

Packer Lambs Sell Steady To Higher

Packer lamb markets all came in steady to higher over the last week of trading. San Angelo slaughter lambs weighing under 80 pounds sold \$5-10 higher, while heavier weights were steady. Hamilton Dorper lambs and Barbado lambs were \$15 higher, wool lambs \$10 higher. Goldthwaite wool lambs were steady, Dorper and Barbado lambs steady to \$5 higher. Fredericksburg wool lambs sold steady, Dorper lambs \$5 higher.

Lamb and mutton meat production for the week ending December 8 totaled 2.9 million pounds on a slaughter count of 43,000 head compared with the previous week's totals of 2.8 million pounds and 42,000 head.

Imported lamb and mutton for the week ending December 2 totaled 2009 metric tons or approximately 4.43 million pounds, equal to 158 percent of domestic production for the same period.

Lamb carcass values were all unreported yet again due to confidentiality.

Feeder lamb trade was slow this week, with Fredericksburg No. 1 wool lambs weighing 40-60 pounds selling for \$170-250 and 60-80 pounds \$130-250. Hamilton Dorper and Dorper cross lambs weighing 20-40 pounds made \$180-270. There was no reported direct trade on feeder lambs last week.

San Angelo choice 2-3 slaughter lambs weighing 100-150 pounds brought \$128-144, choice and prime 1-2 40-60 pounds \$256-276, 60-70 pounds \$228-258, 70-80 pounds \$196-222, 80-90 pounds \$180-200, 90-110 pounds \$160-172, choice 1-2 40-60 pounds \$218-240, 60-70 pounds \$180-220, 70-80 pounds \$170-185, 80-90 pounds \$160-178, 90-110 pounds \$140-160, and good 1 70-80 pounds \$140-150. Goldthwaite wool lambs weighing 50-70 pounds made \$180-240, 70-90 pounds \$150-200, over 70 pounds \$125-170, Dorper and Dorper cross lambs 40-60 pounds \$220-260, 60-75 pounds \$175-250, 75-90 pounds \$140-220, Barbado and Barbado cross lambs 35-50 pounds \$215-250, 50-70 pounds \$170-240, and 70-90 pounds \$125-200. Hamilton Dorper and Dorper cross lambs weighing 40-70 pounds sold for \$170-270, over 70 pounds \$145-210, wool lambs 40-70 pounds \$170-230, over 70 pounds \$140-195, and Barbado lambs \$175-240. Fredericksburg slaughter lambs weighing 45-80 pounds were \$160-272, 90-140 pounds \$105-180, Barbado lambs 40-60 pounds \$120-240, Dorper cross lambs 40-60 pounds \$180-290, and 60-80 pounds \$160-288.50.

Slaughter lambs selling direct included 3700 head weighing 117-177 pounds that brought \$117-156.20. San Angelo utility and good 1-3 slaughter ewes made \$80-94, utility 1-2 \$70-78, cull and utility 1-2 \$50-60, and cull 1 \$40-50. Hamilton slaughter ewes brought \$70-90. Fredericksburg ewes sold for \$30-110, and Goldthwaite ewes were \$75-110.



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GREEN COLOR was pretty well faded from West Texas rangeland even before winter temperatures set in recently. Timely rains during much of the growing season played out later, parching grass and what

weeds remained. About the only real show of color was provided by the brush, as in this scene west of San Angelo. Now sub-freezing nights are knocking those leaves off as well.

Range Sales

Cattle For Sale By David, San Angelo, sold out of the Coyote, Texas area to a Golinda, Texas buyer 50 babytooth Angus Plus and Brangus two and three-stripe cows at \$1025; from the Divine, Texas area to a Big Lake, Texas buyer 47 babytooth crossbred cows, two and three stripe, at \$975.

USDA reports 700 head of feeder cattle selling direct off New Mexico range, all f.o.b.

Slaughter Meat Goats Largely Steady To Up In Recent Trade

Slaughter meat goat prices were generally steady to higher in most recent trading. Fredericksburg was steady, San Angelo firm, Goldthwaite steady to \$5 higher, and Hamilton \$10 higher. New Holland, Pennsylvania bucked the trend, selling mostly \$5-15 lower.

Goat slaughter under federal inspection the week ending November 25 totaled 10,001 head. Goat meat imports for the week ending December 2 totaled 329 metric tons, all from Australia.

At Goldthwaite on Thursday, selection 1 kids weighing 30-45 pounds brought \$250-330, 45-60 pounds \$235-290, 60-70 pounds \$210-250, and 70-90 pounds \$180-225. Lightweight nannies were \$110-170, heavy \$100-140 and thin \$70-100, lightweight billies \$170-225 and heavy \$170-220.

New Holland, Penn., selling by the head Monday, quoted selection 1 kids of 40-60 pounds \$135-155, 60-80 pounds \$160-195 and 80-100 pounds \$170-225, selection 2 20-40 pounds \$90-110, 40-60 pounds \$120-140 and 60-80 pounds \$135-170. Selection 1 nannies 80-130 pounds brought \$170-215 and 130-180 pounds \$210-240, selection 2 80-130 pounds

basis, including 130 medium and large No. 1 steers to weigh 750 pounds at \$143.25 for May delivery; for February 135 No. 1-2 steers to weigh 600 at \$165.13-167.82 and 135 heifer mates to weigh 550 at \$152.13; for current delivery 260 similar heifers weighing 750 at \$138.48.

Kansas direct feeder cattle trade as confirmed by USDA totaled 1692 head, including,

\$145-175 and 130-180 pounds \$185-215, selection 2 billies 100-150 pounds \$195-235, selection 3 80-100 pounds \$125-155 and 100-150 pounds \$170-205, selection 2 wethers 80-100 pounds \$160-190 and selection 3 80-100 pounds \$145-150.

