs 80.00; 6 head 564 lbs 80.00; 5 head 675 lbs 71.50.

BULL CALVES: Medium and Large 1: 300-400 lbs 105.00-121.00; 400-500 lbs 96.00-104.00; 500-600 lbs 88.00-99.00; 600-700 lbs 85.00-96.00; 700-800 lbs 78.00-84.50, 800-900 lbs 78.00-84.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1: 300-400 lbs 97.00-105.50; 400-500 lbs 92.00-98.00; 500-600 lbs 87.00-95.00, including 22 head (blk) 506 lbs 95.00; 600-700 lbs 85.00-88.50; 700-800 lbs 85.50-88.00; 7 head 808 lbs 88.00.

### East Coast and North Central Veal Report

Des Moines, Iowa  
October 22, 2003

#### Supplied By USDA

CARLOT VEAL CARCASS REPORT: Compared to trading last week: Northeast special fed veal lower to sharply lower at 235.00 to 245.00 with an average 242.81. Demand moderate on light offerings. North Central hide-off 5.00 to 7.00 lower at 225.00 and hide-on not tested on moderate demand and light offerings. Undertone lower.

VEAL CARCASS, SPECIAL FED, HOT BASIS, FOB PRODUCTION POINTS: Northeast 615 head. Hide-Off, 215-275 lbs: 245.00. North Central: Hide-On, 240-300 lbs no test.

CONTRACT INFORMATION: Hot Basis, Hide-Off — (As of October 22, 2003) — Contract calves slaughtered this week: 200.00-245.00. Packers base market 220.00-255.00. Future Contracts offered: Firm Bottom 215.00-220.00, Firm Top 230.00-235.00. Firm Bottom/Open Top, 210.00. Firm Bottom 215.00, Split Half Top 230.00. Fixed, none offered.

• North Central - OH, IN, IL, MI & WI.

• Northeast - MA, MD, PA, NY, NJ, DE, CT & VT.

WEEKLY DISTRIBUTIVE, LESS THAN CARLOT, EAST COAST AREA VEAL CUTS TRADE, SPECIAL FED: Market for Tuesday, Oct. 21 — Distributive special fed veal cuts trading mostly weak to lower on light demand and light to moderate offerings.

Prices per CWT: Carcass, hide off 200-250 lb 275-305.00; Foresaddles 90-110 lb 225-240.00; Kasher Foresaddles 90-110 lb 250-270.00; Hindsaddles 85-115 lb 365-395.00; Loins, regular 17-25 lb 340-400.00; Loins, 4x4 trmd 12-18 lb 640-725.00; Hotel Racks, 8 rib 15-21 lb 525-600.00, 7 rib 14-20 lb 600-675.00, 6 rib 13-17 lb 700-800.00; Chuck, square cut 36-47 lb 135-175.00; Shoulder, full 14-20 lb 175.00-185.00; Legs, double 70-90 lb 370-395.00, TBS 3-piece 24-32 lb 750-800.00, BHS heel-out 27-35 lb 525-650.00; Top Round, trmd, cap-off 8-10 lb 1100-1295.00; Breast 10-12 lb 80-110.00; Necks, bone-in 24-28 lb 140-175.00; Stew Meat, regular 275-350.00; Boneless Trimmings 75-80% lean 75-95.00; Heavy Nature Green Hides, per piece 36-41.00.

### National Weekly Lamb Report

Des Moines, Iowa  
October 21, 2003

#### Report Supplied By USDA

NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB REPORT for week ending Monday, Oct. 20: SLAUGHTERED LAMB PRIOR WEEK: From Forward Contracts: Domestic 0; Imported 0. From Formula Arrangements: Domestic 22,429 head; Imported 0.

SLAUGHTERED PACKER OWNED SHEEP: DOMESTIC: 3,465 head, 60-82 lbs, avg. 74 lbs; dressing 50%; Choice 99.8%. IMPORTED: None.

FORWARD CONTRACT PURCHASES: No trade reported.

FORMULA PURCHASES: DOMESTIC: 1,678 head, 52-63 lbs, avg. 61.1 lbs; 170.00-184.12, wtd. avg. 181.45; 15,152 head, 65-75 lbs, avg. 71.4 lbs; 172.29-187.86, wtd. avg. price 176.67; 5,533 head, 76-86 lbs, avg. 81.0 lbs; 169.52-183.32, wtd. avg. price 176.33. IMPORTED: None reported.

### Weekly Meat Production Under Federal Inspection

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 17— (USDA-NASS) — Total red meat production under federal inspection for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 18, was estimated at 881.5 million lbs, according to the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. This was 0.4 percent lower than a week ago and 7.7 percent lower than a year ago. Cumulative meat production for the year to date was 0.8 percent lower compared to the previous year.

