

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Weekly
Springfield, Ill.
December 12, 2003

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Eastern Cornbelt Direct Feeder Cattle Summary — Illinois, Indiana Michigan, and Ohio — Compared to the last week, feeder cattle were mostly 100-400 higher Demand was moderate and trading activity was slow Light cattle inventories and strong demand for feeder cattle weighing over 700 lbs continued to support prices Confirmed sales about 51% beef type steers, 49% heifers and 0% Holstein steers Approximately 90% of the cattle marketed this week weighed over 600 lbs Confirmed sales 700 this week, 1000 last week and 1600 last year

FEEDER STEERS Medium and Large 1-2 775-875 lbs 98 00-103 00, load lot 925 lbs 94 00
HOI STEIN STEERS no test
FEEDER HEIFERS Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2 load lot 450 lbs 96 00, 700-725 lbs, 96 50-99 00

Prices are based FOB the farm unless otherwise indicated

Delivered prices include freight commissions, and other expenses

Tennessee Sheep And Goat Sales

Nashville, Tenn.
December 17, 2003

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TENNESSEE LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS GRADED GOAT AND SHEEP SALE, Thompson Station Fri Dec 12 — Receipts 2249 (2103 Goats, 146 Sheep), last sale 1104 Next Sale January 9 2004 Goats sold per hundred weight (cwt) unless otherwise noted weights actual or Estimated

GOATS Slaughter Classes Kids Selection 1 35 50 lbs 118 00 51 65 lbs 116 00 116 50 66 84 lbs 107 25 108 25 Selection 2 35-50 lbs 94 00 100 00 51 65 lbs 101 50 107 50, 66 85 lbs 98 00-104 75 Selection 3 36-50 lbs 82 00-82 25, 51-65 lbs 90 00-92 00 66 86 lbs 87 50-89 50 Yearlings Selection 2 3 53 100 lbs nonn Bucks/Billies All Wgts 70 00 80 50 Nannies/Does All Wgts 59 00-65 75

Feeders Kids Selection 3 27 32 lbs 90 00-98 00

Replacements Nannies/Does Not reported Pairs and Trios Not well tested Billies/Bucks Not reported

SHEEP Slaughter Lambs-Includes all breeds Good and Choice 40-60 lbs 80 00-154 00 mostly 93 00-98 00 60 80 lbs 85 00-120 50 mostly 94 50 113 500 80 100 lbs 95 50-106 00 Choice and Prime 100-128 lbs 97 50-99 50 Slaughter Ewes Utility and Good All Wgts 47 50 52 50 Slaughter Rams All Wgts 38 00-42 00

SMITH COUNTY COMMISSION SALES Dec 13 Weights Estimated Prices Per Head Receipts 268 head

Slaughter Classes Kids Selection 1 2 25-35 lbs 25 00-34 5 35-50 lbs 33 50-51 00 50 65 lbs 41 00-65 00 mostly 45 00-59 00 65 85 lbs 54 00-68 00 Selection 3 25-35 lbs 22 00-28 50, 35 50 lbs 29 00-43 00 65-85 lbs Not Well Tested

Replacements Nannies/Does Selection 1 2 Small 50-70 lbs 35 00 72 00 mostly 43 50-63 00, Medium 70-100 lbs 48 00 80 00 mostly 48 00 69 00 Large 100-140 lbs Not Well Tested Bucks/Billies Selection 2 100 200 lbs 64 00 80 00, 70-100 lbs Not Well Tested

National Sheep Summary
San Angelo, Texas
December 16, 2003

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At midwest market centers slaughter lambs 1 00 lower, slaughter ewes 3 00-5 00 lower, feeder lambs weak At New Holland PA slaughter lambs 10 00 higher slaughter ewes 8 00-10 00 higher No recent comparison at Billings, MT At San Angelo, TX slaughter lambs weak to 2 00 lower, slaughter ewes weak to 3 00 lower, feeder lambs not well tested Estimated receipts 8,000 head for today

Slaughter Lambs Choice and Prime 2-3 90-150 lbs San Angelo shorn and woolled 95 00-103 00, few 90 00-95 00 Midwest shorn 82 00-84 00, woolled 80 00-82 00 New Holland 90-100 lbs 112 00-126 00, 100-125 lbs 110 00-126 00, 125 150 lbs 82 00-94 00 Virginia no test

Slaughter Ewes San Angelo Good and Choice 2-4 35 00-40 00, Good 2-3 48 00-55 00, Utility and Good 1-3 54 00-61 00, Utility 1-2 45 00- 55 00, Cull and Utility 1-2 40 00-45 00 Midwest Utility and Good 1-3 35 00-45 00, Cull 1 25 00-35 00 New Holland Utility and Good 1 3 100-150 lbs 52 00-64 00, 150-200 lbs 50 00-58 00, 200-250 lbs 46 00-48 00 Billings Good 2-3 43 50-49 00, Utility 1-2 43 00-47 50, Cull 1 30 00 Virginia no test

