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Report of Nebraska Members of the United States Live Stock Industry Committee

The Nebraska members of the United States Live-Stock Industry Committee—W. B. Tagg, E. L. Burke, and E. Z. Russell—who attended the meetings of the committee in Washington, September 5, 6, and 7, drew up a report of their own, separate and distinct from the report of the general committee and applying directly to the stock-raising industry of Nebraska. The report of the state members is as follows:
 The undersigned, who were appointed by Secretary Houston and Herbert C. Hoover, food administrator, as members from Nebraska of the United States Live Stock Industry Committee, attended a meeting of this committee held in Washington, September 5, 6 and 7. There were present live stock producers from all parts of the United States to the number of about one hundred.

Mr. Hoover brought very pointedly to the attention of the committee the fact that there was a shortage in the United States of live stock, and the further fact that the production of live stock must if possible be increased. We must supply our allies with meat for food. In this respect

the question of hog production is somewhat different from that of cattle and sheep, for the reason that hog products are used by the armies to a larger extent than are the other products because they can be more readily cured.

Mr. Hoover stated positively that he had no authority for directly fixing prices on live stock or meat, and promised the producers that they should have more to say regarding prices for live stock on the market, and he has already decided to place the packing concerns of the country under a federal license so as to control them both in the interests of the producer and the consumer. He suggested, however, the advisability of in some way making the price of hogs conform to some extent at least to the price of corn. We can say that there is now a committee at work getting facts and figures as a basis for calculation. We can assure the live stock producers of the country that it is the full intent of the administration to stabilize the markets for live stock so that the producer will be assured a liberal profit. Before any definite action is taken the food administrator will get facts and

figures from producers throughout the country as to actual cost of production. As soon as definite plans are worked out, farmers and stock growers will be fully advised. In the meantime, we want to urge stock growers to use every effort possible to increase production, particularly as regards the number of hogs to be grown next year. We feel positive that live stock growers increasing their output will be fully justified in doing so because of relatively high prices they will receive for the finished live stock as compared to the price of feeds necessary to produce it.

Mr. Hoover stated that he was a firm believer in high prices for live stock during the war on account of the extraordinary domestic and foreign demand for meat products, and after the war because Europe would require large importation of meats during the years of recuperation and would also likely have to import large numbers of breeding animals.

The committee made it clear that the producers of live stock on the farms and ranches of the United States recognize fully the clear call of patriotism and indicated their readiness to bear their full share of the war burden now resting on the nation, and that they realized the imperative need of an immediate and extraordinary increase in the production of live stock in this country, and that they desired to do everything in their power to bring about this result.

A committee of twenty-five representatives from the feeding, breeding, dairy cattle, hog and sheep in-

dustries, was named to co-operate with the food administrator and the Department of Agriculture on plans to increase meat production. On this committee were named:

Beef raisers—Sen. J. B. Kendrick of Wyoming; D. B. Heard, Arizona; W. T. McCray, Indiana; E. K. Middleton, Mississippi; A. F. Gage, Texas.

Cattle feeders—E. L. Burke, Nebraska; W. L. Stubbs, Kansas; Edward Keefer, Illinois; J. G. Imboden, Illinois; Heber Hord, Nebraska.

Swine—H. C. Wallace, Iowa; E. Z. Russell, Nebraska; A. J. Lovejoy, Illinois; N. H. Gentry, Missouri; C. R. Sutton, Kansas.

Dairymen—M. D. Munn, Minnesota; S. M. Shoemaker, Maryland; R. Scoville, Connecticut; G. W. French, Iowa; A. L. Brockway, New York.

Sheep—F. G. Hagenbarth, Idaho; J. M. Wilson, Wyoming; E. A. Sawyer, Wyoming; J. E. Dobbin, Washington; F. M. Rockrock, Washington.

(Signed) E. L. BURKE,
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Union Stock Yards, South Omaha, Neb., Sept. 18, 1917.—The week starts out with a good, liberal run of cattle, about 17,000 head, and the market was generally steady with last week's strong close. Demand for beef was broad and while no corn-fed stock was offered, anything desirable in the way of grass beef or cows found a ready sale at steady to strong prices. Stockers and feeders were steady to stronger, fleshy western steers selling from \$10.50 to \$13.50.

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Hogs Active and Higher. Receipts of hogs were light for a Monday, about 3,800 head, and with a vigorous demand from both packers and shippers the market was active at prices strong to a dime higher than Saturday. Tops brought \$18.30 and the bulk of the trading was at \$17.40@17.70.

Higher Prices for Lambs. A liberal run of sheep and lambs showed up, 27,500 head, and both fat stock and feeder grades ruled strong to a quarter higher than last week. Fat lambs sold at \$18.40 and feeder lambs brought \$18.25. Some yearling breeding ewes brought \$11.00, a new high mark.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, fair to choice, \$17.50@18.25; lambs, feeders, \$17.00@18.00; lambs, culls, \$14.00@16.75; yearlings, fair to choice, \$11.75@13.00; yearlings, feeders, \$11.50@13.00; wethers, fair to choice, \$11.00@12.25; ewes, fair to choice, \$10.00@11.00; ewes, culls and feeders, \$7.50@10.50; ewes, breeders, all ages, \$10.75@17.50.

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