

At Lancaster Yards Cattle Receipts Up 900

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CATTLE: The receipts of about 3300 head is about 900 head larger than the preceding shortened holiday week. Trading was moderately active on all classes, although slaughter steers weighing over 1200 lb. moved slowly. The supply consisted of about 50 percent stockers and feeders and 30 percent slaughter steers and 15 percent cows.

Choice and Prime lots of slaughter steers were absent this week. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers were strong to 25 higher, with most of the advance on weights under 1200 lb.

Cows were strong to 25 higher. Bulls sold at fully steady rates. Stockers and feeders were strong to spots 25 higher.

The bulk of the Choice 920 - 1200 lb slaughter steers made 27 00-28 40, several lots and loads high Good to average Choice 1455-1450 lb. steers brought 25 00-26 50 Good to low Choice steers sold for 24 75-27 25. Few small lots of Good and Choice heifers ranged from 25 00 - 27 50.

Utility and Commercial bulls made 22 75-26 00, and

Good grade red bulls brought 25 75-27 50. Cutter and Utility cows made 16.75-21.00 and Commercial grade cows sold at 21 00-22 00, while Cannery and low Cutters made 15.50-16.75.

In the stocker and feeder division the demand is good for 600-800 lb. stock steers, and the demand for feeder steers weighing over 1000 lb. waning. Good and Choice 800 - 1050 lb feeder steers sold for 25 25-27.75 with lots high Choice weighing 812-833 lb. at 28 15-28.50.

Medium and Good feeders made 24.00-26 25. Good and Choice 550-800 lb. stock steers commanding 26 50-30.25, and Medium and Good making 24.75-26 75. Good grade stock calves brought 29 00-33 00 and a lot 270 lb. and grading Good made 35.00.

In the small stock division this week, unlike the advance in receipts recorded in the cattle division, receipts were less than the preceding holiday week with hogs showing most loss. Calves were about 100 head less than last week's 663 head count, hogs were 300 head less than the 1098 head received last week, and the sheep count was about the same.

CALVES Trading was active this week for vealers. Vealers sold 1 00-2 00 higher. Good and Choice vealers made 30 00-36 00 and high Choice and Prime grades brought 36.00-40 00, and a few Prime up to 41 00. Standard and low Good vealers ranged from 25 00-30 00, with Utility down to 20 00.

HOGS Barrows and gilts were 50 higher compared with last week's close in active trading. Sows were mostly sold at steady rates. U S No 1-3 grade barrows and gilts weighing 180-240 lb brought 20 26-21 25, with a few No 3 down to 20 00. Uniform No 1-3 grade and including 1-2 grade 190-230 lb sold for 21.25-22 00. 300-600 lb. sows brought 14 50 - 18 00.

At Chicago

Receipts Steady

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CHICAGO, Dec. 4, —
Weekly Review:

CATTLE—Salable receipts little changed from last week but 10 percent below a year ago while 12-market total increased by around 10 percent over last week and slightly below the same period last year. Consist of receipts little changed from last week with fully 70 percent slaughter steers. Between 15 and 20 percent heifers, and 6 percent cows. Average weight of slaughter steers continued to be high but this weeks average promising to be few pounds lighter than the 1175 lbs. of last week. Steer supply about 15 percent prime, 70 percent choice as compared with 16 percent prime, 67 percent choice last week. Balance steer run largely good grade with standard and below continuing very scarce. Bulk of heifer supply good and choice grades weight continued to be major price determining factor as slaughter steers below 1300 lbs were active and strong to 50 higher, 1300 - 1400 lbs fully steady and weights over 1400 steady to 50 lower. Slaughter heifers steady to 25 higher. Cows steady to strong, strength on canners and cutters. Bulls 50 lower. Vealers fully steady. Stockers and feeders steady to 50 higher. Wholesale carcass beef prices steady in Chicago as compared with last weeks close. Few loads prime 1200 - 1300 lb slaughter steers 28 75 and 29 00 load choice 1050 lb yearlings 28 75, bulk choice and prime steers 1300 lbs and below 27 00 - 28.50. average choice 1050 lbs. 28 00, most choice and prime 1350-1550 lbs. 25 25 - 27 50, prime 1350 lbs 28 50 and prime 1465 lb reached 28 25. Good steers 24 00 - 27 25 according to weight and including three loads 1025 lbs. 27 15. Seven loads 1500 lb commercial steers 23 50, few lots utility and standard Holstein steers 22 00 - 23 50, part load good Holsteins 25 00, part load cutter and utility dairy-bred 1250 lb steers 21.50.

