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SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF THE OHIO GRADED
FEEDER PIG AUCTIONS, 1973

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This summary of the 1973 Graded Feeder Pig Auctions includes data collected from all of the graded auctions held in Ohio. The number of feeder pigs was up 13 percent in 1973 compared to 1972 with six less sales held due to the discontinuance of Sugarcreek sales in 1973. Feeder pig numbers have increased dramatically from 11,041 head in 1960 with four markets and 13 sales to 109,145 head in 1973 with seven markets and 75 sales (Table VI). The average price per hundredweight in 1973 was \$68.81 compared to \$52.67 the previous year. Total dollars received from the sale of feeder pigs from the auctions summarized was \$3,887,017 in 1973 or \$1.1 million above last year. The price per head at \$35.61 was up \$7.00 from last year. The average weight was 51.75 pounds per pig or 2.4 pounds lighter in 1973 than year ago.

Sales by individual auctions are listed in (Table II). The Chillicothe and Middlefield sales were down in numbers in 1973 while all others sold increased numbers. Table III shows the prices paid per head and per 100 pounds for graded feeder pigs sold at special auctions by weight groups.

The largest number of pigs (13,765) were sold in November (Table IV), with August being second (12,028). February continued being the light month (5,643) following the usual trend. September was second to November in 1972.

The high price of \$83.96 per hundredweight (monthly average) was reached in August, 1973. This was a per head price of \$41.84 (Table V). January was the low priced month at \$52.25 per hundredweight and \$28.94 per head. Average weights for the year were 51.8 pounds with prices averaging \$68.81 per hundredweight and \$35.61 per head.

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Two peaks in prices, March and August were experienced in 1973 with a sharp drop in June (Figure 1). Light weight pigs or those weighing 40-49 pounds exceeded the \$90 per hundredweight price in August when market hogs were above \$55 per hundredweight. Feeder pig prices followed hog prices down after the September removal of cattle price ceilings.

The price pattern for pigs averaging 50-59 pounds was considerably different in 1973 compared to the two previous years (Figure 2). The sharp drop in June can be contributed largely to uncertainty as a result of the meat boycott, price ceilings and the relationship of corn, soybean meal and hog prices.

Prices of feeder pigs the first half of 1974 should show some strength compared to last year. Very little increase in pig numbers is indicated in the U.S.D.A. December pig report. Slight expansion of hog numbers may occur toward the latter part of 1974 depending on the relative levels of hog and corn prices, and other costs.

Two different types of auctions--conventional auction and tel-o-sale are included in the summary. The conventional type is one where the pigs are brought into the market in the forenoon; there they are inspected for health by a veterinarian, sorted for weight and thriftiness, graded, and penned into uniform lots for sale. The grades used are based on the U.S.D.A. feeder pig grades. Buyers are welcome to examine the graded lots prior to the sale and need be present for the auction that night. Markets having this type of auction in 1973 include: Chillicothe--Scioto Livestock, Damascus--Damascus Auction, Hillsboro--Producers Livestock, Middlefield--Geauga Livestock, Springfield--Producers Livestock, and Wapakoneta--Producers Livestock.

The other type of auction referred to in this publication is the tel-o-sale conducted by the Producers Livestock Association through their

tend-r-leen feeder pig program. At these sales the pigs are brought to central concentration points (Cadiz, Lancaster, Orrville) where they are inspected for health, sorted for weight and thriftiness, and graded for breeding and meatiness. The condition of facilities and sanitation under which the pigs were raised is also a factor in sorting and grading. Herd classifications are as follows: tend-r-leen, select, and good. AA (excellent) and A (good) are classification of production conditions. Prospective buyers can see the graded pigs at any of the locations in order to form an opinion of the quality of the specific grade used.

The feeder pigs at the three different locations are auctioned off by one auctioneer. Buyers have the opportunity to go to any one of 12 different locations in the hog feeding area and bid on the pigs through a multiple telephone "hookup." This type of selling saves the buyer time and expense. The pigs at all locations must have uniformity in sorting and grading in order for buyers to have confidence in the stated grades.

Pig numbers in the tel-o-sale program included pigs from Illinois in latter 1972 and all of 1973. An Illinois tel-o-sale program was started in 1974 which will affect the 1974 Ohio tel-o-sale volume.

In the special graded sales the buyer has the opportunity to see each lot of pigs and make his own evaluation.

Since July 1, 1972, all feeder pigs sold at auction have been ear tagged, indicating they have been inspected by a veterinarian and given a vaccination treatment which includes erysipelas, mixed bacterine, and an antibiotic combination of tylocin and sulfa. The ear tagging also indicates farm origin. In most cases feeders buying directly from another farmer do not have the assurance of this type of health protection.

BENEFITS DERIVED BY THE INDUSTRY FROM GRADED FEEDER PIG AUCTIONS

The producer committees and livestock markets conducting the graded feeder pig sales have been responsible for many improvements taking place in the pork industry.

Some of the more important are:

1. Grading gives the producer a measure of quality which can be used both as a goal and basis for measurement of improvement.
2. Selling feeder pigs by the hundredweight instead of by the head, thus eliminating guessing of weight.
3. Sorting and grading of feeder pigs, so lots to be sold would be uniform in size and quality.
4. Selling in lots of mixed consignments, thus benefiting the smaller producer.
5. Promoting the use of certified breeding stock by the producer through assistance in financing by the committees and market organizations.
6. Enforcement of strict standards of health, quality and inspection by an approved veterinarian, thus increasing the livability of feeder pigs sold.
7. Helps establish feeder pig prices for those using other marketing channels.
8. Gives the feeder an opportunity to buy feeder pigs in larger more uniform lots.
9. Ohio pigs are usually fresher and subjected to less stress.
10. Buyer can save on procurement time and expense.
11. More information on parent brood stock is usually available.

