

Virginia Livestock Auction Summary

Richmond, Va.
December 1, 2003

Report Supplied By USDA

NORTHERN VIRGINIA LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS — Summary including Marshall, Shenandoah and Winchester for Nov 24-29

Feeder Cattle 739 (Steers 238, Holstein 38, Heifers 257, Bulls 206)

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1 300-400 lbs 92.00-118.00, 400-500 lbs 89.00-109.00, 500-600 lbs 86.00- 95.00, 600-700 lbs 85.00- 94.50, 700-800 lbs 94.00, 800-900 lbs 93.00- 96.00, 1000-1100 83.50 Medium and Large 2 300-400 lbs 87.00-104.00, 400-500 lbs 85.00- 99.00, 500-600 lbs 77.00- 90.50, 600-700 lbs 75.00- 84.50, 700-800 lbs 79.00- 80.00, 800-900 lbs 77.00- 81.00 Small 1 500-600 lbs 70.00- 71.00

Holstein Steers Large 2-3 300-400 lbs 55.00, 400-500 lbs 55.00- 62.00, 500-600 lbs 55.00- 67.00, 600-700 lbs 55.00- 61.00, 700-800 lbs 51.00- 67.50, 900-1000 lbs 62.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1 200-300 lbs 90.00, 300-400 lbs 94.00-108.00, 400-500 lbs 81.00- 98.50, 500-600 lbs 82.00- 90.75, 600-700 lbs 75.00- 82.00, 700-800 lbs 84.00, 800-900 lbs 76.50- 83.00 Medium and Large 2 300-400 lbs 85.00- 99.50, 400-500 lbs 76.00- 90.00, 500-600 lbs 70.00- 82.00, 600-700 lbs 77.00- 80.50 Small 1 300-400 lbs 58.00, 400-500 lbs 58.00- 71.00, 500-600 lbs 59.00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1 200-300 lbs 96.00-125.00, 300-400 lbs 90.00-117.00, 400-500 lbs 85.00- 99.50, 500-600 lbs 75.00- 94.00, 600-700 lbs 71.00- 84.50, 700-800 lbs 72.00- 77.50 Medium and Large 2 200-300 lbs 86.00- 97.00, 300-400 lbs 90.50-115.00, 400-500 lbs 78.00- 86.00, 500-600 lbs 70.00- 88.00, 600-700 lbs 66.00- 79.00, 700-800 lbs 69.50- 76.50, 800-900 lbs 69.00- 71.50, 900-1000 lbs 59.50 Small 1 300-400 lbs 77.00, 400-500 lbs 66.00, 600-700 lbs 65.50, 700-800 lbs 66.50, 800-900 lbs 45.50.

Slaughter Cattle: 210 (Heifers 2; Cows 187; Bulls 21).

Slaughter Heifers: Select 2-3 1000-1200 lbs 86.00.

Slaughter Cows: Breakers 75-80% Lean 850-1200 lbs 49.75- 50.00; 1200-1600 lbs 45.00- 53.50, High Yielding 52.25- 59.50; Boners 80-85% Lean 800-1200 lbs 41.00- 53.75; 1200-2000 lbs 40.75- 50.75, High Yielding 52.75- 57.50, Lean 85-90% 850 lbs and under 32.00- 40.00; 850 lbs and over 35.00- 42.75.

Slaughter Bulls: YG 1-2, 1000-1500 lbs 47.75- 59.50; 1500-2500 lbs 48.50- 59.75, High Yielding 57.50- 64.50.

Cows Returned To Farms: 96, 840-1430 lbs; Medium and Large 1 few 2's, 3 years to aged bred 2-9 months 310.00-710.00 per head; 905-1400 lbs; Medium and Large 1 few 2's, 3-8 years old bred 3-7 months 500.00-750.00 per head.

Cows With Calves At Side: 3, 1165-1360 lbs; Medium and Large 1, 5-7 years old with calves 110-185 lbs 740.00-790.00 per pair.

Calves Returned To Farm: 4, Holstein Bulls 70-100 lbs 10.00- 45.00 per head 100-200 lbs 32.00- 96.00 per cwt

Sheep: 12 (Slaughter Lambs 5; Feeder Lambs 7).

