

## Lancaster Livestock: Volume Up, Slaughter Steer Price Down \$50

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### WEDNESDAY REVIEW

LANCASTER, Jan 2 (USDA) — Both a Wednesday to Wednesday review and a yearly review of the livestock market is included in this week's report.

**CATTLE**, 1,826 offered today, a week ago 764, both weeks included a holiday. Compared with last Wednesday slaughter steers mostly 50¢ lower, instances of more heifers scarce, steady to weak Cows active around 50¢ higher, bulls mostly steady. Stocker and feeder trade very slow. Steady with last Wednesday.

Bulk choice fed steers this week \$21-22.65, part load 1,040 lb. high choice yearling steers \$23.50 and load 1,158 lb. mixed choice and prime steers \$24.65. A couple of loads of 1,400-1,425 lb average choice steers \$22. Good and low choice steers \$18-50-20.75, some standard grades down to \$17.50. A few small lots standard and good heifers \$15-19, a few head of choice 800 lb. weights \$20.50. Most utility and commercial cows \$12-13.75, canners and cutters \$9.50-12.75, weighty Holstein cutters to \$13.25.

Bulk medium and low good 525-950 lb stocker and feeder steers \$15-17, common stock steers \$12-14.50. A few loads of 700-950 lb. good fleshy feeders to \$19-20.

Prices held steady until mid-summer when moderate supplies allowed prices to advance sharply. Heavier fall marketings, however, pushed prices sharply lower leaving late December prices around \$1.50 to \$2 higher than at the same time last year.

During the last week in December 1956 choice fed steers at Lancaster were quoted from \$21

to \$22.75 compared with \$19.50 to \$21.50 the same week in 1955. From January to October 1955 there were 900,000 more cattle slaughtered than a year ago and in the last three months of the year cattle offerings at most major terminals rose sharply.

Stocker and feeder prices at Lancaster are much the same now as they were one year ago.

**HOGS**, 1,260, week ago, 1,060. Barrows and gilts 25-50¢ lower than last Wednesday, sows mostly steady. Bulk barrows and gilts U. S. mixed 1 to 3, 190-250 lbs. 190-250 lbs \$18.25-19 in Wednesday's trade with about 50 head mostly No. 1, to \$19.50. Weights of 250-270 lbs. \$17.75 to 18.25, some around 160 lbs down to \$17.75. Sows 270-550 lbs \$13.50-16.

Early marketing of the 1956 supply of hogs with a six per cent smaller pig crop left current prices around \$5 per cwt. higher than at this time last year. Barrows and gilts 190-250 lbs sold at Lancaster Dec. 31, 1956, from \$19-19.50 compared with \$13 to \$13.50 late in 1955. Sows too shared in the sharp advance and were bringing \$13-16 compared with \$9-11 a year ago.

**SHEEP**, 172, week ago 127. Supply mainly wooled slaughter lambs. Quality very plain. Prices steady to 50¢ higher than a week ago. Bulk good and choice 70-95 lb. wooled slaughter lambs \$18 to 22, a few high choice Monday to \$23, utility and low good lambs \$14-17.50, culls down to \$8.

Prices on sheep and lambs showed less change from a year ago when compared to other livestock. Current lamb prices are around \$1 higher than a year ago.

**CALVES** 799, a week ago 306. Vealers mostly steady with last Wednesday. Bulk good and choice veal calves \$23-28, high choice and prime \$28.50 to 34, utility and standard grades \$14 to \$22.



Charles M. Texter

### Hubbard Farms Add Lancaster Man to Staff

Hubbard Farms, Inc., has announced the addition of Mr. Charles M. Texter, Lancaster, to their sales staff.

Mr. Texter was born in Chambersburg and has been associated with the Sexchick Co., East Petersburg, the last four years. He will represent Hubbard in Lancaster County and in southeastern Pennsylvania.

### Poultry

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2 — (USDA) Unsettled. Demand good for light offerings of Yearling Hens and only fair for excess supplies of other poultry. Large White Rock Pullets 30-32¢ few lots 33¢. Large White Rock Caponettes 28-30¢ few lots 31-32¢ medium sizes 26¢. Few lots stags 14-15¢. Caponeted Cross Fryers 24¢ Vantress Reds 23-24¢ mixed 22¢ without clearing.

**TURKEYS** — Unsettled. Demand light for supplies. Few lots Bronze and White Holland Young Toms 25¢.

Total receipts Dec. 31, 56,000 lbs. Wholesale selling prices No. 1 and fancy quality. Broilers or Fryers heavy type 3-4 lb 22-24. Pullets 4½ lb and over 30-33 hens heavy type 19-24 light type 13-18. Old Roosters 11-12 Ducks Muscovy 25 Pekin 32. Turkeys Young Hens none Young Toms 25.

### Processed Poultry

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2 — (USDA) Processed poultry, ready-to-cook (ice packed) Young Chickens — about steady. Demand fair. Fully adequate supplies were available. Prices paid delivered Warehouse, Philadelphia (cents per lb.)

Grade A & U. S. Grade A 2-3 lb 30½-32, mostly 30½-31.

**HENS**. Ready-to-cook (ice packed) steady. Demand good, especially for heavy type. Supplies were ample for immediate needs.

Prices paid delivered Warehouse, Philadelphia (cents per lb.) Grade A & U. S. Grade A 4-5½ lb 31-32.