TABLE I
OHIO FEEDER PIG AUCTION SUMMARY
1973

Area	No. Sales	No. Head	Ave. Wt.	Total Wt.	Ave. Per 100#	Total Dollars	Ave. Per Head
Chillicothe	12	5,439	54.50	296,433	\$58.85	\$174,463.62	\$32.08
Damascus	6	3,902	50.65	197,620	65.31	129,059.35	33.08
Hillsboro	8	12,136	57.08	692,742	61.15	423,639.72	34.91
Middlefield	6	2,776	53.39	148,212	63.57	94,213.18	33.94
Springfield	6	8,479	60.02	508,910	64.40	327,720.68	38.65
Wapakoneta	11	10,102	56.27	568,470	68.78	390,980.03	38.70
Tel-O-Sale*	26	66,311	48.81	3,236,405	72.52	2,346,940.75	35.39
Totals & Averages	75	109,145	51.75	5,648,792	\$68.81	\$3,887,017.33	\$35.61

* Includes 6,600 pigs from Illinois.

TABLE II

GRADED FEEDER PIG AUCTION SALES, WEIGHTS, PRICES AND VALUES
BY MARKET AND SALE DATE, OHIO, 1973

CHILLICOTHE						
<u>Date</u>	<u>No. Head</u>	<u>Average Weight</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Ave. Price Per 100#</u>	<u>Total Dollars</u>	<u>Average Price Per Head</u>
Jan. 2	422	58.08	24,509	\$47.37	\$11,611.13	\$27.51
Feb. 6	437	57.74	25,231	51.17	12,911.89	29.55
Mar. 6	454	61.05	27,717	56.82	15,782.25	34.76
Apr. 3	198	54.52	10,795	62.89	6,789.37	34.29
May 1	594	50.63	30,073	62.50	18,792.25	31.64
June 5	726	49.02	35,588	47.83	17,020.10	23.44
July 3	338	51.10	17,272	57.52	9,934.35	29.39
Aug. 7	389	56.87	22,123	90.64	20,051.33	51.55
Sept. 4	349	55.19	19,261	58.04	11,179.75	32.03
Oct. 2	562	51.07	28,701	55.65	15,973.16	28.42
Nov. 6	475	53.04	25,195	61.45	15,482.30	32.59
Dec. 4	495	60.54	29,968	63.19	18,935.74	38.25
Totals & Averages	5,439	54.50	296,433	\$58.85	\$174,463.62	\$32.08
DAMASCUS						
Jan. 5	699	55.30	38,656	\$46.26	\$17,883.65	\$25.58
Mar. 2	519	51.41	26,683	68.92	18,388.99	35.43
Apr. 27	717	51.21	36,720	63.88	23,457.98	32.73
July 6	622	47.17	29,340	68.69	20,154.45	32.40
Sept. 7	800	47.44	37,948	72.66	27,573.35	34.47
Nov. 2	545	51.88	28,273	76.40	21,600.93	39.63
Totals & Averages	3,902	50.65	197,620	\$65.31	\$129,059.35	\$33.08

HILLSBORO

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. Head</u>	<u>Average Weight</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Ave. Price Per 100#</u>	<u>Total Dollars</u>	<u>Average Price Per Head</u>
Feb. 8	712	65.33	46,513	\$53.20	\$24,744.77	\$34.75
Mar. 22	1,261	62.56	78,886	58.81	46,391.81	36.79
May 3	1,525	54.25	82,727	58.61	48,487.51	31.80
June 28	2,305	57.07	131,549	50.44	66,354.11	28.79
Aug. 9	1,324	56.89	75,328	86.36	65,055.07	49.14
Sept. 27	1,711	53.77	92,001	68.88	63,372.98	37.04
Nov. 8	2,000	57.96	115,929	53.81	62,381.28	31.19
Dec. 6	1,298	53.78	69,809	67.11	46,852.19	36.10
Totals & Averages	12,136	57.08	692,742	\$61.15	\$423,639.72	\$34.91

MIDDLEFIELD

Feb. 2	371	60.28	22,365	\$55.94	\$12,511.40	\$33.72
Apr. 6	490	59.72	29,265	60.93	17,831.41	36.39
June 1	406	51.18	20,780	62.50	12,986.67	31.99
Aug. 3	325	51.10	16,607	70.78	11,755.14	36.17
Oct. 5	449	55.91	21,750	70.17	15,262.48	39.24
Dec. 7	735	50.95	37,445	63.74	23,866.08	32.47
Totals & Averages	2,776	53.39	148,212	\$63.57	\$94,213.18	\$33.94

SPRINGFIELD

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. Head</u>	<u>Average Weight</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Ave. Price Per 100#</u>	<u>Total Dollars</u>	<u>Average Price Per Head</u>
Jan. 17	1,558	63.89	99,535	\$47.54	\$47,321.99	\$30.37
Mar. 21	964	59.18	57,045	71.76	40,933.39	42.46
May 16	1,599	57.00	91,145	60.96	55,561.24	34.75
July 18	946	57.12	54,035	77.64	41,953.18	44.35
Sept. 19	1,321	60.44	79,840	69.41	55,415.07	41.95
Nov. 21	2,091	60.88	127,310	67.97	86,535.81	41.38
Totals & Averages	8,479	60.02	508,910	\$64.40	\$327,720.68	\$38.65

