

Heavy Marketing Of Hogs, Cattle Needed

Grain Output Falls Behind Needs In U. S.

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Heavy marketing of hogs, cattle, chickens and other farm animals will be necessary over the new few months, grain analysts said today, because the country's ability to produce grain has not kept pace with expansion in animal population.

The basic farm animal diet is corn, altho wheat has been increasingly used. However, the Millers' National Federation has warned that utilization of wheat for feeding livestock must be curtailed or there will not be enough left for human food.

Grain experts based their predictions of heavy animal marketings on the rapid disappearance (consumption) of corn during the last three months of 1943—a record 1,122,500,000 bushels.

The Ulmann Grain Co., pointed out there are about 308,000,000 bushels less corn in the country today than last year, while there currently is a greater number of animals in feed.

Mark Pickell, grain statistician, asserted, "if the worst corn shortage in history is not to be experienced," it will be necessary to reduce hog population by permitting unrestricted slaughter on farms.

The general consensus of grain men was that the nation's ambitious 1943 meat production program had placed too great a strain upon the grain production plant.

Reports from the War Food Administration show that declining prices have accompanied the expansion in swine marketings during the past year and that the margin of profit to the livestock producer was much smaller at the end of the first week of 1944 than a year ago.

The largest decline was shown on light weight hogs, ranging from 160 to 180 pounds, which brought \$14.28 in Chicago on Jan. 9, 1943, compared with \$12.29 paid on Jan. 8, 1944, when swine were crowding the nation's stockyards.

Good and choice 200 to 300 pound weights brought \$14.70 on Jan. 9, 1943, while the prevailing price this year has dropped to the government support level of \$17.5. Chicago basis, on those weights. Sows declined from \$14.68 to \$12.31 on the comparative date.

The WFA announced the corn-hog ratio at Chicago at 11.5 to 1, compared with 15.2 to 1 for the same date last year.

The dividing line between profit and loss in feeding corn to hogs is estimated at about 10 to 1, meaning the price of 100 pounds of live hogs is equal to the price of 10 bushels of the grain.

Strictly good and choice steers and heifers were the only classes and grades of cattle to reflect price improvement during the

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PUBLIC SALE

Six miles northwest Vaughnsville, 6 miles west Columbus Grove.

TUES., JAN. 18th

ONE O'CLOCK

4 head good heavy work horses; 27 head hogs, mostly good; 1000 lbs. of grain, ration, etc.; good equipment, full house; 20 tons alfalfa and two other bags baled straw; full line farm machinery; 2 good sets harness, 12 ft. wagon or trailer, 5 good trees, and other articles not mentioned.

RALPH ULREY, Owner

RALPH GECKLE, Auctioneer

PUBLIC SALE

1 P. M.

THURSDAY,
JAN. 20, 1944

at farm east of Westminster to first crossroads, then north to first gate after crossing River, then west to farm.

2 young milk cows, giving good flow of milk; 3 heifers, coming fresh soon; Thoroughbred Duroc pigs, bred and registered; Dutch belt; 2000 lbs. of grain, 500 lbs. of hay; 1000 lbs. of straw; 20 tons alfalfa; 2000 lbs. of grain, ration, etc.; good equipment, full house; 20 tons alfalfa and two other bags baled straw; full line farm machinery; 2 good sets harness, 12 ft. wagon or trailer, 5 good trees, and other articles not mentioned.

TERMS: CASH

BEN HERR

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PUBLIC SALE!

On account of all health, I will sell at Public Auction at my home, 5 miles south of Tippie or 5 miles north of Spencerville, O. on Delphos Road, first house south of Spencerville, on

Tuesday, Jan. 18, 1944
A. 1 O'Clock Sharp

2 BORSES P. F. R. 1000 lbs. of grain, 1000 lbs. of straw, 1000 lbs. of hay, more or less.

15 CATTLE 1000 lbs. of grain, 1000 lbs. of straw, 1000 lbs. of hay, more or less.

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