



WEEKLY VEAL MARKET SUMMARY

~ Livestock, Meat, Feed Ingredients & Skin Markets ~

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CARLOT VEAL CARCASS REPORT

Northeast and North Central Basis - 08/13/2009-08/19/2009

Compared to last week: The special fed veal carcass weighted average composite price was 0.91 lower on light to moderate offerings and demand. Harvest numbers compared to last week were nearly 6% higher. Dressed weights were down 5.6 pounds in the Northeast, down 7.7 pounds in the North Central area, with the composite down 6.5 pounds compared to last week.

| VEAL CARCASS, SPECIAL FED, HOT BASIS-PAID TO PRODUCER. | | | | |
|--|------|---------------|----------|--------|
| | Head | Range | Wt. Ave. | Change |
| NON-PACKER OWNED | | | | |
| Hide-Off, 255-315 Lbs. | 4810 | 195.00-215.00 | 207.41 | -0.61 |
| **PACKER OWNED** | | | | |
| Hide-Off, 255-315 Lbs. | 2193 | 215.00-215.00 | 215.00 | -1.62 |
| COMPOSITE | | | | |
| Hide-Off, 255-315 Lbs. | 7003 | 195.00-215.00 | 209.79 | -0.91 |
| North East | | 195.00-215.00 | 211.64 | -0.89 |
| North Central | | 195.00-215.00 | 207.42 | -1.08 |

CONTRACT INFORMATION: Hot Basis, Hide-Off*
Current future contracts offered: Firm Bottom Northeast and North Central 205.00-220.00 for December, early January.

* North Central = OH, IN, IL, MI, & WI
* Northeast = MA, MD, PA, NY, NJ, DE, CT, & VT
** Packer Owned ** = Ownership, harvesting and processing controlled by same party.

WEEKLY BOXED & DISTRIBUTIVE/LCL VEAL CUTS TRADE

Northeast and North Central Basis for Tue, Aug 18, 2009
FOB Major Production Points

Compared to last week: Special fed veal cut prices were steady this week. Consumers continue to dine in, so food service cut prices remain at low levels. Demand light with light to moderate offerings and slow movement.

| Item: | Wt. Range | Range |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Carcass, hide off | 200-275 lbs | 215.00- 260.00 |
| Foresaddles | 86-147 lbs | 195.00- 235.00 |
| Forequarters | 43-74 lbs | 195.00- 235.00 |
| Necks, bone-in | 24-28 lbs | 115.00- 160.00 |
| Breast | 10-18 lbs | 70.00- 90.00 |
| Foreshank | 3-5 lbs | 225.00- 275.00 |
| Ossu Buco, foreshank | 2-8 lbs | 350.00- 525.00 |
| Shoulder, full | 49-85 lbs | 170.00- 200.00 |
| Chuck, square cut | 39-68 lbs | 120.00- 155.00 |
| Chuck rolls, skinned | 5-10 lbs | 265.00- 350.00 |
| Chuck, Shoulder Clod | 4-9 lbs | 300.00- 375.00 |
| Hotel Racks, 8 rib | 15-26 lbs | 365.00- 410.00 |
| Hotel Racks, 7 rib | 14-25 lbs | 375.00- 468.00 |
| Hotel Racks, Chop Ready, 7 rib | 5-9 lbs | 700.00- 875.00 |
| Hotel Racks, Chop Ready, 6 rib | 4-8 lbs | 725.00- 950.00 |
| Rack, Ribeye | 3-9 lbs | 1500.00- 1750.00 |
| Hindsaddles | 89-153 lbs | 280.00- 355.00 |
| Hindquarters | 45-76 lbs | 280.00- 375.00 |
| Loins, regular | 18-36 lbs | 250.00- 315.00 |
| Loins, 4x4, trimmed | 18-30 lbs | 370.00- 475.00 |
| Strip Loins, bnl's, 0x0 | 1-up lbs | 950.00- 1125.00 |
| Loin, Short Tenderloin | 0.5-up lbs | 850.00- 1220.00 |
| Legs, double | 68-117 lbs | 325.00- 375.00 |
| Legs, single | 34-59 lbs | 340.00- 425.00 |
| Legs, slices, retail | | 595.00- 740.00 |
| Legs, TBS 4-piece | 27-47 lbs | 725.00- 825.00 |
| Legs, TBS 3-piece | 24-39 lbs | 725.00- 850.00 |
| Legs, BHS heel-out | 27-42 lbs | 400.00- 505.00 |
| Legs, Sknd, butt tenderloin | 0.5-up lbs | 850.00- 1000.00 |
| Top Rnd, Sknd, cap-off | 10-15 lbs | 750.00- 975.00 |
| Hindshank | 5-8 lbs | 340.00- 500.00 |
| Ossu Buco, Hindshank | 2-8 lbs | 700.00- 850.00 |
| Stew Meat, regular | | 175.00- 325.00 |
| Bnls Veal Trimmings 75-80% Lean | | 81.00- 120.00 |
| Bnls Veal Trimmings 80-90% Lean | | 150.00- 180.00 |
| Hvy Nature Green Hides (per piece) | | 30.00- 40.00 |