WAPAKONETA

Jan. 18	584	64.86	37,877	\$56.59	\$21,433.95	\$36.70
Feb. 15	749	61.50	46,065	57.89	26,666.16	35.60
Mar. 15	468	55.66	26,047	76.54	19,936.25	42.60
Apr. 19	682	53.06	36,188	74.29	26,882.34	39.42
May 17	955	52.65	50,285	68.89	34,640.31	36.27
June 21	1,303	57.26	74,616	49.90	37,236.65	28.58
July 19	656	51.66	33,886	94.54	32,035.51	48.83
Aug. 16	1,606	55.55	89,216	74.45	66,417.73	41.36
Sept. 20	816	54.90	44,798	80.13	35,896.07	43.99
Oct. 18	1,147	55.78	63,982	66.39	42,477.77	37.03
Nov. 15	1,136	57.67	65,510	72.29	47,357.29	41.69
Totals & Averages	10,102	56.27	568,470	\$68.78	\$390,980.03	\$38.70

TEL-O-SALE

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<u>Date</u>	<u>No. Head</u>	<u>Average Weight</u>	<u>Total Weight</u>	<u>Ave. Price Per 100#</u>	<u>Total Dollars</u>	<u>Average Price Per Head</u>
Jan. 4	3,043	52.49	159,714	\$53.00	\$ 84,652.15	\$27.82
Jan. 19	2,549	51.04	130,095	56.35	73,319.96	28.76
Feb. 1	1,691	49.99	84,538	64.51	54,535.42	32.25
Feb. 15	1,683	50.90	85,671	64.73	55,457.49	32.95
Mar. 1	1,406	47.98	67,464	75.98	51,258.93	36.46
Mar. 15	2,220	49.60	110,106	77.04	84,830.56	38.21
Mar. 29	1,918	47.68	91,437	73.69	67,380.29	35.13
Apr. 12	2,557	49.35	126,195	73.59	92,862.23	36.32
Apr. 19	2,608	47.91	124,961	76.66	95,800.05	36.73
May 10	3,419	48.51	165,844	69.57	115,367.03	33.74
May 24	3,315	48.34	160,241	63.27	101,390.92	30.59
June 7	3,238	47.50	153,794	60.34	92,747.91	28.64
June 21	2,468	48.13	118,791	58.20	69,130.62	28.01
July 6	2,646	46.13	122,057	70.85	86,472.69	32.68
July 19	2,595	47.19	122,467	90.70	111,078.07	42.80
Aug. 2	3,256	49.45	160,996	92.41	148,782.35	45.69
Aug. 16	2,887	46.10	133,104	86.32	114,889.08	39.80
Aug. 30	2,241	45.51	101,990	74.81	76,294.88	34.05
Sept. 13	1,847	47.01	86,825	84.61	73,467.81	39.78
Sept. 27	2,659	48.15	128,019	74.62	95,528.31	35.93
Oct. 11	2,433	47.71	116,077	80.54	93,485.72	38.42
Oct. 25	2,397	47.97	114,985	80.22	92,242.80	38.48
Nov. 8	2,868	49.70	142,531	73.91	105,333.56	36.73
Nov. 15	1,664	45.92	76,416	75.76	57,890.95	34.79
Nov. 29	2,986	50.74	151,509	76.33	115,647.68	38.73
Dec. 15	3,717	53.96	200,578	68.32	137,093.29	36.88
Totals & Averages	66,311	48.81	3,236,405	\$72.52	\$2,346,940.75	\$35.39

Includes 6,600 pigs from Illinois.

TABLE III -- Prices Paid Per Head and Per 100 lbs. for Graded Feeder Pigs at Special Auctions by Weight Groups and Sale, Ohio, 1973

Date	Market Area	Total No. of Head	30 - 39		40 - 49		50 - 59		60 - 69		70 - 79		80 - 89		90 - 99	
			Price Head	Price Cwt.	Price Head	Price Cwt.	Price Head	Price Cwt.	Price Head	Price Cwt.	Price Head	Price Cwt.	Price Head	Price Cwt.	Price Head	Price Cwt.
Jan. 2	Chill.	422	18.46	51.28	24.46	53.48	29.10	51.50	30.64	46.50	30.47	42.95	33.88	40.84	35.07	37.61
Jan. 4	Tel-O	3,043	19.02	52.40	27.13	59.95	28.58	52.47	29.87	46.16	31.88	42.50	32.01	39.76	-	-
Jan. 5	Damcs.	699	19.87	56.53	24.30	54.31	26.01	47.46	28.60	43.92	28.14	38.03	30.08	33.95	-	-
Jan. 17	Sprf.	1,558	19.45	52.01	27.34	61.09	31.41	55.94	31.12	46.60	33.45	44.46	33.59	38.62	33.79	34.89
Jan. 18	Wapak.	584	19.86	52.97	28.83	62.78	33.15	58.60	38.87	61.33	39.67	51.40	41.92	51.09	44.14	47.82
Jan. 19	Tel-O	2,549	21.36	58.26	27.97	60.84	30.34	57.27	33.21	50.49	34.19	43.43	35.54	43.93	37.67	37.75
Feb. 1	Tel-O	1,691	24.82	71.29	31.51	69.49	35.14	63.73	35.57	54.84	31.63	41.00	37.11	44.37	-	-
Feb. 2	Midfd.	371	23.07	65.68	30.52	68.20	33.25	57.24	35.74	55.41	36.20	50.18	42.75	49.21	42.17	44.55
Feb. 6	Chill.	437	19.58	56.71	26.43	58.98	29.47	55.38	32.76	51.31	33.48	44.64	34.40	40.00	-	-
Feb. 8	Hills.	712	23.84	66.52	31.84	70.11	34.66	64.66	34.28	56.03	37.08	48.79	39.51	49.08	42.48	44.00
Feb. 15	Wapak.	749	26.22	69.69	32.28	68.51	35.56	62.37	37.03	55.92	37.10	48.28	44.98	52.23	-	-
Feb. 15	Tel-O	1,683	26.46	74.96	32.22	70.89	36.11	65.33	36.47	54.63	34.81	43.95	36.82	44.11	36.01	37.79
Mar. 1	Tel-O	1,406	29.63	83.33	36.41	82.80	39.72	73.81	40.92	62.37	40.59	54.71	-	-	-	-
Mar. 2	Damcs.	519	29.66	85.00	35.85	80.11	38.62	67.79	39.52	62.51	40.59	54.77	46.83	55.70	47.72	50.80
Mar. 6	Chill.	454	25.51	73.24	28.96	64.60	32.16	58.89	39.04	58.86	41.67	55.23	40.68	46.12	44.53	45.55