Feeder Lambs Medium and Large 1-2 San Angelo no test Midwest 60-80 lbs 100 00-110 00, 80-100 lbs 90 00-100 00 Virginia no test Billings 50-60 lbs 101 00-117 00, 60-70 lbs 111 00-125 00, 70-80 lbs 111 00-119 00, 80-90 lbs 115 00 122 00, 90-100 lbs 97 00-111 00, 100-110 lbs 98 50-104 50 110-120 lbs 91 00 96 25 120-130 lbs 85 00-87 00

Replacement Ewes Medium and Large 1 2 San Angelo no test Billings no test

National Weekly Lamb Report

Des Moines, Iowa
December 16, 2003

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NATIONAL WEEKLY LAMB REPORT for week ending Monday Dec 15 SLAUGHTERED LAMB PRIOR WEEK From Forward Contracts Domestic 0 Imported 0 From Formula Arrangements Domestic 23 773 head Imported 0

SLAUGHTERED PACKER OWNED SHEEP DOMESTIC 3 272 head 57-81 lbs avg 77 4 lbs dressing 50% Choice or better avg 99 7% YG 1 2 3 avg — 61 1% IMPORTED None

FORWARD CONTRACT PURCHASES No trade reported

FORMULA PURCHASES DOMESTIC 222 head, 55-65 lbs, avg 60 9 lbs 159 00-179 21, wtd avg price 170 38 6 753 head 65-75 lbs, avg 71 5 lbs 168 87-184 00 wtd avg 175 68 15 087 head 75-85 lbs avg 76 5 lbs 165 57 182 81, wtd avg price 175 47, 306 head, over 85 lbs, avg 85 1 lbs 170 39-170 39 wtd avg price 170 39 IMPORTED No trade reported

North Carolina Livestock Sales
Raleigh, N.C.
December 17, 2003

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MOUNT AIRY LIVESTOCK AUCTION CATTLE AND CALVES 691, last week 1243 Slaughter cows were 1 00 to 2 00 higher, bulls 1 00 to 2 00 higher Feeder cattle were mostly 1 00 to 5 00 lower with a few up to 4 00 higher Slaughter cows and bulls 28 percent Replacement pairs and feeder cows 9 percent Feeder steers and bulls under 600 lbs 26 percent, over 600 lbs 7 percent Feeder heifers under 600 lbs 27 percent, over 600 lbs 3 percent

Slaughter Cows Breakers 75-80 percent lean 850 lbs and up 48 00- 51 00, high dressing 52 00-56 50, Boners 80-85 percent 850 lbs and up 47 00-51 50, high dressing 51 50-55 50, low dressing 45 00-51 00, Lean 85-90 percent 850 lbs and up 38 00-42 50, high dressing 43 50-45 00

Slaughter Bulls Yield Grade 1 and 2 1000-1500 lbs 52 00-59 00, 1500 lbs and up 56 50-58 00, high dressing 59 00-66 00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1 and 2 250-300 lbs 115 00-123 00, 300-350 lbs 111 00-118 00, 350-400 lbs 107 00-116 00, 400-450 lbs 99 00-107 00, 450-500 lbs 97 00-102 00, 500-550 lbs 89 00-95 00, 600- 700 lbs 85 00-90 00 Holsteins Large 300-400 lbs 79 00-80 00, 400-500 lbs 75 00-78 50, 500-600 lbs 75 50

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1 and 2 200-250 lbs 96 00-106 00, 250-300 lbs 101 00-106 00, 300-350 lbs 100 00-108 00, 350-400 lbs 93 00-97 00, 400-450 lbs 93 00-98 00, 450-500 lbs 89 00-93 00, 500-550 lbs 85 00-89 50, 550-600 lbs 89 00-94 00, 600-700 lbs 80 00-82 00

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1 and 2 400 500 lbs 87 00-92 00, 500-600 lbs 87 50-89 50, 600-700 lbs 79 00-85 00 Small 1 and 2 500-600 lbs 70 00-75 00 600 700 lbs 70 00 75 00

Feeder Cows Small 1 795-820 lbs middle age cows 46 00-53 00 Medium 1 860-985 lbs middle age cows 45 00-49 50 Large 1 995 1150 lbs young age cows 62 00-65 00 Large 1 1055-1415 lbs middle age cows 46 00 55 50

Stock Cows Medium 1 950-975 lbs middle age cows bred 4-6 months 420 00-470 00 per head Large 1 1050-1450 lbs middle age cows bred 5-8 months 560 00-810 00 per head

Cows/Calf Pairs Large 1 1075-1150 lbs middle age cows with calves 175-200 lbs 640 00-860 00 per pair

