

**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 1/11  
Feeder Sale 1/16

Spring Draft Horse  
Catalog Deadline 2/1

Midwinter Horse  
Pull 2/17

Driving Horse  
Auction 2/24

**Market Report 12/19\* 864 Total Head Sold**

**DAIRY**

Springers	18	Top of \$1525
Dairy Cows	38	Top of \$1085
Heifer Calves	21	Top of \$ 140
Breeder Bulls	6	Top of \$1225

**FEEDERS & DAIRY FEEDERS**

Dairy Feeders	135	Top of \$725
Group of 5	712 lb avg	\$725
Group of 8	750 lb avg	\$700
Group of 14	468 lb avg	\$460
Feeder Cattle	68	Top of \$1.60/lb
Group of 8	370 lb avg	\$.83/lb.
Group of 8	390 lb avg	\$.78/lb.
Group of 3	831 lb avg	\$.79/lb.

**HAY & STRAW**

Hay	48 loads	\$105-\$230/ton
Straw	7 loads	\$85-\$135/ton
Wood	2 loads	\$60-\$65/load

**SHEEP/GOATS/HOGS**

Sheep	21	\$55-\$225
Lambs \$225 Rams	\$107.50-\$115	Ewes \$55-\$133
Hogs	98	\$8-\$54
Hogs \$30-\$54 Sows	\$25-\$38.50	Boars \$8-\$17 Pigs \$10-\$25
Goats	10	\$45-\$290

**A Note from Rick:** Well 2017 is very soon to be history and to most all of us in agriculture, it will not be remembered as a great year. The Dairy industry started 2017 in a bit of a slump, but there was a lot of positive thinking that milk prices were going to get better in the second half of the year. This did actually happen, but the increase was very minor and short lived. Beef prices fell sharply during the second half of the year, which has not helped the dairy industry and seem to be stuck where they're at. The poultry industry had a wild ride in 2017 as well with egg prices hitting rock bottom during the summer, but things seem to be going in the right direction as the year comes to a close. Grain farmers saw yields that were average to above average in most cases (with the exception of some damage to isolated areas from too much moisture in the spring), but have also felt the effects of cheaper prices as the year comes to a close. All in all, it was what it was and I suggest we look forward to all the opportunities that 2018 will bring and use some of the things that we've learned in 2017 to help us make the most out of what we can control. It's important to take time to reflect, but I'd much rather count my blessings and look to the future. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you at TLA!

**SLAUGHTER**

Cows	164	Top of \$64
		Top 25 \$55.50-\$64 (\$58.52 avg)
		Top 50 \$52.00-\$64 (\$56.27 avg)
		Bottom 50 \$18-\$44.00 (\$37.80 avg)
Mixed		Top of \$118
	123	Top 10 \$105-\$118 (\$113.25 avg)
Holsteins		Top of \$89
		Top 10 \$84-\$89 (\$86.35 avg)
Bulls	6	Top of \$77

**BULL CALVES**

Bull Calves	97	\$2-\$115 (\$55.10 avg)
		Top 10 \$1.00-\$1.15/lb. (\$1.05/lb. avg)
		Top 25 \$ .85-\$1.15/lb. (\$ .97/lb. avg)
		Top 50 \$ .65-\$1.15/lb. (\$ .85/lb. avg)

**Special Sales & Events for 2018**

Feb 17	Midwinter Horse Pull
Feb 24	Driving Horse Auction
March 20-23	Spring Draft Horse & Carriage Auction *Catalog Deadline Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>
March 29	Organic Dairy Sale
April 6-7	Haflinger Auction
April 20	Riding Horse Auction
April 28	Driving Horse Auction
May 11-12	Alternative Animal Auction
May 28	Pony Sale
June 1-2	Dutch Cross Classic
June 22	Summer Draft Horse Auction *Catalog deadline May 1 <sup>st</sup>
June 23	Driving Horse Auction
July 5	Firecracker Frenzy Buggy Horse Sale
August 25	Driving Horse Auction
September 3	Pony Sale
September 20	Fall Frenzy Buggy Horse Sale
October 5-6	Alternative Animal Sale
October 19-20	Friesian Fall Classic
October 27	Driving Horse Auction
Oct 30-Nov 2	Fall Draft Horse & Carriage Auction *Catalog deadline Aug 15 <sup>th</sup>
Nov 15	Organic Dairy Sale
Dec 27-29	Miller Yoder/Dutch Cross Christmas Sale

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