At New Holland

Prices Gain

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This week's New Holland beef cattle market was 50 to 75 cents higher on all choice cattle weighing under 1100 lbs, market was active and 25c higher on heavy cattle scaling more than 1300 lbs.

Cattle receipts for the Thursday auction totaled 644, with receipts of calves at 321.

For butcher steers; prime, 1150 and under - \$28 50 - 20.

Several loads mixed choice and prime 875 - 1050 lb. slaughter heifers 28 00, good to high choice heifers largely 25 50 - 27 75, load of choice 800 lbs. 27 90, load choice 1050 lbs. 26 50, two loads 955 lbs. at 27 00 choice with a good end, load standard and low good heifers 25 25 Utility and commercial cows 17.25 - 20 00, few standard 20.00 - 22.50, canners and cutters largely 15.00 - 18 50, Holstein cutter and utility cows mixed 18 75 - 19 00. Utility and commercial bulls 22 00 - 24 75, mostly 24 50 down, Heavy fat bulls 20 50-22.00. Good vealers 29 00-32.00, utility and standard 20.00 - 29 00, culls 15.00 - 19 00 Good and choice 750-1125 lb feeding steers 25.75-28 00, medium and good 975-1065 lb feeder steers 24 50 - 25 40, medium 650 lb stock heifers 24 00.

29 35, Over 1200 lbs + \$27. - 27.50; and over 1400 - \$25 - 26.50. Choice butcher steers; 1150 and under - 27-50 - 28 50; 1200 and over - \$26 - 27; 1400 and over - \$25 - 25 50 Good steers, under 1100 - \$24 - 25, over 1200 - \$23.50 - 24 50.

In butcher heifer classes, choice grade sold for \$25 - 27 25; good - \$23 - 24, and plain to medium grades - \$19 - 22.

Good bulls sold for \$25.50 - 27 50, plain to medium - \$23.50 - 25. Good butcher cows brought \$20 - 21 50, medium kinds - \$19 - 20. Cannery and cutters - \$19 - 20.

Stocker and feeder steers sold for \$25 - 28. Stock steer calves - \$28 - 30.


Choice and prime butcher calves brought \$39 - 42; good butcher calves - \$33 - 39; medium - \$28 - 33, and thin calves - \$20 - 28.

Dec 3, Dairy sale: Receipts, cows 50, stock bulls 4 and heifers 10. Market was active on all fresh cows, shippers have gone to devote attention to deer market.

In the fresh cow class Holsteins were going at \$375 - 500 Guernseys at \$260 - 318, and others \$200 - 375.

Stock bulls brought 192.50 to 240 00 and stock heifers sold for \$190 to 262 50.

Dec 1, Horse sale: Receipts, 110 Mules were going for \$80 to 115 Ponies, \$80 - 100 Driving horses, \$140 - 205, and killers, \$80 to 122.50. Killer market steady and deer market very active.



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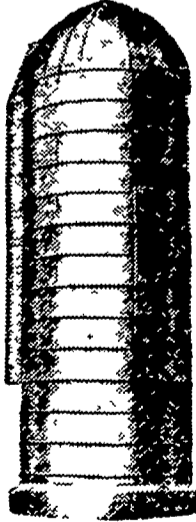
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