Slaughter Lambs: Old Crop Woolled: Choice and Prime 1-2, 110-130 lbs 99.00.

Feeder Lambs: Old Crop Woolled: Medium and Large 1-2 40-60 lbs 102.00-104.50, 60-90 lbs 103.50; Small and Medium 1-2: 60-90 lbs 103.00.

East Coast and North Central Veal Report

Des Moines, Iowa

December 3, 2003

Supplied By USDA

CARLOT VEAL CARCASS REPORT Compared to trading last week Northeast special fed veal steady to weak at 165.00-205.00 (average 194.54) on moderate demand and light

to moderate offerings North Central hide-on sharply lower 175.00 (average 175.00), hide-off not fully tested on good demand and light to moderate offerings

VEAL CARCASS, SPECIAL FED, HOT BASIS, FOB PRODUCTION POINTS Northeast 875 head Hide-Off, 215-275 lbs 190-195.00 North Central Hide-On, 240-300 lbs 175.00

CONTRACT INFORMATION Hot Basis, Hide-Off — (As of December 3, 2003) — Contract calves slaughtered this week 190 00-220 00 Packers base market 185 00-200 00 Future Contracts offered Firm Bottom 190 00-195 00, Firm Top 215 00- 220 00 Firm Bottom/Open Top, 190 00-195 00 Firm Bottom 190 00, Split Half Top 210 00 Fixed, 200 00

• 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, Dec 2 — Distributive special fed veal cuts trading steady to weak with exception to a few round cuts and square cuts chuck trading weak to lower Trading slow to moderate, demand mostly light on moderate offerings

Prices per CWT Carcass, hide off 200-250 lb 215-250.00, Foresaddles 85-110 lb 180-210.00, Kosher Foresaddles 90-110 lb 230-260.00, Hmd-saddles 85-115 lb 280-350.00, Loins, regular 17-25 lb 275-350.00, Loins, 4x4 trmd 12-18 lb 475-600.00, Hotel Racks, 8 rib 15-21 lb 450-525.00, 7 rib 14-20 lb 450-565.00, 6 rib 13-17 lb 575-665.00, Chuck, square cut 36-47 lb 115-165.00, Shoulder, full 14-20 lb 150.00-185.00, Legs, double 70-90 lb 225-350.00, TBS 3-piece 24-32 lb 550-725.00, BHS heel-out 27-35 lb 350-550.00, Top Round, trmd, cap-off 8-10 lb 850.00-1075.00, Breast 10-12 lb 70-100.00, Necks, bone-in 24-28 lb 125-145.00, Stew Meat, regular 200-325.00, Boneless Trimnings 75-80% lean 75-95.00, Heavy Nature Green Hides, per piece 38-41.00

National Direct Feeder Pig Report

Week Ending November 28, 2003

USDA Market News, Des Moines, Iowa

Weekly Summary of prices on a farm to farm per head basis FOB is the price picked up at the seller's farm. DELIVERED is the price unloaded at the buyer's farm, including trucking and broker's fees

RECEIPTS This Week 75,310, Last Week 102,229

VOLUME BY STATE OR PROVINCE OF ORIGIN

Ontario 24.2%	Iowa 21.1%	Manitoba 15.0%	Oklahoma 9.6%
Missouri 7.0%	Indiana 4.5%	Nebraska 3.5%	Saskatchewan 2.9%
No Carolina 2.8%	Kansas 2.4%	Georgia 1.5%	Minnesota 1.3%
Michigan 1.3%	Colorado 0.8%	Illinois 0.7%	So Dakota 0.7%
Tennessee 0.6%			

VOLUME BY STATE OF DESTINATION

Iowa 55.4%	Nebraska 14.2%	Illinois 8.9%	Minnesota 7.2%
Indiana 7.1%	Pennsylvania 2.3%	Missouri 1.9%	Ohio 1.5%
Utah 0.8%	Wisconsin 0.8%		

TREND: Compared to last week Early weaned pigs and all feeder pigs unevenly steady Demand moderate for moderate offerings Receipts include 39% formulated prices.

