

**Regular Sale  
Every Tuesday**

9:30 am Hay/Straw  
11:00 am Springers,  
Dairy Cows,  
Breeder Bulls  
12:00 pm Sheep,  
Goats, Hogs  
Followed by Bull &  
Heifer Calves  
2:00 pm Feeders  
3:00 pm Butcher  
Bulls, Fats & Cows

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**SPECIAL  
SALES**

Springer Sale 4/12  
Feeder Sale 4/17

Riding Horse Auction  
April 20

Driving Horse  
Auction April 28

Alternative Animal  
Auction May 11-12

**Market Report 4/3\* 646 Total Head Sold**

**DAIRY**

Springers	19	Top of \$1300
Dairy Cows	7	Top of \$ 850
Heifer Calves	29	Top of \$ 150
Breeder Bulls	13	Top of \$1200

**FEEDERS & DAIRY FEEDERS**

Dairy Feeders	18	Top of \$500
Feeder Cattle	16	Top of \$1.40/lb

**HAY & STRAW**

Hay	32 loads \$ 55-\$360/ton
	10 loads from \$255-\$360/ton
	11 loads from \$225-\$250/ton
Straw	1 load \$115/ton

**SHEEP/GOATS/HOGS**

Sheep	84	\$20-\$270/lb.
Ewes	\$20-\$110	Lambs \$175-\$270
		Rams \$72.50-\$170
Goats	36	\$40-\$145/head
Hogs	33	\$12-\$40
Hogs	\$28-\$40	Pigs \$36
		Sows \$23.50-\$39
		Boars \$12

**A Note from Rick:** Spring just doesn't seem to want to come and for those of us buying hay, it can't come quick enough. Hay prices have been high and just seem to keep getting higher. New hay will definitely take the pressure off, but it will be interesting to me to see what prices do. Will buyers be more aggressive than normal to stock up? Will sellers be willing to sell hay in season at lower prices? No matter what the hay price is, I'm ready for warmer weather and green grass and I'm sure I'm not alone. Butcher cattle, including cows, were slightly lower this week and this market is under a good bit of pressure again with the cattle prices on the Board of Trade falling as much as it has in recent weeks. Bull calf prices were steady to stronger and heifer calves were stronger as well. The Dairy market was weaker again as there continues to be more and more liquidation. The Organic Dairy Auction last Friday was a success in my opinion. We didn't really know what to expect with the way things are in the Dairy industry. I think that held our numbers back, but the cattle we did have sold very well compared to conventional prices. We are looking forward to our first Hafflinger Auction this weekend and rain or shine, we'll be selling horses in the new arena. See you at TLA!

**SLAUGHTER**

Cows	192	Top of \$66.50 Overall avg (\$51.02)
		Top 10 \$63-\$66.50 (\$64.06 avg)
		Top 25 \$60-\$66.50 (\$62.40 avg)
		Top 50 \$58-\$66.50 (\$60.36 avg)
		Bottom 50 \$10-\$47.50 (\$39.30 avg)
Mixed	82	Top of \$114
		Top 10 \$110-\$114 (\$111.45 avg)
Holsteins		Top of \$89
		Top 10 \$86.50-\$89 (\$88.05 avg)
		Group of 3 1756 lb avg \$89.00
		Group of 2 1512 lb avg \$88.50
		Group of 3 1575 lb avg \$86.50
Bulls	10	Top of \$85.50

**BULL CALVES**

Bull Calves	102	\$.10-\$1.35 (\$ .94 overall avg)
		Top 10 \$ 1.20-\$1.35/lb. (\$1.27/lb. avg)
		Top 25 \$ 1.10-\$1.35/lb. (\$1.20/lb. avg)
		Top 50 \$ 1.00-\$1.35/lb. (\$1.14/lb. avg)

**Organic Dairy Auction  
Market Report 3/29/18**

75 head sold

57 Cows Top 10 \$1,050-\$1,700 (\$1515 avg)

6 Springing Heifers Top \$1,900

8 Feeder Heifers \$275-\$900

2 Breeder Bulls \$800



*Alternative  
Animal  
Auction  
May 11-12*

**Riding Horse  
Auction April 20<sup>th</sup>**



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