Baby Calves per head Holstein 40 00-80 00 Goats per head Slaughter and Replacement Classes Kids Selection 2 under 20 lbs 27 50 37 50 Does/Nannies Selection 1 100-140 lbs 60 00-77 50, Selection 2 100 140 lbs 42 50-52 50

Eastern Cornbelt Direct Sheep Weekly Summary
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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 firm to 1 50 higher Lambs under 100 lbs were sharply higher Slaughter ewes finished the week firm to 2 00 higher Goats were mostly 2 00-5 00 higher Demand was moderate to good Trading activity was moderate Strong demand from the ethnic trade and good demand ahead of the upcoming holiday period pushed prices higher this week Carlot lamb carcass prices ended mostly weak to 1 00 lower for weights over 50lbs Prices for carcasses under 50 lbs were mixed Confirmed sales this

week about 83% slaughter lambs, 17% ewes and an additional 782 head of goats Total sheep and lambs sales 1325, last week 650 and year ago 1250

SLAUGHTER LAMBS Choice 2-3, 110-130 lbs 85 00-91 50, few 94 00 Good and Choice 1-3, 60 70 lbs 118 00, 70-85 lbs 106 00-110 00

SLAUGHTER EWES Utility and Good 1-3 44 00-50 00, few up to 52 00, Cull and Utility 1-2 38 00-44 00, Cull 1 few 30 00-38 00

SLAUGHTER GOATS (cwt) Kids Selection 2 20-40 lbs 103 00-108 00, 40-60 lbs 90 00-98 00 Selection 3 20-60 lbs 50 00-62 50 Yearlings Selection 2 70-90 lbs 57 50-72 50 Does/Nannies and Bucks/Billies 52 50-67 50

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 g eastfdrs sav

Maryland Offers Johne's Meetings

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Johne's disease affects dairy and beef cattle and can be financially devastating to producers. Although the economic impact depends on the herd size, commonly cited data for dairy cows, which are more affected by the disease, indicates that 22 percent of U.S. dairies are infected with Johne's disease and, for herds that test positive, the estimated cost is \$227 for each cow in the herd.

To help dairy and beef producers and veterinarians learn more about detecting and preventing this disease, University of Maryland Cooperative Extension is sponsoring a series of meetings, "Targeting Johne's: Stopping Johne's Disease from Robbing Your Profits," Jan. 5 through 9, 2004. The program is co-sponsored by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and USDA-APHIS, Veterinary Services.

Dr. Mike Collins, Department of Pathobiological Sciences, University of Wisconsin, Madison and world-renowned expert on Johne's disease will be the keynote speaker. Other scheduled speakers include Dr. Susan E. Williamson, USDA-APHIS, who will discuss Maryland's Johne's disease program, and Dr. Robert Peters, University of Maryland, who will discuss

dairy quality and team management.

The registration deadline is Dec. 29 and the meetings are free. The time for each meeting is 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meeting dates and locations follow:

- Jan. 5 - Chestertown Fire Hall, Chestertown, Md. To register call the Kent County Extension office at (410) 778-1661 or (410) 758-1107 (Delmarva) or e-mail vclrkstn@umd.edu.

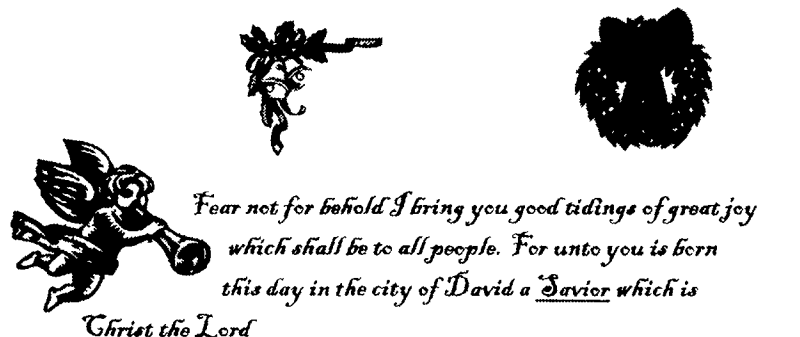
- Jan. 6 - Mountain Gate Family Restaurant, Thurmont, Md. To register call the Frederick County Extension office at (301) 631-3576 or e-mail wholdway@umd.edu.

- Jan. 7 - Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, Md. To register call the Carroll County Extension Office at (410) 386-2760 or e-mail bg14@mail.umd.edu.

- Jan. 8 - Pleasant Valley Community Center, Oakland. To register call the Garrett County Extension Office at (301) 334-6960 or e-mail susanp@umd.edu.

- Jan. 9 - Maugansville Ruritan Building. To register call the Washington County Extension Office at (301) 791-1304 or e-mail ryetter@umd.edu.

A complimentary lunch will be provided at each meeting.



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