#### MEAT PRODUCTION (million pounds) (excludes condemned)

Week Ending (1)	Beef	Calf/Veal	Pork (2)	Lamb/Mutton	Totals (3)
18-Oct-03	458.8	3.3	415.5	3.9	881.5
11-Oct-03	471.4	3.5	406.2	3.6	884.7
Change:	-2.7%	-5.7%	2.3%	8.3%	-0.4%
19-Oct-02	551.6	3.9	395.2	4.0	954.7
Change:	-16.8%	-15.4%	5.1%	-2.5%	-7.7%
2003 YTD:	21,276.2	145.7	15,356.6	150.6	36,929.1
2002 YTD:	21,567.3	148.4	15,331.4	165.9	37,213.0
Change:	-1.4%	-1.8%	0.2%	-9.3%	-0.8%

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
18-Oct-03	620,000	18,000	2,118,000	57,000
11-Oct-03	636,000	19,000	2,081,000	54,000
Change:	-2.5%	-5.3%	1.8%	5.6%
19-Oct-02	711,000	21,000	2,024,000	60,000
Change:	-12.8%	-14.3%	4.6%	-5.0%
2003 YTD:	28,510,000	785,000	77,791,000	2,249,000
2002 YTD:	28,360,000	794,000	78,191,000	2,462,000
Change:	0.5%	-1.1%	-0.5%	-8.7%

#### AVERAGE WEIGHTS (lbs.)

Week Ending: LIVE:	Cattle	Calves/vealers	Hogs	Sheep/Lamb
18-Oct-03 Estimate	1231	303	266	133
11-Oct-03 Estimate	1229	305	264	134
19-Oct-02 Actual	1278	305	265	134
DRESSED:				
18-Oct-03 Estimate	744	187	197	68
11-Oct-03 Estimate	745	189	196	68
19 Oct -02 Actual	780	198	196	67

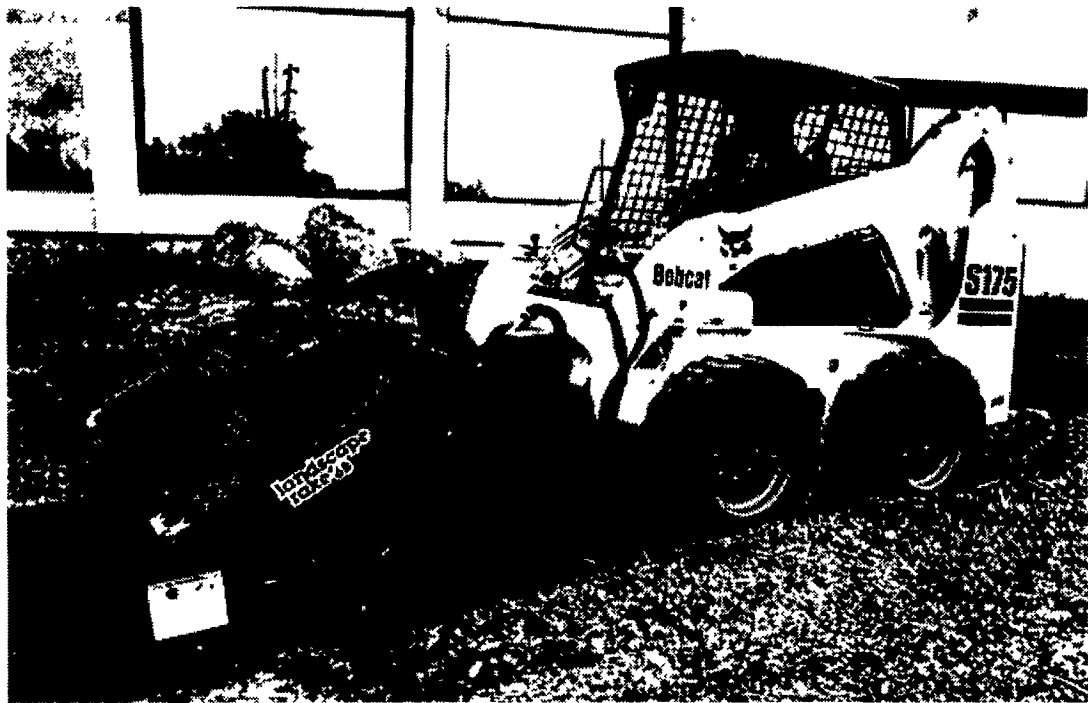
#### PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL SLAUGHTERED BY CLASS

Wk. Ending	CATTLE				HOGS		
	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls/Stags	Barrows/Gilts	Sows	Boars/Stags
04-Oct-03	46.0%	33.8%	18.1%	2.0%	96.7%	3.1%	0.2%
05-Oct-02	49.9%	31.3%	16.8%	2.0%	96.4%	3.3%	0.2%

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