

At Lancaster Yards

Light Steers Lead Trade

James E. O'Hara.  
In Charge, Market News Branch

CATTLE Trading this week was high-lighted by slow trading on all classes except slaughter steers weighing under 1200 lb, these were active. The receipts this week figure to be about 3700 or about the same as last week. Slaughter steers weighing over 1200 lb were very conspicuous with some 19 loads on the market. Slaughter steers accounted for 40 percent of the salable supply and stockers about 45 per cent.

Compared with last week's close slaughter steers weighing under 1200 lb sold at steady rates, heavier weights were 50 lower. Cows closed about 25-50 lower. Bulls were steady. Stockers and feeders were steady for the most part but a few sales were weak.

The bulk of the Choice slaughter steers weighing 950-1200 lb brought 27 00 - 28 75 with a lot 1100 lb at 29 00. Loads and lots weighing 12 - 1495 lb made 25 50 - 27 50 and one load 1590 lb grading high Choice selling at 27 75. Good to low Choice sold for 24 50 - 27 25 according to weights.

Few small lots of Good & Choice heifers made 25 00 - 27 00. Utility and Commercial bulls sold at 22 75 - 26 00. Good grade fed bulls made 26 00 - 27 75 with a few up to 28 00. Cutter and Utility cows ranged from 16 25 - 20 50 with Commercial at 20 50 - 21 50 at the week's close. Canners and low Cutters made 15 00 - 16 25.

Good and Choice 800-1050 lb feeder steers brought 25 25 - 28 00 and a load Choice 836 lb at 28 50. Medium and Good 24 00 - 26 25, with a load high Good 1065 lb at 25 75. Good and Choice 550-800 lb stock steers made 27 -

00 - 30 00, two lots 506-510 lb at 31 50, Medium and Good 24 75 - 27 50. Good grade stock calves commanded 29 00 - 33 00, lot Good and Choice 425 lb at 34 00.

CALVES Trading was active for vealers this week. Vealers were steady. The total receipts were about 650 head against 775 head for last week. Good and Choice vealers made 30 00 - 36 00 and high Choice and Prime made 38 00 - 41 00. Standard and low Good brought 25 00 - 30 00, with Utility down to 20 00.

HOGS Trading was moderately active on about 1400 head of hogs compared with 1249 head last week. Barrows and gilts were sold at steady to strong rates this week. Sows were steady. U S 1-3 grade 180-240 lb barrows and gilts brought 20 25 - 21 00 with a few lots grade No 3 down to 20 00, U S 1 - 2 grade including uniform 1-3 grade 190-230 lb hogs at 21 00-22 00. A few lots 240-260 lb sold at 19.50-20 00. Sows weighing 300-600 lb brought 14.00-18 00.

SHEEP On Wednesday woolled slaughter lambs declined 50-1.00. This downturn is concurrent with recent losses suffering in the dressed lamb market. The receipts will be some 275 head over last week's 339 count. Trading was active early in the week but only moderately active late with the demand fair late. Good and Choice slaughter lambs sold between 23.25 - 24 25 with a few lots 84-97 lb at 24 50 early in the week but at the close the price range was 22 00-23 25, and Utility and low Good at 19 00-22 00.

Based on December 1 reports, the Crop Reporting Board forecasts 1959 production of winter potatoes at 4,170,000 hundredweight. This would be 16 per cent below 1958 production of 4,971,000 cwt, but two per cent

At Chicago

Receipts Down

USDA MARKET NEWS SERVICE

CHICAGO, Dec 18—WEEKLY REVIEW

Cattle — Receipts eight per cent smaller than last week and four per cent less than the same week a year ago but salable supply increased by around 500 head slaughter steers, mainly weights 1200 lbs up, carried from last week. Few loads still unsold late this week, but holdover supply smaller than a week ago. Fully 70 per cent of fresh receipts slaughter steers. Fully 15 per cent heifers and six per cent cows. These percentages about the same as last week. About 15 per cent of the steer supply prime and about 60 per cent choice. A slight reduction from last week, estimated 25 per cent good grades, a small increase over last week.

Average weight of slaughter steers promises to be less than last weeks average of 1198 lbs which was the heaviest for any week on record. Choice and prime slaughter steers around 1350 lbs and lighter steady to 50 lower than last weeks close.

