

Hogs Highest Since Summer; Steers Strong at Lancaster Stock Yards

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LANCASTER, Dec. 26 — Receipts three days (Holiday included) Cattle, 1959, Calves, 462, Hogs 677, Sheep 188. Same days last week Cattle, 3037, Calves, 767, Hogs 1,293, Sheep, 647. The season's smallest supply of slaughter steers found a fairly reliable outlet this week and prices were strong to 50 cents higher than last Wednesday. Heifers and cows 25-50 cents higher and bulls fully steady. Stocker and feeder trading was moderate in Christmas week with prices fully steady to strong compared with last Wednesday. Bulk of the slaughter steer supply moved in Monday's trade including around 30 loads of fed steers. About 45 per cent of the week's receipts were stockers

and feeders and 15 per cent cows and bulls. Slaughter steers graded mostly good and choice. Bulk choice fed steers \$24.50-26.50. A load mostly high choice 1,100 lb steers turned at \$27 and a part load similar grade reached \$27.25. Standard and good grade steers mostly \$22-24.25. A few small lots good and choice heifers \$20.50-23.50. Bulk of the cutter and utility cows \$13-16.50, a few commercial to \$17, canners and low grade cutters mostly \$11-12.75. Utility and Commercial bulls \$18-21.50, Good fed yearling bulls \$22-24. Bulk medium and good stocker and feeder steers and light yearlings 603-1,085 lb. sold from \$21.50-24, a few lots high good and low choice 603-892 lbs. \$24-24.50. Common stock steers \$18-20.50. CALVES: Vealers moderately active, fully steady with last (Continued on page three)

Chicago Prices Jump as Cattle, Hogs both Gain

CHICAGO, Dec. 23 — Cattle receipts promising to exceed the morning estimate by at least 1,100 head, salable supply around 70 per cent steers, about 20 per cent heifers and 5 per cent cows. Percentage prime steers larger than last Monday but not as large as last Wednesday. Market generally active on all classes. Slaughter steers and heifers unevenly 25-27 cents higher. Cows strong. Bulls 25-50 cents higher. Vealers steady. Stockers and feeders very scarce, strong. Early bulk choice and prime steers \$25.50-28.50, few prime loads \$29.00-29.50. Load lots mostly good grade steers \$23.00-25.00. Hogs: Market very active on all hogs, barrows and gilts now fully 50 cents higher, extremes up as much as 75 cents. Sows fully 25 cents higher, spots more. U S No 2 and 3, 190-230 lb barrows and gilts \$20.00-20.35, more uniform No 1 to 3, 190-220 lbs. Some sorted mostly No 1 and 2 grades around 215 lbs \$20.60 and \$20.65 including 52 head lot at \$20.65. No 2 and 3, 20-250 lb butchers \$19.50-20.00. 250-270 lb No 2 and 3, \$19.00-19.50, some mostly No 3, 270-310 lb weights \$18.00-19.25. Larger lots mixed grade 375-550 lb sows \$15.00-16.50, some 200-260 lbs \$16.50-17.25. Good shipping demand and good clearance.

Baltimore Cattle Down, Price Firm Before Holiday

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23 — On the Monday before Christmas salable receipts at the local market showed a typical seasonal drop in numbers with cows predominating the offerings. Slaughter steers and heifers made up 40 per cent of the supplies and were mainly good and choice mixed grade lots, with a limited number of choice shipment available. Trading was featured by steady prices for steers and heifers as well as cows. Bulls however, again exhibited considerable strength. Stocker and feeder classes were little changed and were also rather scarce. Vealers and slaughter calves arrived in limited numbers and sold steady.

Steers and Heifers: There were several loads and lots high-good to average choice 963-1135 lb steers at \$24.00-25.00, with a package choice 1000 lb weights at \$25.50. Several shipments mostly good were taken at \$23.00-24.50. Mixed standard and good secured \$21.00-23.50. Good and choice heifers found outlet at \$22.50-23.50.

Cows and Bulls: The bulk of high-utility and commercial cows sold at \$16.00-18.00, with Cutter and Utility at \$13.50-16.50, a few high-yielding cutter and low-utility \$17.00. Mixed canners and cutter cows realized \$12.50-15.00. The bulk of utility and commercial Bulls sold at \$19.00-21.00, mostly \$20.00-21.00. One head high-yielding Utility 2200 lb. Bull soared to \$22.00.

Vealers and Calves: Choice vealers were scarce with scattered sales. Choice at \$33.00-34.00, most good brought \$28.00-30.00. Good and choice slaughter calves weighing 270-400 lbs. Realized \$18.00-21.50.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Calves: Stocker and Feeder cattle continued to be scarce Monday with most offerings in small lots. A load and choice around 400 lb Stock Steer Calves was taken at \$25.00. Scattered lots mostly good stockers and feeder steers brought \$21.00-22.00.

Hogs: The bulk of the offerings in the hog division on Monday consisted of 180-230 lb barrows and gilts with only scattered lots weighing 240-260 lbs in the face of limited offerings. Prices for barrows and gilts moved unevenly 50-75 cents higher with the increase mainly confined to 180-230 lb weights. Sows were taken at 25-50 cent higher prices.

Sheep and Lambs: A package utility slaughtered lambs found outlet at \$20.00.

19,575 Broilers Average 15.51 Cents At Lancaster Exchange Thursday

LANCASTER — Only 10 lots of birds were offered for the Dec 19 auction at the Lancaster Poultry Exchange. The average price for the 19,575 broilers sold was 15.51 cents, down about a quarter of a cent from the week before.

Two hundred Leghorn fowl were sold for 13 cents.

A year ago only four lots of birds, none of them broilers, were sold. These were capettes and fowl which brought prices of 22 and 23 1/4 cents for the capettes and 12 1/4 cents for the fowl.

The price range for the recent sale from 15 to 16 1/4 cents for the broilers. Two lots of broilers were "no sale" with bids of 15 1/2 and 16 cents being offered.

Here is the Dec. 19 sale by lot number, seller with grower in parenthesis, number and breed, age in weeks and days, buyer and price per pound.

1 Robert H Barr, 5,000 White Vantress, 10-2, no sale, 16 cents
bid 2 Robert Mylin, 1,150 White Vantress, 14, no sale, 15 1/2 cents
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