

Pre-Holiday Lambs Steady To Higher

In the last sales before the Christmas holiday break, all lambs trading were steady to higher. San Angelo slaughter lamb prices were firm. Fredericksburg wool lambs were called higher, Dorper lambs \$5 higher. Goldthwaite wool lambs were steady, Dorper and Barbado lambs steady to \$10 higher. Hamilton's lamb market was quoted \$10 higher.

Lamb and mutton meat production for the week ending December 15 totaled 2.9 million pounds on a slaughter count of 43,000 head compared to the previous week's totals of 2.9 million pounds and 43,000 head.

Imported lamb and mutton for the week ending December 9 totaled 2328 metric tons or approximately 5.13 million pounds, equal to 177 percent of domestic production for the same period.

Lamb carcass prices for last week went unreported, yet again, due to confidentiality.

Hamilton Dorper and Dorper cross feeder lambs weighing 20-40 pounds brought \$190-275. Fredericksburg No. 1 wool lambs weighing 40-60 pounds sold for \$200-280 and 60-80 pounds \$195-280. Billings medium and large 1-2 lambs weighing 53 pounds were \$200, 60-70 pounds \$198-204, 70-80 pounds \$177-192, 80-90 pounds \$155-182, 90-100 pounds \$145-157, 100-110 pounds \$144-152, 110-120 pounds \$140-148, and 122 pounds \$125.50.

There was no reported direct trade on feeder lambs last week.

San Angelo choice 2-3 slaughter lambs weighing 100-155 pounds brought \$130-144, choice and prime 1-2 40-60 pounds \$260-288, 60-70 pounds \$230-258, 70-80 pounds \$198-220, 80-90 pounds \$182-202, 90-110 pounds \$166-186, choice 1-2 40-60 pounds \$220-260, 60-70 pounds \$200-228, 70-80 pounds \$170-196, 80-90 pounds \$170-182, and 90-110 pounds \$148-160. Goldthwaite wool lambs weighing 50-70 pounds were \$180-230, 70-90 pounds \$140-190, 90-110 pounds \$125-165, Dorper and Dorper cross lambs 40-60 pounds \$210-265, 60-75 pounds \$180-245, 75-90 pounds \$140-200, Barbado and Barbado cross lambs 35-50 pounds \$200-280, 50-70 pounds \$170-240, and 70-90 pounds \$130-200. Fredericksburg slaughter lambs weighing 45-80 pounds sold for \$160-315, 90-140 pounds \$105-200, Barbado lambs 40-60 pounds \$180-265, Dorper cross lambs 40-60 pounds \$180-315, and 60-80 pounds \$160-295. Hamilton Dorper and Dorper cross lambs weighing 40-70 pounds made \$185-275, over 70 pounds \$150-220, wool lambs 40-70 pounds \$170-225, over 70 pounds \$125-185, and Barbado lambs \$190-240.

Slaughter lambs selling direct included 5700 head weighing 138-170 pounds that brought \$122-152.41.

San Angelo good 2-3 slaughter ewes made \$80, utility and good 1-3 \$80-96, utility 1-2 \$70-82, cull and utility 1-2 \$50-62, and cull 1 \$46. Fredericksburg slaughter ewes brought \$30-120. Hamilton slaughter ewes sold for \$75-100, and Goldthwaite ewes were \$70-115.



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Range Sales

Mid-Tex Cattle Co., Seguin, sold to Texas Panhandle buyers two loads of No. 1 heifers weighing 442 pounds at \$145.30 delivered; one load of No. 1-1/2 Okie and crossbred steers and bulls weighing 266 at \$177 delivered and a load of heifer mates weighing 277

at \$165 delivered; a load of similar heifers weighing 352 at \$150.74 delivered; and a load of thin grazing cows weighing 1025 at \$49 f.o.b.

Cattle For Sale By David, San Angelo, sold out of the Sonora, Texas area to a Cyril, Okla. buyer 50 Ultrablack spring

Slaughter Meat Goats Steady To Higher In Recent Trading

Slaughter meat goat prices were largely steady to higher in most recent trading. San Angelo was weak but Goldthwaite and Hamilton were steady, Fredericksburg steady to higher, and New Holland, Pennsylvania mostly \$10-15 higher per head.

Goat slaughter under federal inspection the week ending December 2 totaled 8969 head. Goat meat imports for the week ending December 9 totaled 148 metric tons, 147 from Australia and two from New Zealand (rounding accounts for the numerical discrepancy).

At Goldthwaite on Thursday, selection 1 kids weighing 30-45 pounds brought \$240-325, 45-60 pounds \$230-300, 60-70 pounds \$210-260, and 70-90 pounds \$180-235. Lightweight nannies were \$115-170, heavy \$100-150 and thin \$60-90, lightweight billies \$170-230 and heavy \$180-225.

New Holland, Penn., selling by the head Monday, quoted selection 1 kids of 40-60 pounds \$150-175, 60-80 pounds \$170-210 and 80-100 pounds \$185-225, selection 2 20-40 pounds \$100-115, 40-60 pounds \$130-155, 60-80 pounds \$155-180, and 80-100

pounds \$170-185. Selection 1 nannies 130-180 pounds brought \$200-245, selection 2 80-130 pounds \$150-182, selection 1 billies 100-150 pounds \$260-325 and selection 2 100-150 pounds \$200-255.