TABLE III (Continued) -- Prices Paid Per Head and Per 100 lbs. for Graded Feeder Pigs at Special Auctions by Weight Groups and Sale, Ohio, 1973

Date	Mar- ket Area	Total No. of Head	30 - 39		40 - 49		50 - 59		60 - 69		70 - 79		80 - 89		90 - 99	
			Price Head	Cwt.	Price Head	Cwt.	Price Head	Cwt.	Price Head	Cwt.	Price Head	Cwt.	Price Head	Cwt.	Price Head	Cwt.
Mar. 15	Wapak.	468	29.62	81.02	35.25	77.33	43.64	80.12	49.51	75.33	51.50	68.32	-	-	51.45	52.77
Mar. 15	Tel-O	2,220	30.14	83.65	37.29	84.30	40.23	74.24	41.52	63.88	45.09	62.71	43.25	50.88	41.09	44.82
Mar. 21	Sprf.	964	32.52	89.58	36.81	81.33	41.67	74.19	46.12	69.16	53.26	70.64	54.74	64.61	51.73	53.71
Mar. 22	Hills.	1,261	27.92	77.12	35.22	78.45	37.68	68.13	37.41	55.58	40.02	53.22	39.02	46.45	38.46	41.00
Mar. 29	Tel-O	1,918	27.64	75.77	34.47	77.36	38.65	71.36	40.80	63.27	37.94	48.96	-	-	35.75	35.75
Apr. 3	Chill.	198	22.93	68.84	31.17	68.02	36.84	68.08	42.54	69.17	35.12	48.92	40.21	48.50	39.32	40.00
Apr. 6	Midfd.	490	28.45	77.24	33.53	76.09	36.06	67.58	37.59	60.37	40.51	56.45	43.27	51.49	44.16	47.11
Apr. 12	Tel-O	2,557	27.67	79.23	35.51	79.41	38.07	71.51	40.60	64.37	40.90	57.03	44.60	50.34	43.50	45.79
Apr. 19	Wapak.	682	31.77	84.93	36.62	79.52	42.43	77.11	42.56	65.67	47.00	63.51	47.53	58.68	-	-
Apr. 19	Tel-O	2,608	29.68	82.82	36.95	82.86	38.80	71.34	39.48	60.90	-	-	41.17	47.89	34.00	35.79
Apr. 27	Damcs.	717	22.62	66.34	32.68	73.43	36.84	66.98	36.55	55.81	40.38	52.84	45.84	54.89	43.57	46.81
May 1	Chill.	594	23.17	66.70	29.96	68.89	35.48	67.21	38.17	60.82	44.15	58.29	41.58	49.15	-	-
May 3	Hills.	1,525	24.53	71.93	28.59	62.71	35.72	62.74	36.17	54.60	36.75	49.73	38.51	44.31	44.42	45.00
May 10	Tel-O	3,419	26.00	73.81	34.23	76.77	35.76	63.59	35.32	55.17	40.73	54.31	42.65	52.01	-	-
May 16	Sprf.	1,599	26.46	73.66	31.86	72.38	35.91	65.63	38.65	59.55	39.95	53.05	40.85	48.45	43.10	45.98

TABLE III (Continued) -- Prices Paid Per Head and Per 100 lbs.
for Graded Feeder Pigs at Special Auctions
by Weight Groups and Sale, Ohio, 1973

