

Virginia Livestock Auction Summary
Richmond, Va.
October 29, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

NORTHERN VIRGINIA LIVESTOCK — Front Royal, Rockingham, Shenandoah, Staunton, and Winchester for Oct 20-25. All prices per hundred pounds liveweight, except where noted

FEEDER CATTLE 3308 (Steers 1783, Holstein Steers 49; Heifers 736; Bulls 740).

FEEDER STEERS Medium and Large 1: 200-300 lbs 100.00-113.00, 300-400 lbs 90.00-122.00; 400-500 lbs 90.00-120.00 few low as 84.00; 500-600 lbs 90.00-109.00 few low as 82.00, 600-700 lbs 90.00-105.00 few 84.50-89.50, 700-800 lbs 84.00-101.00, 800-900 lbs 85.00-104.60, 900-1000 lbs 81.00- 84.50; 1000-1100 83.00. Medium and Large 2: 300-400 lbs 92.00- 94.50, 400-500 lbs 90.00-120.00 few low as 74.00; 500-600 lbs 90.00-120.00 few 70.50- 84.00, 600-700 lbs 90.00-105.00 few low as 75.00; 700-800 lbs 85.00- 95.00 few 72.00-75.00, 800-900 lbs 80.00- 89.00; 900-1000 lbs 72.00 Medium and Large 3: 400-500 lbs 62.00-74.00; 500-600, 48.00- 57.00 Small 1, 300-400 lbs 71.00, 400-500 lbs 90.00-110.00; 500-600 lbs 90.00-110.00 few low as 83.50, 600-700 85.00-100.00, 700-800 lbs 80.00- 89.00.

HOLSTEIN STEERS Large 2-3: 200-300 lbs 81.00; 400-500 lbs 81.00; 500-600 lbs 61.00- 72.00; 600-700 lbs 63.00-67.00.

FEEDER HEIFERS: Medium and Large 1: 200-300 lbs 84.00- 96.00; 300-400 lbs 89.00-102.50 few 80.00- 86.00; 400-500 lbs 80.00- 94.75 few low as 74.50; 500-600 lbs 79.00-95.00 few low as 73.00; 600-700 lbs 82.00- 91.00; 700-800 lbs 81.00- 92.00 few 72.00- 76.50; 800-900 lbs 74.00- 84.00. Medium and Large 2: 300-400 lbs 73.00- 90.00; 400-500 lbs 79.00-89.50 few low as 65.00; 500-600 lbs 70.00- 89.50; 600-700 lbs 72.00- 83.00 few low as 63.00; 700-800 lbs 69.00- 79.50; 800-900 lbs 78.00-78.50. Medium and Large 3: 300-400 lbs 49.00; 400-500 lbs 58.00- 66.00; 500-600 lbs 55.00-60.00; 600-700 lbs 60.00. Small 1: 300-400 lbs 55.00- 67.00 few high as 85.00; 400-500 lbs 53.50- 67.00; 500-600 lbs 50.00- 64.50; 600-700 lbs 56.00- 66.00.

FEEDER BULLS: Medium and Large 1: 200-300 lbs 94.00-111.00; 300-400 lbs 90.00-120.00; 400-500 lbs 85.00-108.50; 500-600 lbs 82.00- 96.00 few 72.00- 77.50; 600-700 lbs 80.00- 92.00 few low as 71.00; 700-800 lbs 68.00-72.75; 800-900 lbs 65.00. Medium and Large 2: 300-400 lbs 80.00- 90.00 few 71.00- 76.00; 400-500 lbs 70.00- 89.00; 500-600 lbs 67.00-85.00; 600-700 lbs 60.50- 74.00; 700-800 lbs 67.00. Medium and Large 3: 400-500 lbs 74.00-76.00 few low as 47.00; 500-600 lbs 61.00- 64.50. Small 1: 300-400 lbs 70.00- 80.00 few low as 55.00; 400-500 lbs 72.00- 81.50; 500-600 lbs 65.00- 74.00 few low as 50.00; 600-700 lbs 58.50-65.50.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE: 591 (Cows 539; Bulls 52).

SLAUGHTER COWS: Breakers 75-80% Lean 850-1200 lbs 35.00- 45.00; 1200-1600 lbs 34.75- 45.75. High Yielding 39.00- 48.00. Boners 80-85% Lean 800-1200 36.00- 46.00; 1200-2000 lbs 34.50- 46.00, High Yielding 45.00- 46.75. Lean 85-90% 850 lb/under 27.50-35.00, 850 lbs/over 30.00- 43.50.

SLAUGHTER BULLS: YG 1-2 1000-1500 lbs 40.00- 51.00; 1500-2500 lbs 48.00- 54.00.

Cows Returned To Farms: 128, 845-1550 lbs: Medium and Large 1 few 2, 5 years old to aged, bred 2-9 months 360.00-680.00 per head. 900-1250 lbs: Mostly Medium and Large 1, 4-10 years old, bred 2-7 months, 350.00-850.00 per head.