All other weights and grades mostly 50-100 lower, price spread became the widest in some time, weight continuing to be an important price determining factor with steers weighing over 1400 lbs generally selling around 3 00 less than 900 - 1025 lb weights on a grade-for-grade basis.

Choice and prime heifers 950 lbs down steady to 25 lower, other weights and grades 50-75 lower. Cows unevenly steady to 75 higher, most advance on strngweight canners, Cutters and lean utility cows. Bulls strong. Vealers fully steady.

Stockers and feeders mostly 50-1 00 lower, the decline due to lower prices for most slaughter steers and near record cold weather for this week in December. The decline in stocker and feeder prices the first of any con-

At New Hollana

Most Beef Grades Steady

Special to Lancaster Farming By N-H Sales Stable Management

At New Holland Sales Stables Thursday, the market started very slow, showing strength and activity as sales progressed. Heavy weight shortfled cattle were slow and from 25 - 50 lower. Lightweight high quality yearlings steady. Heavy, thick-fleshed Holstein cows 25 - 50 higher. All others were steady with last week.

Cattle receipts Thursday were high with 887, and 350 calves on the market.

Prime butcher steers, under 1100 lbs sold from \$28-29 50. Choice steers, under 1100, went at \$27 - 28, while the same grade, over 1200 lb weights, \$26 - 27 50. Good steers, under 1100, \$26 - 27, over 1200, \$24 - 26. Plain

to medium kinds, \$23 - 24. Choice butcher heifers, \$25 27, Good \$25 - 27, and plain to medium kinds, \$19 - 22. Good bulls were \$25 - 27. Plain to medium, \$24 - 25. Good butcher cows, \$19 50 - 21. Medium, \$18 50 - 19 50. Canners and cutters, \$15 50 - 17.

Stocker and feeder steers—one lot of 15 head, averaging 820 lbs, \$28 85.

Choice and prime butcher calves, \$36 - 37 50. Good, \$32 - 35. Medium, \$28 - 32. Thin, \$21 - 28.

On the Dec 17 dairy market there was increased activity on top fresh cows. Prices were about steady with bidding more active.

There were 123 cows six stock bulls and five heifers offered. Fresh Holstein cows sold for \$400 to 505, Guernseys, \$240 - 300, and other breeds \$250 - 375.

Stock bulls sold from \$145 260 and stock heifer \$75.

On the Dec 15 horse and mule auction, receipts were 151, with market very slow on all saddle and driving horses. Killers about steady at 7 1/2 cents per pound.

Single mules brought \$85 to 130. Teams, with one pair very outs'and ng, at \$475, and the bulk at \$230 - 315.

Pony colts sold for \$60 - 100 and mature ponies brought \$85 - 140.

Riding horses brought \$110 - 175. Driving horses, \$110 - 225.

Heavy killers brought \$90 125 and thin kinds, \$45-85.

sequence in many weeks.

About 12 loads prime 1075 1330 lb slaughter steers 28 75 and 29.00, about half as many loads as sold at those prices last week, most choice and prime steers under 1100 lbs 27.00 - 28 50, most comparable grade 1100 - 1300 lb weights 26 00 - 28 50, most choice and prime 1300 1500 lb steers 25 00 - 27 50 but few loads prime 1300 - 1350 lb weights sold up to 28 50.

While few loads choice 1400 - 1500 lb weights late went at 24 00 - 24 75. Load lot mixed choice and prime 1475 - 1550 lb steers 24 50 - 25 50, few loads prime 1575 - 1675 lb weights 25 00 and (Turn to page 5)

Industrial Buildings Implement Sheds  
**APEX**  
LAMINATED PRODUCTS  
Barns - Garages - Warehouses  
Trusses - Rafters - Girders  
(Division of Martin & Hurst, Inc.)  
**MARTINDALE, PA.**  
Phone: Terre Hill HI 5-2932

**CYCLOGYSEZ**  
  
IF YOU HAVE NOTHING MORE TO GIVE THAN A SINCERE GREETING YOU'RE GIVING A LOT  
Everyone in our organization wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