Lot Size Per Trade	Total Head Per Category	Price Range FOB Seller	Wtd Avg FOB	Price Range Delvrd Buyer	Wtd Avg Delvrd
EARLY WEANED PIGS 10 POUNDS BASIS: Estimated 40-54% Lean Value					
250 head or less	800	24.00-31.10	26.95	25.00-32.00	27.93
250-750	9,086	18.00-34.68	28.46	22.00-38.18	30.71
750 or more	24,967	22.00-34.68	30.45	25.00-38.18	31.89
Total Composite	34,853	18.00-34.68	29.85	22.00-38.18	31.49
FEEDER PIGS 40 POUNDS BASIS: Estimated 40-54% Lean Value					
250 head or less	200	38.35	38.35	40.00	40.00
250-750	6,025	28.00-36.00	32.72	32.00-39.50	36.11
750 or more	12,870	32.00-42.28	35.23	35.00-46.28	39.15
Total Composite	19,097	28.00-42.28	34.37	32.00-46.28	38.20
FEEDER PIGS 45 POUNDS BASIS: Estimated 40-54% Lean Value					
250-750	800	29.00-30.00	29.63	30.00-32.50	31.56
750 or more	6,710	27.90-47.95	32.65	30.00-50.05	34.75
Total Composite	7,510	27.90-47.95	32.32	30.00-50.05	34.41
FEEDER PIGS 50 POUNDS BASIS: Estimated 40-54% Lean Value					
250 head or less	100	34.00	34.00	35.50	35.50
250-750	1,700	38.00-40.00	39.59	39.00-42.50	41.78
750 or more	3,500	43.50-48.00	44.79	45.00-49.00	46.14
Total Composite	5,300	34.00-48.00	42.92	35.50-49.00	44.54
FEEDER PIGS 55 POUNDS BASIS: Estimated 40-54% Lean Value					
250-750	4,225	34.50-47.43	37.44	39.50-52.43	41.71
750 or more	4,325	35.50-38.00	36.75	40.50-43.00	41.75
Total Composite	8,550	34.50-47.43	37.10	39.50-52.43	41.73

Most lots of 40-60 weight pigs have a sliding value from the negotiated weight basis which is calculated on the actual average weight of the load plus or minus .30-.40 per pound Some early weaned lots have a slide of .50-1.00 per pound Early weaned pigs are under 19 days old Estimated lean value is projected to use slaughter weights with normal confinement feeding conditions Vaccination and health program values are not included but health status should be disclosed

Ag Secretary Announces Annual Pa. Farm Show Dinner

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — On behalf of Gov. Edward G. Rendell and the Farm Show Commissioners, Secretary of Agriculture Dennis C. Wolff announced that the annual Pennsylvania Farm Show dinner will be Friday, Jan. 9, at the newly renovated and expanded Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg.

"The Annual Farm Show Dinner provides the department an opportunity to highlight the many accomplishments and opportunities in agriculture," Wolff

said. "With the theme, 'Making Progress with our Partners,' the dinner will showcase Pennsylvania food products and highlight the relationships that exist between the Department of Agriculture and its many partners.

"The depth and diversity of Pennsylvania agriculture necessitates strong working relationships, which are fundamental to our mission," said Wolff. "They allow us to solve problems, while encouraging growth in the agricultural industry. This dinner is

an important time to thank our partners for their continued support."

The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a reception featuring Pennsylvania wine in the Cameron Street Lobby. Dinner will follow at 7 p.m. in the Farm Show Banquet Room. On-site parking is available. Tickets are \$40 per person. For reservations and information, contact Shelby Nestler at (717) 787-4627.

The 88th Pennsylvania Farm Show will take place Jan. 10-17.

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What a treat we have in store for the annual Lancaster Farming issue of Farm Show!
Scheduled for the Jan. 10 issue features from farmers who are going to the winter agricultural showcase event at the Farm Show Complex and their experiences in attending the great event in Harrisburg. Also scheduled: the annual FFA Keystone Degree winners and a complete schedule of events, including the many demonstrations for farmers during Farmer Days.

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