



2,392 head of cattle sold at the Grey Bruce Livestock Cooperative first fall sale for over \$2 million.

## First cattle sale a success

Bob Carson, treasurer of the Grey Bruce Livestock Cooperative called last Thursday's cattle sale "a very successful one" with 2,329 head selling for just over \$2 million.

Carson told the Echo they had 190 people registered at the sale to buy with 45 different buyers making purchases. Most of the buyers were from south western Ontario but 3 or 4 loads did go to Quebec.

According to Carson the prices were up but on a par with other sales around the province. He said that the buyers felt that the prices were competitive in regards to the quality of the cattle and that sellers

were also pleased with the prices.

Steers, 900 lbs, and up sold from 88 cents to \$1.04. 700 to 900 lbs 98 cents to \$1.10 with a top of \$1.20. 400 to 700 lb steers sold from \$1.05 to \$1.10 with an extreme top of \$1.35.

Heifers 800 and up sold for 88 cents to \$1.00 with a top of \$1.04 and 600 to 800 lb heifers sold for 95 cents to \$1.05.

Carson said there was a large number of spectators at the sale, just to see what the prices would be. Thursday's sale was the first sale of the fall season.

The next sale is September 17th with 3,000 yearlings to be sold. The third sale is

slated for October 8th with 2,500 yearlings.

The last sale will be held on October 22nd with 2,500 head including about 1,000 calves.

Carson said there is still room for more consignments for the three sales and any members wishing to sell can contact him at 935-2538.

This year marks the Grey Bruce Livestock Cooperative's 35th anniversary at the Warton sales facilities. In 1952, the first year, 1,270 head of cattle sold for \$214,700.

In 1986 a total of 13,700 head grossed \$9,436,000.