Also on Monday, Hamilton kids weighing 20-40 pounds earned \$190-280, 40-70 pounds \$190-280 and over 70 pounds \$185-235. Thin nannies were \$50-70 per head, medium \$75-120 and fleshy \$125-200, billies \$150-220.

Fredericksburg on Tuesday reported selection 1 20-40 pound kids at \$250-385, 40-60 pounds \$240-310 and 60-80 pounds \$200-275, muttons \$200-275. Nannies were \$60-150, billies \$140-235.

At San Angelo Tuesday, selection 1 kids weighing 40-60 pounds brought \$266-288, 60-80 pounds \$250-268 and 87 pounds \$220, selection 1-2 40-60 pounds \$240-266, 60-80 pounds \$230-248, 80-100 pounds \$194-214, and 125-130 pounds \$210-222. Selection 1-2 nannies 80-130 pounds made \$116-130, thin 70-120 pounds \$100-116, selection 1-2 billies 70-100 pounds \$150-194 and 100-150 pounds \$174-216.

calving heifers at \$1385; out of the Floyd, Ark. area to a Churchpoint, La. buyer seven registered Red Brahman pairs and heavy bred cows at \$3100; out of the Sinton, Texas area to an Elgin, Texas buyer 14 F-1 first-calf pairs and heavy bred cows at \$2650; from the Somerset, Texas area to a Gorman, Texas buyer 45 babytooth two and three stripe crossbred cows at \$875; and from the El Campo, Texas area to a Sandia, Texas buyer 30 short-bred babytooth Brangus cows at \$1300.

USDA reports 1759 head of feeder cattle selling direct off Colorado range, all delivered basis for current delivery, including 183 medium and large No. 1 steers weighing 825 pounds at \$142, 104 similar steers weighing 930 at \$145.35, 148 heifers weighing 670 at \$143, 769 heifers weighing 7078-740 at \$139.25-147.20, 280 heifers weighing 750 at \$137, and 210 heifers weighing 800 at \$140.50.

Kansas direct feeder cattle trade as confirmed by USDA totaled 1019 head, all f.o.b. for current delivery, including 523 medium and large No. 1 steers weighing 800-825 pounds at \$140-146, 350 similar heifers weighing 650 at \$150, and 146 heifers weighing 750 at \$142.

Plains Fed Cattle Sitting Still; FCE Sells Two Lots At \$120

Panhandle fed cattle trade was quiet as usual at midweek, DTN reporting a few \$117 bids against asking prices of \$122-123 or better. Last week's going rate was up \$3 at \$120.

Wednesday's Fed Cattle Exchange offered only 466 head in four lots and sold one each in Texas and Kansas at \$120. Another Texas lot failed to receive a bid at \$120, and sellers passed on a \$118 bid in Kansas.

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association counted 9112 head on area showlists, down 759 head from last week. Formulas were down 7846 head at 40,029.

Direct trade was quiet elsewhere as well, DTN reporting \$117 live bids in Kansas and \$189-190 dressed bids in Nebraska; cattle are said to be priced \$6 or more above both of those levels. In scanty reporting, Midwest fed cattle auctions paid \$112-117.50, strictly choice to \$119.50.

Stocker and feeder cattle price trends were uneven in early-week sales.

At Joplin, Mo., steer calves were steady to \$5 lower on receipts of 5753 head, yearling steers steady to \$3 lower, heifer calves steady to \$3 higher, and yearling heifers steady. La Junta, Colo. sold 1189 head a dollar to as much as \$8 lower on steer calves and steady to \$2-3 lower on heifer calves; yearlings were poorly tested. Tulsa, Okla. was steady on 2240 head.

In Texas, Graham was steady to \$5 higher on 1782 head, and Gonzales on Saturday was steady on 1413 head, as was Amarillo on 929 head. Three Rivers counted 880 head steady on light calves and \$2-6 lower on heavy calves and yearlings. Crockett called no trend on 1543 head.

Oklahoma City offered 5947 head and found feeder steers and heifers unevenly steady, lightweight steer calves mostly steady to \$1 lower, 500-600 pounds \$1-3 higher, and all heifer calves steady to \$3 lower. Best 304 pound steer calves brought \$208; 400-500 pounds \$182.50-192; 500-600 pounds \$164-180; 600-700 pounds \$151.50-162; 700-800 pounds \$146-159; 800-900 pounds \$142-151; 900-1000 pounds \$137.25-141.75; and 1017 pounds \$136.75.

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.	120.08	120.00
Feb.	120.65	120.46
Apr.	121.93	121.48
June	113.90	113.58
Aug.	110.53	110.05
Oct.	111.28	110.65
Dec.	113.18	112.62
Feb.	112.60	113.70
April	112.90	113.60
Feeder Cattle		
Jan.	145.20	145.20
Mar.	143.30	143.30
Apr.	143.68	143.68
May	143.33	143.33
Aug.	146.15	146.15
Sept.	145.63	145.63
Oct.	145.30	145.30
Nov.	144.65	144.65

The Livestock Weekly will suspend publication for the weeks of December 28 and January 4.

This is our last issue for 2017.

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