Date	Mar- ket Area	Total No. of Head	30 - 39		40 - 49		50 - 59		60 - 69		70 - 79		80 - 89		90 - 99	
			Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.
May 17	Wapak.	955	25.62	73.52	32.17	72.75	37.97	70.30	44.37	67.51	45.10	62.75	-	-	51.56	52.77
May 24	Tel-O	3,315	26.52	73.53	29.36	68.13	30.35	56.39	33.56	53.19	38.27	50.78	35.82	44.44	40.24	41.27
June 1	Midfd.	406	25.46	71.28	31.88	71.95	34.84	65.72	35.00	53.64	37.51	52.70	40.28	49.04	43.80	48.17
June 5	Chill.	726	20.03	56.35	23.66	51.89	24.35	43.85	28.10	38.59	31.67	43.06	-	-	-	-
June 7	Tel-O	3,238	24.67	68.17	28.24	61.89	30.63	56.28	34.60	52.87	-	-	37.92	46.41	44.51	48.77
June 21	Wapak.	1,303	23.43	63.02	24.85	54.81	28.48	51.59	27.83	43.55	32.62	44.29	36.84	44.08	-	-
June 21	Tel-O	2,468	21.97	62.08	28.28	62.28	30.10	54.80	31.04	49.37	32.91	46.35	-	-	-	-
June 28	Hills.	2,305	20.05	56.24	25.59	57.40	29.06	50.87	31.38	49.59	33.73	45.87	36.61	43.01	40.69	43.75
July 3	Chill.	338	21.38	63.20	26.77	61.37	33.85	59.69	37.38	57.50	37.61	51.55	37.29	44.39	43.11	45.00
July 5	Tel-O	2,646	25.11	71.49	32.36	71.98	36.96	70.25	43.21	68.02	-	-	35.65	43.01	-	-
July 6	Damca.	622	25.71	73.79	33.83	73.81	36.22	67.45	40.22	63.82	42.26	56.54	-	-	-	-
July 18	Sprf.	946	29.69	86.27	39.45	86.35	47.07	84.07	51.43	81.24	53.34	71.75	53.44	63.48	-	-
July 19	Wapak.	656	32.62	92.26	41.55	95.88	52.13	99.35	60.67	93.37	65.14	90.01	66.68	81.93	-	-
July 19	Tel-O	2,595	38.76	109.00	43.39	97.01	43.48	82.10	46.13	69.73	-	-	43.25	50.88	-	-
Aug. 2	Tel-O	3,256	36.16	101.79	45.81	101.94	48.29	88.15	51.60	79.24	58.84	77.65	53.45	61.87	62.76	66.33

TABLE III (Continued) -- Prices Paid Per Head and Per 100 lbs. for Graded Feeder Pigs at Special Auctions by Weight Groups and Sale, Ohio, 1973

Date	Mar- ket Area	Total No. of Head	30 - 39		40 - 49		50 - 59		60 - 69		70 - 79		80 - 89		90 - 99	
			Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.
Aug. 3	Midfd.	325	24.21	72.06	36.47	78.33	36.92	69.35	45.31	71.07	49.33	68.74	58.42	66.47	55.75	61.94
Aug. 7	Chill.	389	34.67	104.00	46.36	106.85	53.37	98.70	55.57	84.52	56.09	78.00	61.59	71.25	54.50	60.00
Aug. 9	Hills.	1,324	38.63	106.72	49.62	106.65	50.24	90.18	51.37	80.40	51.91	71.05	57.91	66.97	62.10	69.00
Aug. 16	Wapak.	1,606	33.84	92.63	37.90	84.26	39.83	72.36	46.00	72.19	48.65	63.62	49.53	57.91	59.01	60.46
Aug. 16	Tel-0	2,887	31.14	88.86	39.62	89.41	45.18	81.88	50.25	79.72	52.95	72.45	52.60	61.88	51.17	55.82
Aug. 30	Tel-0	2,241	25.32	71.72	35.31	80.38	38.83	71.61	40.66	63.48	39.25	56.07	-	-	44.85	49.83
Sep. 4	Chill.	349	23.60	68.81	27.67	65.01	31.76	58.18	31.27	47.05	41.08	56.20	43.50	50.00	41.64	45.63
Sep. 7	Damcs.	800	27.96	77.14	34.26	77.96	39.71	73.31	44.46	71.04	50.36	66.45	-	-	47.83	51.82
Sep. 13	Tel-0	1,847	29.14	81.03	40.28	88.79	46.59	85.24	48.46	75.07	51.82	73.71	-	-	-	-
Sep. 19	Sprf.	1,321	29.19	82.38	37.77	83.56	43.72	77.85	44.63	68.62	46.07	62.31	48.91	60.01	50.75	53.00
Sep. 20	Wapak.	816	35.58	95.18	40.35	89.52	45.63	82.97	45.69	71.68	53.52	69.80	52.59	60.87	59.25	60.77
Sep. 27	Hills.	1,711	27.16	76.60	35.32	79.47	39.12	72.44	43.46	66.58	42.62	59.99	46.48	54.40	47.70	53.00
Sep. 27	Tel-0	2,659	27.48	76.37	37.67	82.37	36.92	67.81	39.99	62.61	41.17	56.31	43.69	51.89	43.05	47.83
Oct. 2	Chill.	562	23.07	64.32	24.98	57.89	27.18	48.19	29.91	46.32	38.78	53.93	47.29	54.87	-	-
Oct. 5	Midfd.	449	23.84	72.24	33.84	76.15	39.13	69.79	42.69	66.02	46.52	60.54	-	-	-	-

TABLE III (Continued) -- Prices Paid Per Head and Per 100 lbs. for Graded Feeder Pigs at Special Auctions by Weight Groups and Sale, Ohio, 1973

