

Hogs Advance, Top \$15; Edge On Cattle Lost

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WEDNESDAY TO WEDNESDAY
REVIEW

Lancaster, March 22—Cattle 3,732, week ago 3,500 Bulk of the cattle offering at Lancaster was spread out over a three-day period this week due to storm conditions. As the week opened

sellers had some success in pushing prices slightly higher early on the moderate offering of cattle, however the edge was off the trade by 10 30 Monday morning, and slaughter steers and heifers by Wednesday were no more than steady with a week ago Slaughter steers and yearlings found the best outlet mainly on weights 1,100 lbs and lighter Cows sold in an active trade and were 25-50c higher than a week ago, bulls strong to 25c higher.

Prime \$22.50, Scarce

Liberal supplies of stockers and feeders were offered this week totaling around 50 per cent of the receipts Trading was slow, influenced mainly by the weather and prices held mostly steady. Prime \$22.50, scarce bulk of the choice fed steers this week 1,050-1,200 lbs \$18.50-20.00, high choice and prime \$20 50-22 50 but prime grades scarce. Two loads prime steers averaging 1,146 and 1,382 lbs brought \$23 50 and five head prime yearlings, 1,044 lbs, scored \$24 25. Good grade steers \$16.25-17 50 A few good and choice heifers \$16 00-18.00, including load mostly choice 938 lbs \$17.50 Commercial heifers down to \$13 50. Utility and commercial cows mostly \$12 50-13 75, canners and cutters \$9 25-13 00, odd head high yielding cutters to \$13.25. Utility and commercial bulls up to 2,000 lbs \$15 00-17.75; a few good butcher bulls \$17.50-18.00 Good and choice 500-789 lb feeder steers and short yearlings \$18 50-21 50, medium and good 600-930 lb feeder steers \$15.00-18 00, a few lots common feeders around \$14 00.

CALVES 859, week ago 1,204. Veal calves pushed sharply higher as the week opened on the storm market however, by Wednesday prices were mostly steady with a week ago. Bulk good and choice veal calves \$22 00-25 50; high choice and prime \$26 00-32 00, a few Monday

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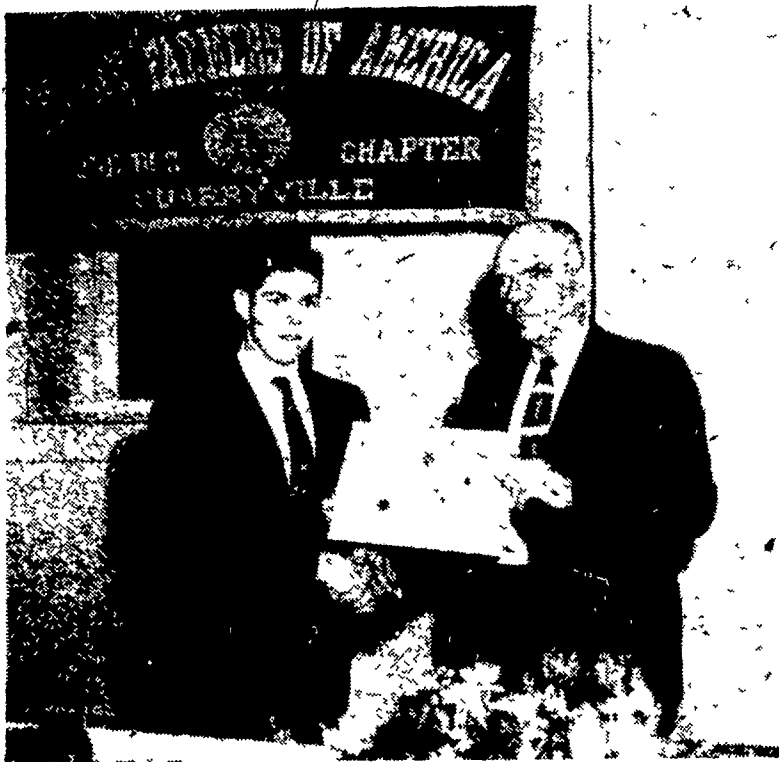
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\$33 00-34 00 Utility and commercial grades \$15.00-21 00 culls down to \$8 00.

Hog Prices Higher

HOGS. 1,755, week ago 2,000 Barrows and gilts in good demand this week and supplies moderate, prices 50-75c higher than a week ago. Sows scarce, fully steady Wednesday's sales barrows and gilts U S mixed 1-3, 180-250 lbs \$13 75-14.25, several small lots mostly 1 and 2, to local small killers \$14 50-14.75 and a few reaching \$15 00, these mostly 200-220 lb weights Weights 160-180 lbs \$13.00-13 75. Sows, all weights \$8.50-10 50, odd head \$11 50.

SHEEP 171, week ago 154 Old crop woolled lambs very plain in quality, prices 50c to \$1 00 higher Bulk good and choice woolled slaughter lambs 65-75 lbs \$20-23.50, prime scarce Utility and low good \$16 00-20 00 Odd small lots 50-83 lb native spring lambs \$27 00-29.00 Aged sheep too scarce for an adequate market test

Thursday Sale Of Broilers Half Cent Off

Lancaster Poultry Exchange (Rohrerstown Pa) (Sales Report — Sale 134, Thursday, March 15, 1956)—Broiler prices Thursday declined a half cent, with a range of 19½ to 24¼ cents on broilers, an average of 22 83c Thirty-seven lots totaling 111,575 birds were listed and offered, 32 lots totaling 98,275 sold, five lots of 13,300 not sold Twenty-nine lots of broilers totaling 96,350 were sold. One lot of 1,000 capettes brought 30¼c one lot of Leghorn fowl, 800 birds, 18¼c and one lot of 125 heavy fowl 29¼c.

For the corresponding sale a year ago on Thursday, March 17, 1955, sale 39 21 lots totaling 58,185 birds were offered, 18 lots totaling 45 685 sold in a range of 29 to 34¼c, averaging 31 82c on broilers

Topping Thursday's market at 29¼c was Jacob Cramer, R3 Lancaster, 475 Indian River Crosses, 10 weeks old selling to Robert Charles, R2 Lancaster

Broilers Off Half Cent in Tuesday Trade

Lancaster Poultry Exchange (Rohrerstown, Pa) (Sales Report—Sale #135, Tuesday March 20, 1956)—Broilers prices declined a little more than a half cent Tuesday compared to Thursday, with a top of 24 cents paid, an average of 22 27. Nine lots totaling 26 375 were listed, 10 lots totaling 34 875 were offered, seven lots totaling 32,175 were sold, and three lots totaling 2,700 were not sold

Topping at 24 cents were 500 Off Color Whites consigned by Robert Neff, Millersville, 12 weeks, 4 days, selling to Marvin

TURKEYS

Philadelphia March 21 (USDA) —Turkeys: (Frozen ready-to-cook) steady. Demand good. Adequate supplies were available for current needs.

Wholesale selling prices: (Grade A & U S grade A) fryer-roasters 4-10# 48-51; young hens 8-10# 50-51½, 10-14# 50-52, 14-16# 51-52; young toms 14-20# 49-50½, 20-22# 51½-52½, 22-24# 52½-53½, 24-28# 53-55, 28# and up 55-56.

Ready-to-cook Young chickens—steady Demand fair. Supplies were more than ample.

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