

**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 2/11  
Feeder 2/16

Midwinter Horse Pull &  
Stallion Presentation  
2/20

Driving Horse Auction  
2/27

**Market Report 2/2\* 277 Total Head Sold**

**DAIRY**

Springers	13	Top of \$1350
Dairy Cows	18	Top of \$1425
Heifer Calves	20	Top of \$ 30
Breeder Bulls	5	Top of \$1290

**FEEDERS & DAIRY FEEDERS**

Dairy Feeders	No Test
Feeder Cattle	No Test

**SHEEP/GOATS/HOGS**

Sheep	No Test
Goats	12 \$130-\$242.50
Hogs	42 \$15-\$55

Feeder Pigs \$15-\$25/hd Hogs \$48-\$55

**HAY & STRAW**

Hay	16 loads	\$150-\$280
Hay	5 loads	\$255-\$280 \$266/ton avg
Hay	5 loads	\$230-\$245 \$218/ton avg
Hay	2 loads	\$150-\$220 \$195/ton avg
Straw	2 loads	\$105-\$115

**A Note from Rick:** We didn't have a big run on Tuesday, but markets were stronger in all categories. Hay was a bit stronger again with 10 loads selling for \$230-\$280. The calf market was very active and prices were definitely stronger. There's a lot of interest in calves for 4-H right now and that is definitely helping this market. This will probably continue for a few more weeks. Slaughter cows had a nice little increase again. I'd say the winter weather and shorter runs of cattle are the driving factor in this market right now. The Draft Horse catalog is at 288 pages right now and we are set to have a larger than normal Spring Sale. The excitement is building and I'm sure after the cold snap that we've had over the last few days that we'll all be ready for anything Spring. As many of you probably heard, we had a little excitement over the weekend with some of our cattle getting out at our home farm. We were able to return them back to the barn in a little over two hours thanks to the help from so many of our family, friends and neighbors. We were very fortunate that it turned out the way that it did and we could not have done it without help from the LaPorte County Police Department and the Kingsbury Volunteer Fire Department along with countless volunteers that showed up with trucks, trailers, four wheelers, snowmobiles and a willingness to help. We are truly blessed to have so many wonderful people in our lives that show up when you need them. See you at TLA!

**SLAUGHTER**

Cows	66	Top of \$68	Overall (52.71 avg)
		Top 10 \$61-\$68	(\$64.40 avg)
		Top 30 \$57-\$68	(\$60.47 avg)
		Bottom 15 \$10-\$48	(\$37.20 avg)
Mixed		Top of \$108	
Holsteins	16	Top of \$90	
Bulls	11	Top of \$93	
Organic	6	Top of \$67	

**BULL CALVES**

Bull Calves	62	\$ .01-\$1.80 (\$ .95 overall avg)
	Top 10	\$1.25-\$1.80/lb. (\$1.50/lb. avg)
	Top 25	\$1.15-\$1.80/lb. (\$1.30/lb. avg)
	Top 50	\$ .30-\$1.80/lb. (\$1.09/lb. avg)

**DRIVING HORSE AUCTION**  
*February 27<sup>th</sup>*



6 yr Mare *Wishing Stone* x *Cash Hall*



4 yr Mare *Prestidigitator* x *Garland Lobel*



5 yr Mare *He's Spooky* x *Earl*

**Catalog Deadline 6:30 am  
Horse Driving 7:30 am  
Auction 9:30 am**

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