

**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 5/10
Feeder Sale 5/15

Driving Horse
Auction April 28

Alternative Animal
Auction May 11-12

J & S Pony Auction
May 28

Market Report 4/17* 913 Total Head Sold

DAIRY

Springers	27	Top of \$1450
Dairy Cows	50	Top of \$1260
Heifer Calves	47	Top of \$ 110
Breeder Bulls	5	Top of \$1135

FEEDERS & DAIRY FEEDERS

Dairy Feeders	241	Top of \$825
Group of 5	922 lb avg	\$825
Group of 3	870 lb avg	\$750
Group of 10	748 lb avg	\$685
Group of 5	645 lb avg	\$450
Group of 4	505 lb avg	\$450
Group of 20	367 lb avg	\$400
Group of 10	357 lb avg	\$380
Feeder Cattle	58	Top of \$1.09/lb
Group of 5 Hol str	297 lb avg	\$.76/lb.
Group of 4 Hol str	247 lb avg	\$.74/lb.
Group of 3 Hol str	878 lb avg	\$.67/lb.

SHEEP/GOATS/HOGS

Sheep	31	\$60-\$232.50/lb.
Ewes \$60-\$72 Lambs \$165-\$232.50		
Goats	3	\$150-\$265/head
Hogs	18	\$29-\$35.50

A Note from Rick: As spring and summer approach and green grass is sure to come, we see an increase in numbers of livestock being bought and sold as producers make the transition from winter feeding programs to summer. This is a regular occurrence and provides more opportunities for both buyers and sellers. This process is definitely taking place and in my opinion seems to be a little more than normal. With the 1st quarter of 2018 being no less than brutal to the Dairy Industry and everyone associated with it, most producers are having to make decisions that they don't normally have to make- like what to do now? With Dairy cattle prices being somewhat stable (at the bottom), these decisions become a little clearer. As prices dropped this winter, the normal thing to do as producers was to just wait and see what's going to happen. Now that it happened, we're seeing more and more producers take action, whether its buying or selling. Although prices aren't very good for sellers, we are seeing a much more active and consistent market. The beef industry has its share of uncertainty as well and maybe isn't quite as clear of where we're at and where we're going. Beef prices haven't changed much for quite some time, trickled down if anything, and opportunities have been hard to come by. Hay prices have sky rocketed over the last month or so and hopefully will come back to a more normal level when new hay gets harvested and that will put a bit of stability into the livestock markets as well. All said and done, spring is here. We are just waiting for the weather to change and I'm sure it will. We are just all getting tired of waiting! See you at TLA!

SLAUGHTER

Cows	193	Top of \$65.50 Overall avg (\$48.46)
		Top 10 \$59-\$65.50 (\$60.95 avg)
		Top 25 \$57-\$65.50 (\$59.12 avg)
		Top 50 \$54-\$65.50 (\$57.20 avg)
		Bottom 50 \$10-\$45 (\$37.15 avg)
Mixed	72	Top of \$120
Holsteins		Top of \$90
		Top 10 \$85.50-\$90 (\$87.65 avg)
		Group of 2 1625 lb avg \$90
		Group of 3 1503 lb avg \$87.50
		Group of 2 1360 lb avg \$84.00
Bulls	12	Top of \$85

BULL CALVES

Bull Calves	118	\$.10-\$2.15 (\$.82 overall avg)
		Top 10 \$ 1.15-\$2.15/lb. (\$1.35/lb. avg)
		Top 25 \$ 1.05-\$2.15/lb. (\$1.19/lb. avg)
		Top 50 \$.95-\$2.15/lb. (\$1.10/lb. avg)

HAY & STRAW

Hay	36 loads	\$ 130-\$360/ton
	11 loads from	\$300-\$360/ton
	18 loads from	\$200-\$290/ton
Straw	2 loads	\$110/ton

**Driving Horse Auction
April 28th 9:30 am**

Catalog Deadline 6:30 am Horse Driving 7:30 am

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**Alternative
Animal
Auction
May 11-12**

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