Date	Mar- ket Area	Total No. of Head	30 - 39		40 - 49		50 - 59		60 - 69		70 - 79		80 - 89		90 - 99	
			Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.	Head	Price Cwt.
Oct. 11	Tel-0	2,433	28.73	80.61	38.97	85.47	43.44	80.31	46.80	69.92	42.87	59.54	43.29	49.83	-	-
Oct. 12	Wapak.	1,147	29.85	80.03	33.10	72.94	38.22	69.47	38.99	60.79	42.22	56.74	47.49	57.50	48.19	52.32
Oct. 25	Tel-0	2,397	31.45	85.66	38.56	87.17	41.14	75.88	42.29	65.67	43.94	61.79	-	-	-	-
Nov. 2	Damcs.	545	31.09	87.53	41.88	95.86	42.58	76.71	45.56	67.10	46.73	61.49	46.33	56.59	48.07	50.00
Nov. 6	Chill.	475	21.55	61.44	28.27	64.58	31.34	56.56	40.55	65.35	46.76	61.55	-	-	45.70	50.43
Nov. 8	Hills	2,000	19.81	54.46	25.57	56.37	31.91	57.39	35.19	56.01	38.72	52.64	42.02	50.50	45.97	48.86
Nov. 8	Tel-0	2,868	31.01	86.78	36.15	78.54	38.73	71.59	40.49	63.23	38.14	53.04	39.49	45.87	-	-
Nov. 15	Wapak.	1,136	32.76	88.68	41.03	90.80	42.77	75.52	41.31	63.73	45.24	61.40	53.45	62.88	49.16	54.32
Nov. 15	Tel-0	1,664	26.29	78.32	34.80	78.51	38.99	72.63	42.05	67.71	47.37	60.96	-	-	-	-
Nov. 21	Sprf.	2,091	28.39	81.72	36.51	79.36	43.16	79.31	47.75	73.37	45.68	61.75	45.79	53.39	48.57	51.29
Nov. 29	Tel-0	2,986	28.71	78.97	36.37	80.31	42.20	78.15	45.61	69.38	43.37	60.72	45.29	53.05	-	-
Dec. 4	Chill.	495	15.39	45.21	32.96	71.96	37.79	73.16	46.15	70.83	46.77	60.44	43.78	54.10	39.91	42.55
Dec. 6	Hills.	1,298	21.55	63.24	35.49	79.12	38.83	71.92	41.69	66.02	47.81	65.01	45.51	52.99	47.16	49.37
Dec. 7	Midfd.	735	24.67	68.43	32.35	70.94	35.00	63.86	36.78	57.68	42.08	56.89	44.20	50.98	51.79	53.12
Dec. 15	Tel-0	3,717	22.97	62.34	35.12	73.99	38.20	69.79	42.29	65.18	46.40	61.17	53.20	61.36	53.34	57.01

TABLE IV

NUMBER OF PIGS SOLD AT SPECIAL OHIO GRADED FEEDER
 FIG AUCTIONS, BY MONTHS, 1969 - 1973

<u>Month</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972*</u>	<u>1973*</u>
January	4,650	4,093	9,745	6,969	8,855
February	2,261	2,432	5,145	4,289	5,643
March	4,413	4,740	8,143	7,951	9,210
April	3,114	4,387	8,656	7,724	7,252
May	7,089	8,129	11,423	7,790	11,407
June	4,463	4,003	7,812	8,184	10,446
July	6,623	7,536	9,929	8,948	7,803
August	3,106	3,644	5,313	8,870	12,028
September	6,222	7,701	10,596	9,416	9,503
October	4,581	3,997	6,280	8,643	6,988
November	7,896	8,310	8,035	11,778	13,765
December	<u>3,892</u>	<u>4,232</u>	<u>6,060</u>	<u>5,640</u>	<u>6,245</u>
TOTAL	58,310	63,204	97,137	96,202	109,145

* Includes Tel-O-Sale.

TABLE V
FEEDER PIG AVERAGES BY MONTHS, 1973

Month	Ave. Weight Pounds	Ave. Price Per Cwt.	Ave. Price Per Head
January	55.4	\$52.25	\$28.94
February	55.0	60.19	33.11
March	52.7	71.06	37.45
April	50.2	72.40	36.35
May	50.9	64.49	32.81
June	51.2	55.22	28.29
July	48.6	79.57	38.66
August	49.8	83.96	41.84
September	51.4	74.16	38.14
October	49.4	75.09	37.13
November	53.2	69.91	37.21
December	54.1	67.12	36.31
YEAR	51.8	\$68.81	\$35.61

TABLE VI
COMPARISON OF GRADED FEEDER PIG AUCTIONS
BY YEARS 1960 - 1973

Year	No. of Mkts.	No. of Sales	Number Head	Total Wt.	Ave. Wt.	Ave. per 100#	Ave. per Head	Total Value
1960	4	13	11,041	757,015	68.6	\$26.50	\$18.17	\$ 200,619.17
1961	7	20	19,797	1,366,928	69.0	27.00	18.65	369,126.67
1962	9	39	40,731	2,555,340	62.7	27.61	17.32	705,528.26
1963	10	48	52,229	3,226,874	61.8	23.80	14.71	768,114.94
1964	10	58	55,688	3,470,790	62.0	23.90	14.89	829,418.75
1965	10	58	44,185	2,642,116	60.0	34.89	20.86	921,815.02
1966	10	66	60,119	3,433,071	57.1	39.76	22.71	1,365,046.56
1967	10	69	62,018	3,666,086	59.1	33.45	19.77	1,226,371.10
1968	10	71	59,125	3,433,787	58.1	33.64	19.54	1,155,292.36
1969	10	77	58,310	3,386,049	58.1	40.29	23.40	1,364,186.96
1970	10	75	63,204	3,574,036	56.6	39.73	22.47	1,419,902.65
1971	13	93	97,137	5,407,781	55.7	29.11	16.21	1,574,702.88
1972*	8	81	96,202	5,209,959	54.2	52.67	28.52	2,743,939.51
1973*	7	75	109,145	5,648,792	51.8	68.81	35.61	\$3,887,017.33

* Tel-O-Sales included.
Source: Original data.