Cows With Calves At Side: 58, 1145-1215 lbs: Medium and Large 1, 6-7 years old with calves 115-130 lbs 640.00-800.00 per pair. 950-1200 lbs: Mostly Medium and Large 1, 3-10 years old with calves 100-300 lbs 500.00-900.00 per pair. Medium and Large 1, 6-10 years old with calves 150-300 lbs 750.00-1000.00 per pair.

Heifers (Bred): 12. Medium and Large 1, safe with calf 800.00-1000.00 per head.

Baby Calves Returned To Farms: 102 head. Holstein Bulls 70-100 lbs 17.00- 67.50 per head; 100-200 lbs 20.00-120.00 per cwt.

Sheep: 379 (Slaughter Lambs 267; Feeder Lambs 98; Slaughter Ewes 14).

Slaughter Lambs: Spring Woolled Choice and Prime 1-2 80-110 lbs 90.50- 96.00, 110-125 lbs 91.25; Good and Choice 1-3 60-90 lbs 84.50-94.00. Old Crop Woolled Choice and Prime 1-2 90-110 lbs 92.00- 97.00; Good and Few Choice 1-2 60-90 lbs 101.00.

Feeder Lambs: Spring Woolled Medium and Large 1-2 40-60 lbs 93.50-109.00; 60-90 lbs 85.75- 91.50 few 97.50-105.50; Small and Medium 1-2 60-90 lbs 92.00- 98.00 few low as 74.00.

Slaughter Ewes: Choice 2-4 32.00- 34.50; Good 2-4 35.50.

Hogs: 12. Barrows and Gilts: US 1-3 200-250 lbs 40.00; US 2-4 250-300 lbs 40.00.

East Fluid Milk And Cream Review
Madison, Wis.
October 29, 2003

Report Supplied by USDA

SPOT PRICES OF CLASS II CREAM, dollars per lb butterfat: F.O.B producing plants: Northeast, 1.5664-1.7326. Delivered Equivalent. Atlanta 1.6139-1.7800 mostly 1.6376-1.6851.

PRICES OF CONDENSED SKIM, dollars per lb wet solids, F.O.B producing plants Northeast. Class II, includes monthly formula prices 8700-9300. Class III, spot prices. 12000-13000

SPOTS SHIPMENTS OF GRADE A MILK FLORIDA: This Week: In 128, Out 0; Last Week In 155, Out 0, Last Year In 134, Out 0 **SOUTHEAST STATES**: This Week In 00, Out 0, Last Week In 0, Out 0; Last Year In 0, Out 0

EDITOR'S NOTE Due to changes in milk supply agreements, milk import/export totals are not directly comparable to year ago figures and to shipments prior to April 1, 2003.

Milk production is showing more signs of increasing in the Southeast, but steady to occasionally lower in the Northeast. Cooler weather and some much needed rainfall were reported in Florida and other Southeastern states. The rain helped restart grass/pasture growth and the cooler weather eased cow comfort. Milk output was increasing as far west as Texas and up into the Mid-South. The gains in the milk flow eased the need for milk in the region. Colder temperatures and some early snowfalls were noted in New York and New England late last week and milk output has eased lower in some areas. The easing of the milk flow is typical for this time of year.

Bottled milk demand is fair at best. Most contacts report that Class I demand is little

changed or even slower than past weeks. However, Florida is starting to see the 'early bird' winter residents start to show up and this could/should help milk sales. Milk needs in the Southeast are off slightly and they have less need for contracted milk from other regions. Therefore, interregional shipments are not as heavy as they have been. The strike/lockout affecting some large retail chain stores is entering its fourth week and is barely mentioned in contacts' conversations any more. Other stores have apparently seen improved sales, which offset the losses seen in the chains that are closed/impacted by the strike. Surplus milk supplies remain tight, but not quite as tight as earlier this month. Some plants continue to operate on reduced schedules and others are operating as they have been for the past few weeks.

The condensed skim market is little changed. With the tight supply of surplus milk, some suppliers have had to 'out source' some loads to meet contracts. There is little trading on Class III condensed skim because of price.

The fluid cream market is easing slightly and supplies, though in better balance, are still long late in the week; light to balanced early. Spot prices are mixed. Last week's CME butter average did move fractionally higher, but multiples did ease lower at the upper end of the range. Ice cream output is starting to fall into winter patterns, but output is still quite good. Cream cheese production is steady to heavier as anticipated holiday needs are being made. Production of bottled cream, egg nog, and other holiday items are just getting under way. Churning activity is mostly steady.

Pa. Grain Report
October 27, 2003
Report Supplied By PDA

Compared with last Monday's market for Eastern and Central Pennsylvania: Corn mostly 15 spots .20 higher. Wheat mostly .20 to .40 higher. Barley and Oats steady to .05 spot .10 higher. Soybeans very active mostly .35 to .40 higher. Ear Corn 2.00 to 3.00 higher. All prices paid delivered to dealers dock, All prices per bushel, except Ear Corn per ton.

SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Corn No. 2-y. 2.45-2.65 few 2.75, avg. 2.58 Wheat No. 2: 3.69-3.80, avg. 3.77; contract for harvest 3.38-3.49. Barley No. 3: 1.80-2.25, avg. 1.95, contract for harvest 1.60. Oats No. 2: 1.90-2.00, avg. 1.93. Soybeans: 7.07-7.30 few 7.40, avg. 7.22. Gr. Sorghum: 2.60. Ear Corn: 72.00-78.00, avg. 75.00. New Ear Corn 50.00-56.00, avg. 52.67.

SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
Corn No. 2-y. 2.45-2.61, avg. 2.55. Wheat No. 2: 3.20-3.69, avg. 3.34. Barley No. 3: 1.90-2.00 few 2.20, avg. 1.96. Oats No. 2: 1.80-2.00 few 1.50, avg. 1.89. Soybeans No. 1: 7.00-7.17 few 7.30, avg. 7.10. Ear Corn: 60.00-80.00, avg. 71.00. New Ear Corn 52.00-60.00, avg. 58.67.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
Corn No. 2: 2.50-2.60 few 2.15, avg. 2.53 Wheat No. 2: 3.24-3.35, avg. 3.31. Barley No 3: 1.90. Oats No 2: 1.60-1.75, avg. 1.63. Soybeans No. 1: 7.00-7.20, avg. 7.10. Ear Corn: 74.00-80.00, avg. 77.00. New Ear Corn 51.00-56.00, avg. 53.50.

CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
Corn No. 2-y: 2.45-2.78, avg. 2.62. Wheat No. 2: 3.00-3.25, avg. 3.12. Barley No 3: 1.90-1.95, avg. 1.93. Oats No 2: 1.80-2.00, avg. 1.89. Soybeans: 6.85-7.10, avg. 6.95. Gr Sorghum: none. Ear Corn: 75.00-86.00, avg. 78.33. New Ear Corn: 50.00-60.00, avg. 57.10

LEHIGH VALLEY AREA
Corn No 2-y 2.50-2.73, avg. 2.57. Wheat No. 2: 3.30-3.70, avg. 3.56. Barley No. 3: 1.70-2.00, avg. 1.86. Oats No. 2: 1.65-1.75, avg. 1.67. Soybeans No. 1: 6.85-7.10, avg. 6.95. Gr. Sorghum: 3.00-3.05, avg. 3.02. Ear Corn 70.00-76.00, avg. 72.67. New Ear Corn 50.00-60.00, avg. 56.40

EASTERN AND CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA SUMMARY
Corn No. 2-y: 2.45-2.75, avg. 2.58, month ago 2.71, year ago 3.09. Wheat No. 2: 3.25-3.80, avg. 3.56, month ago 3.48, year ago 3.91. Barley No. 3: 1.80-2.00, avg. 1.93; month ago 1.88, year ago 1.94. Oats No. 2: 1.80-2.00, avg. 1.87; month ago 1.79; year ago 1.83. Soybeans No. 1: 6.90-7.30, avg. 6.09; month ago 6.01, year ago 5.56. Ear Corn: 70-78.00, avg. 74.25; month ago 81.86; year ago 88.26. New Ear Corn 50.00-60.00, avg. 56.12; month ago 51.13, year ago 80.73

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO
Prices FOB Truck: Corn 2.11-2.18. Wheat 3.52-3.61. Soybeans 7.46-7.54. Soybean Meal: Bulk 44% 246.60-247.50; bulk 48% 256.50-256.60

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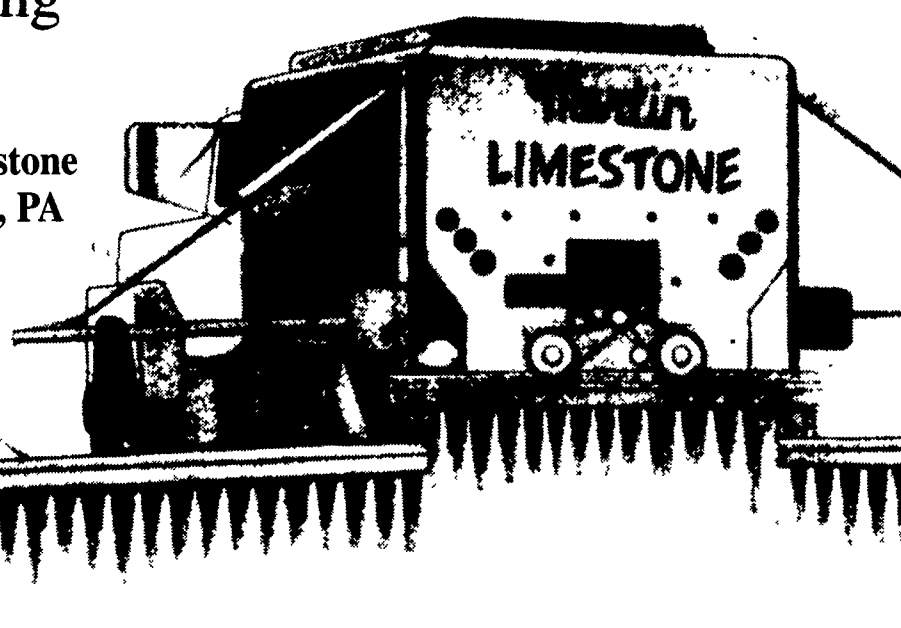
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