"SPECIAL-FED (NATURE, MILK-FED) VEAL SLAUGHTER AS REPORTED BY FIVE SLAUGHTER PLANTS IN THE NORTHEAST AREA AND SIX SLAUGHTER PLANTS IN THE NORTH CENTRAL AREA."

| Special Fed Veal Slaughter: | Week Ago | Year Ago | YTD | YTD |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Week ending: | 08/15/09 | 08/08/09 | 08/16/08 | 2009 |
| Northeast | 3,490 | 3,526 | 3,230 | 119,600 |
| North Central | 3,568 | 3,082 | 4,100 | 125,508 |
| Total NE & NC | 7,058 | 6,608 | 7,330 | 245,108 |

SPECIAL FED PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL CALF KILL FOR 08/08/09---39.49%
Actual Calf Slaughter reported by NASS for 08/08/2009---16,735
Estimated kill for week ending 08/15/2009---16,000

| Special Fed Veal Dressed Weights | Week Ago | Year Ago |
|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Week ending: | 08/15/09 | 08/08/09 |
| Northeast | 271.0 | 276.6 |
| North Central | 270.7 | 278.4 |
| Total NE & NC | 270.9 | 277.4 |

Meat Production and Actual Liveweight and Dressed Weight
W/E 08/09/2009

| Production | Species and Class | Liveweight | Dressed Weight |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|
| | Mill. Lbs. | Lbs. | Lbs. |
| Beef | 491.5 | 1,292 | 788 |
| Calves & Veal | 2.3 | 231 | 138 |
| Pork | 421.8 | 268 | 201 |
| Lamb & Mutton | 2.9 | 137 | 69 |
| Total Meat Production | 918.5 | | |

TOTAL POUNDS OF CALF AND VEAL MEAT AVAILABLE
WEEK ENDING 7/04/2009

| | Domestic Production | % of Total | Imported | % of Total |
|-------|---------------------|------------|----------|------------|
| Total | 2,200,000 | 89.27% | 264,552 | 10.73% |
| | 2,464,552 | 100.00% | | |

Federally Inspected Slaughter Percentages by Species, U.S.
Week Ending Saturday, Aug 08, 2009

| Species | Class | # of Head | % of Total |
|---------|------------|-----------|------------|
| Cattle | TOTAL | 625,319 | |
| | Dairy Cows | 49,398 | 7.9 |
| Calves | TOTAL | 16,735 | |
| Hogs | TOTAL | 2,100,469 | |
| Sheep | TOTAL | 41,672 | |

Source: NASS-Livestock and Grain Market News 202-720-1056

For additional information contact: USDA LIVESTOCK Market News Reporter Sarah Muhr or Darold Mapes at 515-284-4460.

