

At Lancaster Yards

Stocker Cattle Lead Active Lanc. Market

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LANCASTER, Nov. 28 — Receipts of cattle were reduced compared with last week's total, mainly because of the holiday. The supply totaled about 2533 cattle compared with 3291 head last week.

Slaughter steers made up about 25 per cent of the supply and stockers and feeders comprised about 55 per cent. Trading was moderately active on all classes this week except slaughter steers weighing over 1200 lbs. were slow. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers were steady.

Bulls sold strong. Cows closed about 25 higher. Stockers and feeders were fully steady. The bulk of the choice slaughter steers weighing 940-1200 pounds brought \$27 - 28.75, and several loads and lots 1150 - 1400 lb. ranged between \$26 - 28.25 with load 1390 lb. high-choice bringing \$27. One load choice and prime 1497 lb. steers sold at \$26.90.

Good to low choice steers made \$24.50 - 27 and standard sold down to \$23. A load of good 800 lb. heifers made 25.50 - 27.25, with a few up to 27.50. Cutter and utility ranged from 16.75 to 17.50, while canners and low cutters made 15.50 - 16.75. Comm. \$20.75 - 21.75, good and choice 800 - 1050 lbs. feeders brought \$25 - 27.75, lot high-choice 870 lb. reached \$28. Medium and good sold at \$24 - 25.75.

Good and choice 550 - 800 lb. stock steers sold for \$26.75 - 30, and several lots and part loads 500-600 lb. choice stockers made \$30.50 - 32. Medium and good 600 - 800 lb. stockers cashed at 24.75 - 26.75. Good grade 375 - 490 lb. stock calves made 29-32.

Calf receipts totaled about 664 compared with 696 last week. Trading was active as vealers sold \$1 - 2.00 off.

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Good and choice vealers early made \$30 - 35, but closed at 29 - 34 and prime grade brought 35.00 - 39.00, and standard and low-good sold at \$23 - 29.00 with utility own to 18.00.

In the hog division this week receipts totaled about 1012 compared with 1145 head last week. Trading was active in spite of the 50 cent lower market for barrows, gilts and sows. U. S. No. 1-3 grade 180 - 240 lb. barrows and gilts made \$20 - 25.50, and few No. 3 down to \$19.50, with several lots No. 1 and 2 grade scaling 190-220 lb. making \$20.75 - 21, and a few scattered lots mostly No. 1 at \$21.25 - 21.50, with 300 - 500 lb. sows selling at \$14.50 - 18.00.

Sheep receipts totaled about 205 compared with 441 head last week. Woolled slaughter lambs sold 50 cents lower in active trading. Good and choice slaughter lambs brought 22.75 - 24.00 and utility and low good made \$19.25 - 23.00.

Guernsey Club Elects Officers

A total of 131 members and guests of the Lancaster County Guernsey Breeders Association attended the organization's annual business meeting and banquet at the Quarryville Spanish Tavern, Nov. 21.

Delegates to the meet elected Rohrer Witmer, Willow Street; Harold Herr, Kirkwood, and Samuel Groff, Peach Bottom to three-year terms on the county board of directors. The directors will select their officers Monday evening during a meeting at the Frank Hershey home, 422 Willow Road, Lancaster.

Special recognition was given to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Witmer Willow Street, for the highest Guernsey-herd-average in DHIA 57-58 tests. The Witmer herd, a constant pace-setter in Pennsylvania Guernsey Cir-

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At Chicago

Heavy Prime Cattle Runs Glut Market

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CHICAGO NOV. 26

Cattle — Three full day receipts slightly smaller than the same three days last week but fully fifteen per cent larger than the same period last year. Fully 70 per cent slaughter steers, up a few percentage points from last week. Fully 15 per cent slaughter heifers, down slightly from last week, around five percent cows, the same as last week.