Receipts Dec. 31, included other than Turkeys: Maryland 91,000 lbs Delaware 96,000 lbs. South Carolina 21,000 lbs North Carolina 22,000 lbs Virginia 18,000 lbs.

### Eggs

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2 — (USDA) Unsettled. Demand fair. Fully adequate supplies were available for current requirements. Withdrawals from storage were moderate in volume.

Wholesale selling prices: Min 10 per cent AA quality. Large 45-48 lb White 37-39, Brown 36-37, Medium White 33-34, Brown 32-33. Extras, minimum 60 per cent A quality. Large 45-50 lb White 34-35, Mixed 33-34, medium White 31-32, mixed 30-31. Standards 32-32½, Checks 28-30.

Receipts Dec. 31 — 7,300 cases all by Truck.

### ALL OVER IN 3 HOURS

Charleston, W. Va. — Rino Bianchi, 17, bought a new car at 2:30 p.m., at 2:45 p.m., he insured the car and applied for licenses. At 3 p.m. the same day, he hit a pole and wrecked the car.

## Broiler Supplies, Demand Up At Lancaster Exchange Thursday

Lancaster Poultry Exchange, Rhorerstown, Pa., (Sales Report, Sale 194, Dec. 27) — In a comeback from light offerings and "no sales" the preceeding week, 72,115 birds were sold at Thursday sale at the exchange. There was no sale Tuesday.

Twenty-one lots, a total of 55,200, of broilers sold for an average price of 19.86¢ with the price ranging from 19½¢ to 20¼¢. Two large lots of Leghorn fowl, 1,250 of them sold for 13¼¢ and 13½¢. A lot of 250 pullets sold for 26¢ and 250 cockerels sold for 17¼¢. Four lots of capettes, 15,100 in all, ranged from 20¢ to 23¼¢.

At the corresponding sale a year ago, 79,880 birds were offered with 72,580 being sold. Prices paid ranged from 21½¢ to 25¼¢ with the Tuesday average 21.8¢ and 22.6¢ cents at the Thursday sale.

Here are the Thursday, Dec. 27, sales listed by lot number (each preceded by 27), seller with grower shown in parentheses, amount and breed, age by weeks and days, buyer and price.

1. Raymond M. Zimmerman, 1,000 White Vantress, 9-6, no sale.
2. Miller and Bushong (Lloyd Wenger), 6,500 White Vantress, 11-1, to H. W. Longacre, Inc., 19¼¢.
3. John J. Hess II (Christ F. King), 1,800 Indian Rivers, 12, to Daniel K. Good, 19½¢.
4. John J. Hess II, 250 White Rock pullets, 16, to Linn Poultry, 26¼¢.
5. Paul Z. Martin, 1,250 Indian River, 9-6, to Roy E. Ream, 20¢.
6. Paul Z. Martin, 1,250 White Vantress, 9-6, to John N. Thomas, 20¢.
7. Charles Shertzer, 450 Leghorn Fowl, to Carl B. Risser, 13¼¢.
8. George Jackson and Son, 800 Leghorn hens, to Carl B. Risser, 13¼¢.
9. Miller and Bushong, (Frank E. Destafano), 2,200 White Vantress, 10, to Victor F. Weaver, Inc. 19¼¢.

10. Andrew N. Miller, 2,000 White Vantress, 9-6, to H. W. Longacre, 19¼¢.
11. Charles Nis-

sley, 2,400 White Vantress, 10, withdrawn prior to sale. 12. O. Kenneth McCracken (Enos Eshbach), 5,800 White Vantress, 10-2, no sale, 19¼¢ bid. 13. J. W. Eshelman and Sons (Red Rose Research), 1,200 White Vantress, 10-2, to Daniel-K. Good, 19¼¢.

14. Noah W. Kreider and Sons, 7,000 White Vantress, 9-2, no sale, 20¢ bid. 15. Noah W. Kreider and Sons, 7,000 White Vantress, 9-2, no sale, 20¢ bid. 16. Glenn H. Herr (Jacob Fisher, Jr.), 1,200 Red Vantress, 10, to Roy E. Ream, 23¢.

17. Levi M. Weaver, 1,500 White Vantress, 12-1, to Walter C. Mellinger, 20¢.

18. Lee Petticoffer, 1,000 Indian River, 10-3, to College Hill

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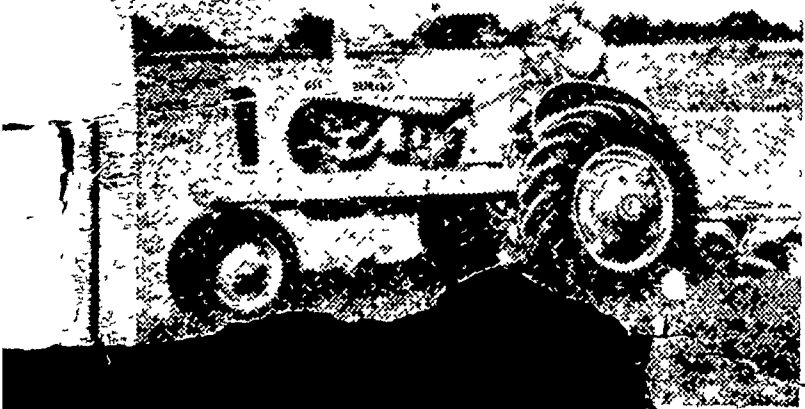
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