SUMMARY OF PENNSYLVANIA LIVESTOCK AUCTIONS

New Holland Calf Auction Report for Thursday, Aug 13, 2009

Calves, Monday: 592 Week Ago: 614 Year Ago: 684

Calves: Compared to last Thursday, bull calves sold 15.00 to 18.00 lower. Trade moderate with moderate demand. Heifers sold lower with light demand. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 477 head for this Thursday's graded sale. One hundred percent supply Holstein calves unless otherwise noted. All prices per cwt.

Graded Bull Calves: Number 1 114-128 lbs 62.00-67.00; 94-112 lbs 76.00-81.00; 80-92 lbs 47.00-52.00. Number 2 120-128 lbs 76.00; 98-118 lbs 50.00-60.00; 80-96 lbs 38.00-47.00. Number 3 72-130 lbs 32.00-37.00. Utility 80-110 lbs 35.00-36.00; 60-78 lbs 17.00.

New Holland Calf Auction Report for Monday, Aug 17, 2009

Calves, Monday: 412 Week Ago: 396 Year Ago: 411

Calves: Compared to last Monday's sale, Holstein bull calves sold mostly steady with light to moderate demand and slow trade. Heifers sold steady on a light test. All prices per cwt.

Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1 95-120 lbs 80.00-90.00, few up to 95.00. Number 2 95-115 lbs 65.00-80.00; 80-90 lbs 40.00-50.00. Number 3 95-120 lbs 40.00-65.00; 80-90 lbs 37.00-45.00. Utility 75-110 lbs 27.00-38.00; 50-70 lbs 11.00-27.00.

Vintage Calf Auction Report for Tuesday, Aug 18, 2009

Calves, Monday: 717 Week Ago: 679 Year Ago: 646

Calves: Compared to last Tuesday's sale, bull calves sold mostly 5.00 higher. Calves weighing less than 90 lbs sold steady to firm. Demand moderate with moderate trade. Heifers sold higher, mostly 10.00 to 15.00 higher. The PA Department of Agriculture graded 569 head for Tuesday's sale. All calves are sold by the cwt.

Graded Holstein Bull Calves: Number 1 95-121 lbs 80.00-95.00; 80-90 lbs 47.00-68.00. Number 2 90-114 lbs 60.00-80.00; 73-83 lbs 35.00-47.00. Number 3 73-109 lbs 28.00-50.00. Utility 73-105 lbs 27.00-41.00; pkg 63 lbs 12.00.

SOURCE: USDA-PA Dept Ag Market News, New Holland-Lancaster Co., PA

CANADIAN FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER

| | Current | Week Ago | Year Ago | YTD | YTD | %Change |
|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 08/08/09 | 08/01/09 | 08/09/08 | 2009 | 2008 | |
| Calves: | 4,166 | 4,854 | 5,011 | 144,836 | 156,791 | -4.6% |
| Males | 3,867 | 4,551 | 4,593 | 135,214 | 146,303 | |
| Females | 299 | 303 | 418 | 9,622 | 10,488 | |

CANADIAN MONTHLY GRAIN FED VEAL REPORT

(Quebec Sales and Average Price)

| W/E | 2009 | | 2008 | | Hd Count | % Change |
|---------|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| | No of Head | Avg Price | No of Head | Avg Price | | |
| 8/15/09 | 1,480 | 154.97 | 1,688 | 158.75 | | -12.60 |
| YTD | 55,236 | 161.77 | 36,091 | 158.53 | | 34.66 |