Average weight of slaughter steers continuing to run about the heaviest on record, this weeks average estimated to be about the same as last weeks average of 1172 lbs. Smaller percentage prime steers Monday but the percentage of prime Wednesday largest for any day so far this year, better than 15 per cent of the steer supply prime and around 70 percent choice steers standard and below very scarce as usual, some increase in the percentage of good grade new crop short-fet steers.

Most heifers good and choice grades. Advancing dressed beef prices and moderate cattle receipts led to higher prices, slaughter steers unevenly 25 - 1.00 higher than last week. Prime grades show least upturn, losing a considerable part of early gains on Wednesday. Heifers mostly 50 - 75 higher, most advance on canners and cutters. Bulls 25 - 50 higher.

Vealers steady to strong. Stockers and feeders mostly steady. At least a dozen loads prime 1125 - 1300 lb. slaughter steers \$28.75 and 29, including several loads which arrived with show herds. Week's bulk choice and prime fed steers 26 - 28.50, majority 26.50 up, load lots mixed high-choice and prime 1400 - 1500 lb. steers \$26.00-27. Few high choice 950 lb. steers reached 28.50 and load lots choice and mixed choice and prime 1000 - 1100 lb. weights 28.00 - 28.50. Good steers 25 - 25.75, under 1100 lbs. 26.50 - 27.00, few loads mixed high-good and choice 950 - 1000 lb. steers up to 27.50, few standard holstein (Turn to page 5)

At New Holland

Western Shipments Spur Auction Interest

Special to Lancaster Farming By N-H Sales Stable Management
Nov. 27, 1958 — Thursday's holiday auction at New Holland Sales Stables recorded light receipts of 511 cattle and 123 calves, with the market 25 - 50 higher on all choice cattle weighing under 1100. Market on all heavy cattle weighing over 1300 very slow.

Prime butcher steers under 1100 ranged from \$28 - 29, weights between 1200 and 1400 went at \$27 - 27.50, and over 1400 lb. steers sold for \$25 - 26.50.

Choice butchers under 1100 sold from \$27 - 28, 1200 - 1400 lb. weights, \$26 - 27, and over 1400 lbs., \$24.50 - 25. Good steers, under 1100 lbs. \$26 - 27, and 1200 lbs. and up, \$24.50 - 26. Plain to medium grades, under 1100 lbs. \$24 - 25.50, and over 1200 \$23 - 24.

Choice butcher heifers brought \$23 - 26; Good kinds, \$22 - 23, and plain to medium heifers, \$19 - 22.

Good bulls, \$25 - 27; plain to medium, \$23.50 - 25; good butcher cows, \$20 - 21.50; Mediums, \$19 - 20, and canners and cutters, \$17 - 19.

Stocker and feeder steers went at \$25 to 27.50, stock steer calves, \$28 - 32.50; choice to prime calves, \$37 - 40; good butcher calves, \$33 - 37; mediums, \$28 - 33, and thin calves, \$19 - 28.

Nov. 24 — Receipts for this week's New Holland horse and mule auction totaled 154; with two loads of western horses holding the spotlight. One load of American Saddlebred horses, shipped from Missouri, drew active bidding due to their size and breeding. Twelve head of Illinois Standard-breds sold for from \$175 to \$230.

About 90% of the draft and mules on the market went into the killer channels.

The market in general: Mules - \$110 to 160; Riding horses - \$135 to 265; Driving horses - \$135 to 240; Heavy killers - \$95 to 130, and thin killers - \$45 to 80.

Nov. 26 — Receipts for the week's dairy sale totaled 160 with 123 cows, 19 stock bulls

and 18 heifers on the block. Market was again very active on top fresh and springing cows. Feature of the market was one load of Wisconsin cows, fresh and close springers, averaging \$415 per head.

Top Holstein cows sold from \$410 to 505, with lower grades going at \$240 to 385. Guernsey cows brought \$225 to 305 and other breeds \$225 to 300.

Stock bulls sold from \$125 to 220 and stock heifers \$110 to 225.

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