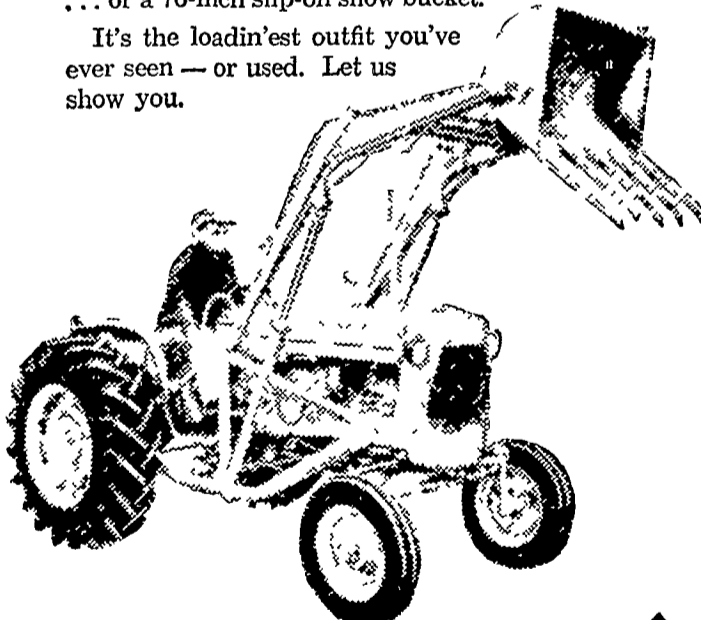
CHRISTMAS SPECIALS ON WESTINGHOUSE WASHERS & DRYERS  
**Cope & Weaver**  
WILLOW ST.  
Ph. Lanc. EX 3-2824

**TEAMED for tops in power loading**

Take a D-14 Tractor . . . low enough to step on and off . . . compact . . . easily handled . . . plus POWER DIRECTOR with oil-cushioned clutch action that permits on-the-go shifting — or easing ahead or back — while bucket moves up or down. You can operate at full engine speed for extra pushing power, quick hydraulic response; yet have easy control of the tractor.


Plus a No 14 Farm Loader . . . tailor-made for the D-14 Tractor . . . with a 6-bushel combination bucket that lifts high for easy loading of trucks . . . or a 76-inch slip-on snow bucket.

It's the loadin'est outfit you've ever seen — or used. Let us show you.



**ALLIS-CHALMERS** AC  
SALES AND SERVICE

- L. H. Brubaker Lancaster, Pa.
- Nissley Farm Service Washington Boro, Pa.
- Mann & Grumelli Farm Serv. Quarryville, Pa.
- R. S. Weaver Stevens, Pa.
- N. G. Myers & Son Rheems, Pa.
- L. H. Brubaker Lititz, Pa.
- Snavelys Farm Service New Holland, Pa.

**Cut C.R.D Medication Cost**  
with ROCKLAND  
**"PARA-STREP" DUST**  
  
See your dealer, or phone  
DICK KNAUSS  
R.D. 1, Doylestown, Pa.  
Fillmore 8-5359  
**ROCKLAND CHEMICAL COMPANY**  
West Caldwell, New Jersey

**DON'T LET YOUR PIPES FREEZE**  
all winter long when you can wrap them with tape to keep from freezing.  
3 ft. electric tape - \$2.40 6 ft. - \$2.70  
**Have you tried Altman's calf ration?**  
BETTER GET SOME NOW  
25 lb. - \$1.50 100 lb. - \$5.15  
Fitting ration for growing heifers and dry cows, and richer milk  
100 lb. - \$3.70 16% Super A Dairy - \$3.45  
**ORDER YOUR CHICKS NOW FROM ALTMAN'S:**  
Leghorns, Barred Rocks White Rocks, Nedor, New Hampshire, Christie White Hamps, Warren Reds, Sex Links and Vantress Cross Broiler chicks  
CALL US FOR SPECIAL PRICES  
**ALTMAN'S CASH FEED STORE**  
947 Harrisburg Pike Ph Lanc EX 4-7715  
Willis H Weaver, Mgr

**GREIDER**  
● Super Cross Leghorns  
● Shaver Star Cross 288 Leghorns  
● Vantress Arbor Acre Broiler Chicks  
Broiler Chicks Still Available in January  
**Greider Leghorn Farms, Inc.**  
PHONE OL 3-2455, MT. JOY, PA.