Also on Monday, Hamilton kids weighing 20-40 pounds earned \$180-300, 40-70 pounds \$180-270 and over 70 pounds \$175-235. Thin nannies were \$45-75 per head, medium \$80-120 and fleshy \$125-210, billies \$150-220 cwt.

Fredericksburg on Tuesday reported selection 1 20-40 pound kids at \$180-385, 40-60 pounds \$200-310 and 60-80 pounds \$185-275, muttons \$200-270. Nannies were \$60-140 and billies \$140-225.

At San Angelo Tuesday, selection 1 kids weighing 40-60 pounds brought \$266-300 and 60-80 pounds \$248-270, selection 1-2 40-60 pounds \$240-268, 60-80 pounds \$230-244 and 80-100 pounds \$202-218. Selection 1-2 nannies 80-130 pounds made \$100-126, 130-160 pounds \$112-122 and thin 70-120 pounds \$90-100, selection 1-2 billies 70-100 pounds \$170-200, 100-150 pounds \$174-204 and 150-250 pounds \$178-202.

f.o.b. for current delivery, 213 medium and large No. 1 steers weighing 775 pounds at \$149.50, 402 similar steers weighing 825 at \$148.50-159, 183 steers weighing 900 at \$140, and 162 heifers weighing 675 at \$155.

USDA reports 414 head of feeder cattle selling direct in Oklahoma, including, f.o.b. for current delivery, 72 medium and large No. 1 steers weighing 625 pounds at \$156.15 and 205 similar heifers weighing 700 at \$133.35.

Texas direct feeder cattle trade by USDA count came to 7900 head, including 130 medium and large No. 1 steers to weigh 750 pounds at \$144.75 delivered in May; for March 130 similar steers to weigh 775 at \$137.50 f.o.b., 260 steers to weigh 750 at \$138.90 delivered, 176 heifers to weigh 700 at \$135.85-137.2 f.o.b., and 475 heifers to weigh 700 at \$132.85-136.35 delivered; for February 192 steers to weigh 750-775 at \$141.30-141.85 f.o.b., 294 heifers to weigh 700-725 at \$135.85-136.10 f.o.b., and 534 heifers to weigh 725 at \$131.50-135.50 delivered; for current delivery 265 steers weighing 750-775 at \$146-147.45 f.o.b., 554 steers to weigh 850 at \$140 f.o.b., and 1018 heifers weighing 725 at \$142.45-146 f.o.b.

Plains Fed Cattle Face \$5 Gap Between Bids And Asking Prices

Panhandle fed cattle trade was typically quiet at midweek, packers bidding \$114 and feedlots asking \$119 or better. Last week's going rate was mostly \$117 with a few to \$117.50, \$3.50-4 back of the week before.

Wednesday's Fed Cattle Exchange offered 704 head in seven lots and sold one pen of steers in Kansas at \$116. Other bids were either rejected at that price or the lots failed to draw bids.

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association reported 9871 head on area showlists, down 743 head from last week. Formulas were off 1430 head at 47,875.

Direct trade was quiet elsewhere as well, DTN reporting bids of \$114, up to \$115 in Colorado. Midwest fed cattle auctions were \$112-114 in thinly reported trading, strictly choice to \$121 and change.

Stocker and feeder cattle price trends were largely lower in early-week sales, though there were exceptions.

Joplin, Mo. offered 4476 head and called steer calves steady to \$5 higher except 450-500 pound weaned steers \$8-10 higher, heifer calves steady, yearling steers steady, and yearling heifers steady to \$2 lower. With 5552 head on hand, La Junta, Colo. was steady on light calves, \$2-3 lower on heavier steer calves, and mostly \$3-5 lower on such heifers except 400-500 pounds \$8-10 higher; yearling steers

were \$2-3 lower and yearling heifers steady. Tulsa, Okla. receipts were 2334 head, the market \$5-7 lower on steers and \$3-5 lower on heifers.

In Texas, Crockett was steady to firm on 1390 head, Graham steady on 1503 head, and Gonzales steady on 554 head Saturday. Amarillo's 755 head showed a lower undertone, and 803 head at Three Rivers were \$2-4 lower on light calves, \$4 lower on heavy calves and yearlings.

Oklahoma City's 7129 head were \$2-8 lower on feeder weight steers, \$3-6 lower on feeder heifers, steady to \$7 higher on lightweight steer calves, \$3 lower on heavier calves, and steady to \$3 higher on heifer calves. Best steer calves 346 pounds brought \$203; 400-500 pounds \$183-193.50; 500-600 pounds \$161-182; 600-700 pounds \$151.50-169; 700-800 pounds \$149-157; 800-900 pounds \$141.50-150.50; 900-1000 pounds \$137-142.75; and 1000-1100 pounds \$129-136.

FUTURES TRADE

CHICAGO — (CME) — Beef futures trading on the Chicago Board of Trade at the close on Tuesday and at press time on Wednesday.

Live Cattle		
	Wed.	Tue.
Dec.	116.00	116.15
Feb.	118.65	119.15
Apr.	120.40	120.98
June	113.25	113.93
Aug.	110.50	111.03
Oct.	111.05	111.63
Dec.	112.80	113.38
Feb.	113.43	114.15
April	113.60	114.00
Feeder Cattle		
Jan.	146.40	147.10
Mar.	144.95	145.30
Apr.	144.78	145.33
May	144.33	145.18
Aug.	146.38	147.28
Sept.	145.83	147.00
Oct.	146.23	147.13
Nov.	-----	145.13

The Livestock Weekly will suspend publication for the weeks of December 28 and January 4. The last issue for 2017 will be dated December 21. Publication will resume with the issue dated January 11, 2018. All of us at the Livestock Weekly want to wish you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.