CHART I: AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICES PAID FOR GRADED FEEDER PIGS
AND MARKET HOGS, OHIO, 1973

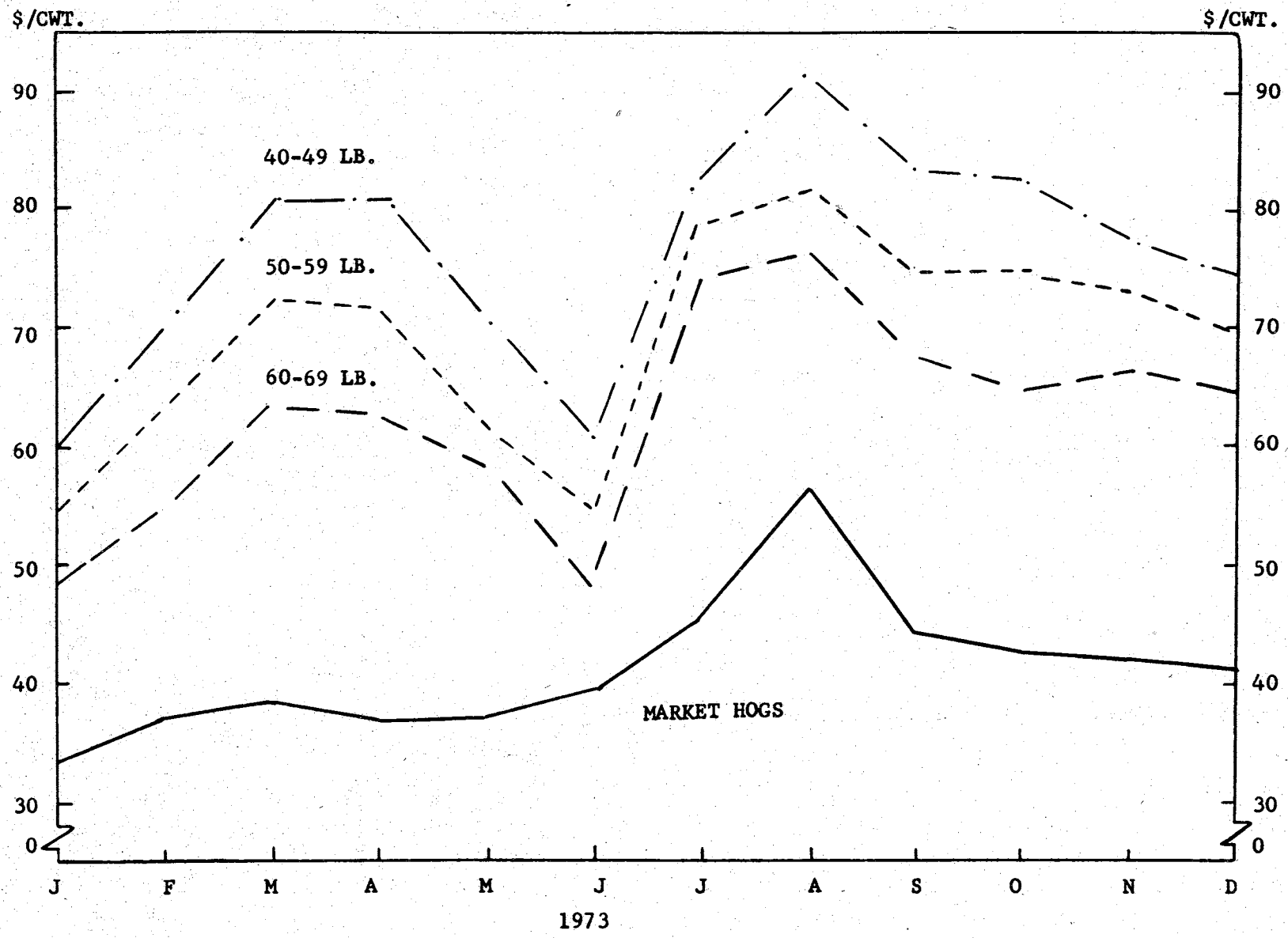
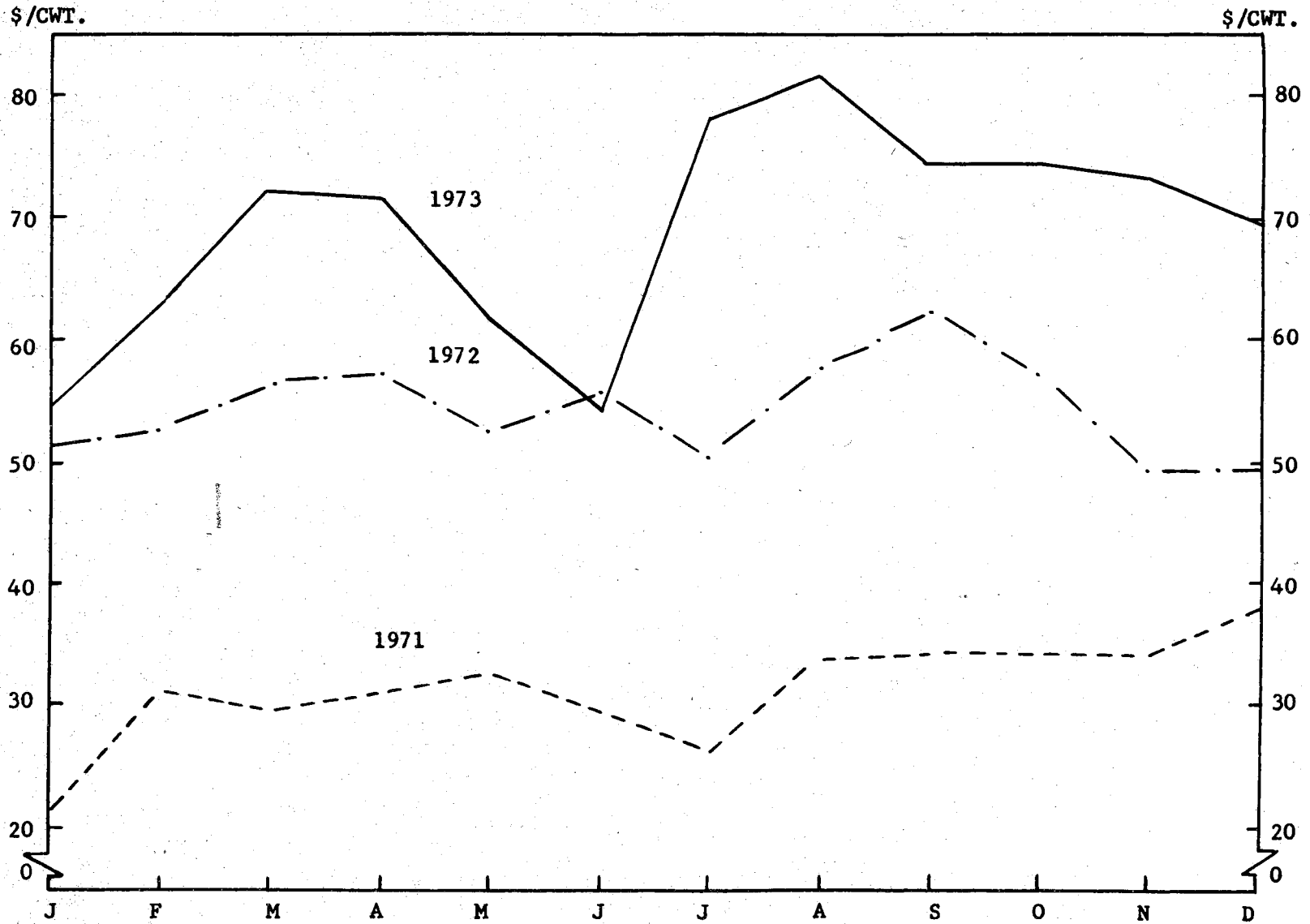


