

**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**

Feeder Sale 2/20
Springer Sale 3/8

Driving Horse Auction
2/24

Spring Draft Horse &
Carriage Auction
March 20-23

Organic Dairy Sale
March 29

Market Report 2/13* 552 Total Head Sold

DAIRY

Springers	32	Top of \$1300
Dairy Cows	10	Top of \$1000
Heifer Calves	20	Top of \$ 65
Breeder Bulls	5	Top of \$1185

FEEDERS & DAIRY FEEDERS

Dairy Feeders	55	Top of \$585
Group of 12	260 lb avg	\$285
Group of 12	252 lb avg	\$285
Feeder Cattle	3	Top of \$.65/lb

SHEEP/GOATS/HOGS

Sheep	13	\$20-\$207.50
Hogs	22	\$16-\$55
Hogs \$43-\$55	Boars \$16	Sows \$35-\$45
Goats	16	\$85-\$172.50

HAY & STRAW

Hay	47 loads	\$85-\$360/ton
	Top 20 loads	\$200-\$360/ton
Straw	7 loads	\$ 85-\$130/ton
Wood	3 loads	\$ 70-\$ 75/load

A Note from Rick: Finally, a major move upward in butcher cow prices. Cows were up 6-8 cents across the board and we haven't had prices at this level in nearly 4 months. It's been a long winter. Bull calf prices also continued their upward trend and these two factors combined will equal the first good news in the Dairy Industry for a long time. If this could continue and we would see even a little strength in the milk futures, maybe we've seen the worst of it in the Dairy Industry. I hope I'm not overreacting, but it's been a while now since we've had something positive to talk about and I'm hoping for more to come. We've definitely got a big hole to dig our way out of and it's not going to happen overnight, but it's got to start somewhere. Hay prices also continued stronger with nearly 50 loads and only 1 sold for less than \$150/ton and 20 were over \$200/ton. I think it's safe to say that this market is here to stay until we make new hay. This is one that I didn't see coming, but it's been here all winter and speaks for itself. We are looking forward to the Midwinter Horse Pull on Saturday and kicking off our 2018 Horse Auction Season. The weather is definitely changing and there is green grass on the way. We are excited about the Spring season and hope to see you at TLA!

SLAUGHTER

Cows	193	Top of \$66
	Top 25	\$60.50-\$66 (\$62.80 avg)
	Top 50	\$57.00-\$66 (\$60.59 avg)
	Top 100	\$52.50-\$66 (\$57.75 avg)
	Bottom 100	\$10-\$53 (\$44.43 avg)
Mixed		Top of \$119
	34	
Holsteins		Top of \$95.50
	Top 10	\$81-\$95.50 (\$88.15 avg)
Bulls	10	Top of \$82

BULL CALVES

Bull Calves	98	\$3-\$140 (\$73.88 avg)
	Top 10	\$ 1.15-\$1.40/lb. (\$1.24/lb. avg)
	Top 25	\$ 1.05-\$1.40/lb. (\$1.16/lb. avg)
	Top 50	\$.65-\$1.40/lb. (\$1.03/lb. avg)

4 Day Schedule for Spring Draft March 20-23

Tuesday- 9:00 am Tack, Equipment & Carriage Sale

Wednesday- 8:00 am Horse Pull

11:00 am Catalogued & Uncatalogued Mules, Shires, Clydesdales, Suffolk, Spotted Drafts, Percherons, Pullingbred Belgians, Pulling Horses, Crossbreds & Haflingers

Thursday- Catalogued Registered Belgians followed by Grade Mares and Geldings

Friday- 9:00 am Uncatalogued Belgians & all other horses

**Driving Horse Auction
February 24th**



6 yr M Swan For All Dakota Spur 1:57

Catalog Deadline

6:30 am sharp

Horse Driving 7:30 am

Horse Auction 9:30 am

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