AUSTRALIAN VEAL SLAUGHTER STATISTICS

W/E 08/07/2009

| | This Week | 2009 YTD | Last Week | Last Year | 2008 YTD |
|-----------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Queensland | 1,621 | 44,340 | 1,530 | 1,018 | 30,444 |
| New South Wales | 3,374 | 89,041 | 3,291 | 3,146 | 100,613 |
| Victoria | 10,142 | 194,666 | 10,468 | 18,067 | 237,432 |
| South Australia | 153 | 3,257 | 114 | 114 | 8,176 |
| Tasmania | 2,626 | 15,438 | 1,695 | nq | nq |
| Total | 17,916 | 348,577 | 17,098 | 22,345 | 379,413 |

SOURCE: NLRS & MEAT AND LIVESTOCK AUSTRALIA

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOOD SAFETY AND INSPECTION SERVICE
IMPORTED MEAT PASSED FOR ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES BY COUNTRY
For The Period **06/28/09 - 07/04/09** VEAL in Metric Tons

| COUNTRY OF ORIGIN | MANUFAC. | CARCASSES | CUTS | MISC. FRESH | PROCESSED | TOTAL |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| Australia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 14 |
| Canada | 1 | 63 | 23 | 19 | 0 | 106 |
| New Zealand | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Grand Totals | 1 | 63 | 23 | 33 | 0 | 120 |

FEED INGREDIENTS

MILK PROTEIN MARKETS MADISON, WI. Aug 20, 2009 (REPORT 33)

DRY BUTTERMILK - CENTRAL AND EAST COMPARED TO LAST WEEK:

F.O.B. CENTRAL/EAST: .9000 - 1.0550 STEADY

DRY WHEY - CENTRAL

F.O.B. CENTRAL: .2650 - .3200 STEADY TO WEAK

MOSTLY: .2900 - .3100 STEADY

ANIMAL FEED MILK REPLACER

F.O.B. CENTRAL: .1700 - .2200 STEADY

DRY WHEY - NORTHEAST

F.O.B. NORTHEAST:

EXTRA GRADE & GRADE A: .2750 - .3175 STEADY

NONFAT DRY MILK - CENTRAL and EAST

Includes EXTRA GRADE and GRADE A

LOW/MEDIUM HEAT: .9300 - 1.0725 STEADY

MOSTLY: .9300 - .9800 STEADY TO HIGHER

HIGH HEAT: .9400 - 1.0800 STEADY

WHEY PROTEIN CONCENTRATE - CENTRAL AND WEST

EDIBLE 34% PROTEIN: .6075 - .7025 UNEVENLY STEADY

MOSTLY: .6275 - .6500 UNEVENLY STEADY

Source: Dairy Market News- Janet Linder & Eric Graf 608-250-3200

FAT PRODUCTS DES MOINES, IA WEEK ENDED: Aug 15, 2009

CAF CHICAGO EDIBLE TALLOW - Railcar 35.50 Weighted Average

CAF CHICAGO LOOSE LARD, PS AND/OR CP 33.00 Weighted Average

COCONUT OIL, Crude (Source: USDA FAS) 686.00 Jul ROTT. (US\$/MT)

NATIONAL SUMMARY OF VEAL AND CALF GRADED 05/03/09 TO 05/30/09

MAY

PRIME 867 4.3% 33.0% of Federal Veal and Calf

CHOICE 18,967 94.8% slaughter represents total

GOOD 157 0.7% Veal and Calf graded.

STANDARD 0 0.0% Information provided by: USDA

UTILITY 0 0.0% Meat Grading and Certification Br.

TOTAL 19,991 TOTAL ACTUAL SLAUGHTER 60,605

NATIONAL SUMMARY OF VEAL AND CALF GRADED 05/31/09 TO 06/27/09

JUNE

PRIME 689 3.3% 30.3% of Federal Veal and Calf

CHOICE 19,732 96.0% slaughter represents total

GOOD 128 0.6% Veal and Calf graded.

STANDARD 0 0.0% Information provided by: USDA

UTILITY 0 0.0% Meat Grading and Certification Br.

TOTAL 20,549 TOTAL ACTUAL SLAUGHTER 67,782