CHART II: AVERAGE MONTHLY PRICES PAID FOR GRADED FEEDER PIGS
 AVERAGING 50-59 LB., OHIO, 1971-1973



1974 OHIO

APPROVED GRADED FEEDER PIG SALES

CHILLICOTHE	HILLSBORO	SPRINGFIELD
Scioto Livestock	Producers Livestock	Producers Livestock
<p>Jan. 8 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Feb. 5 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Mar. 5 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Apr. 2 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. May 7 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. June 4 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. July 2 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Aug. 6 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Sept. 3 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Oct. 1 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Nov. 5 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Dec. 3 Tuesday 8:00 p.m. Paul W. Riegel, Sec'y Rt. 2, Box 135 Jackson, Ohio 45640</p>	<p>Feb. 7 Thursday 3:00 p.m. Mar. 21 Thursday 3:00 p.m. May 2 Thursday 3:00 p.m. June 27 Thursday 3:00 p.m. Aug. 8 Thursday 3:00 p.m. Sept. 26 Thursday 3:00 p.m. Nov. 7 Thursday 3:00 p.m. Dec. 5 Thursday 3:00 p.m. Chester Eyre, Sec'y Route 7 Hillsboro, Ohio 45133</p>	<p>Jan. 16 Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Mar. 20 Wednesday 8:00 p.m. May 15 Wednesday 8:00 p.m. July 17 Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Sept. 18 Wednesday 8:00 p.m. Nov. 20 Wednesday 8:00 p.m. David L. Stickel, Sec'y 624 Whaley Road New Carlisle, Ohio 45344</p>
DAMASCUS	MIDDLEFIELD	WAPAKONETA
Damascus Auction	Geauga Livestock	Producers Livestock
<p>Jan. 4 Friday 8:00 p.m. Mar. 1 Friday 8:00 p.m. Apr. 26 Friday 8:00 p.m. July 5 Friday 8:00 p.m. Sept. 6 Friday 8:00 p.m. Nov. 1 Friday 8:00 p.m. Glenn Shreve & Sons Box 158 Damascus, Ohio 44619</p>	<p>Feb. 1 Friday 8:00 p.m. Apr. 5 Friday 8:00 p.m. June 7 Friday 8:00 p.m. Aug. 2 Friday 8:00 p.m. Oct. 4 Friday 8:00 p.m. Dec. 6 Friday 8:00 p.m. Geauga Livestock Comm. Middlefield, Ohio 44062</p>	<p>Jan. 17 Thursday 8:00 p.m. Feb. 21 Thursday 8:00 p.m. Mar. 21 Thursday 8:00 p.m. Apr. 18 Thursday 8:00 p.m. May 16 Thursday 8:00 p.m. June 20 Thursday 8:00 p.m. July 18 Thursday 8:00 p.m. Aug. 15 Thursday 8:00 p.m. Sept. 19 Thursday 8:00 p.m. Oct. 17 Thursday 8:00 p.m. Nov. 21 Thursday 8:00 p.m. Gene Fronefield Route 1 Ohio City, Ohio 45874</p>

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