

At Lancaster Yards

Cattle Steady to Strong

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Receipts to Date. Cattle 1600, Calves 450, Hogs 550, Sheep 175.

CATTLE. Supply about 40 per cent slaughter steers, 45 per cent stockers and feeders and five per cent cows. Trading moderately active after slow start. Slaughter steers steady to 25 higher. Cows steady to 25 higher. Bulls & stockers and feeders steady.

The bulk of the Choice 950-1200 lb slaughter steers 27.50-28.00, few lots 929 - 1117 lb average - high Choice 28.25-28.75. Quality not as good as in past weeks Good to low Choice 24.50-27.26, loads and lots high Good to average Choice 1200 - 1500 lb 25.50 - 26.75

Utility and Commercial bulls 22.75 - 26.00, Good grade fed bulls 26.00 - 28.00. Cutter and Utility cows 16 - 25 - 20.50, few Commercial at 20.50 - 21.50. Canners and low Cutters 15.00 - 16.25. Good and Choice 800 - 1050 lb. feeder steers 25.50 - 28.00. Good average high Choice 900 lb 28.40. Medium and Good 24.00 - 26.00. Good and Choice 550-800 lb stock steers 27.00-30.00, load Choice 507 lb 33.25, Medium and Good 25.00 - 27.25. Good and Choice stock calves 29.00 - 33.00, several lots and loads high Choice 430 - 470 lb 33.50 - 34.25

CALVES. Trading moderately active. Vealers steady to 1.00 lower, spots off more Standard and lower grades making full decline. Good and Choice vealers 30.00 - 36.00, high Choice and Prime 36.00-40.00, few up to 41.00. Standard and low Good 24.00 - 30.00, Utility down to 18.00

HOGS. Trading active. Barrows and gilts 25 higher than last Wednesday. Some scarce and steady. U S 1-3

grade 180-210 lb. barrows and gilts 20.50 - 21.50, uniform 1-3 grade 190-230 lb. including 1-2 grade, 21.50 - 22.50. 300-600 lb. sows 14.00 - 18.00.

SHEEP. Woolled slaughter lambs about 50 lower. Good and Choice slaughter lambs 21.75 - 23.00, few lots 85-100 lb. at 23.25 - 23.50. Utility and low Good 18.75 - 21.75.

Milk Production Rises Slowly

Philadelphia, Dec 24—

Fluid Milk. Production increased but at a reduced rate compared with last year. Buying interest was good and generally as expected for the holiday. Offerings were adequate with wholesale selling prices at New York \$5.65 - \$5.85 per 40 qt unit.

Fluid Cream. Bottling demand was good, but with most requirements filled for holiday usage, excess was being diverted to manufacturing channels. Ice cream sales continued about as expected for the season with many plants closed, especially in the S. E. Penna area. Purchases of cream through these outlets was very light.

In N. Y. wholesale selling prices per 40 qt unit 40 per cent butterfat held unchanged at \$35.00. S. E. Penna. prices were generally unchanged except on carlots where actual sales were limited and current selling prices were unchanged to 55 cents higher.

S. E. Penna. open market selling prices were unchanged to 55 cents higher. S. E. Penna. open market selling prices 40 qt unit - 40 per cent butterfat, (Pa and N J approved) car or trucklot, (min 200 cans) \$25.80 - \$26.75. L. CL (min 50 cans) \$26.25 - 27.50

At New Hollano Very Slow

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New Holland this week had a shortened Holiday week with only two markets, the horse and mule and dairy.

Wednesday's dairy market was generally on the slow side, due primarily to Christmas. Feature of the sale was a load of Wisconsin Holsteins. These fresh cows averaged \$446, although even here the bidding was very slow on a typical holiday sale. Total receipts were 100 cows.

The bulk Fresh Holstein cows sold for \$400 to 495. Fresh Guernsey cows brought \$250 - 310, and other breeds \$250 - 300

Monday's horse and mule sale also rated as a typically slow holiday market on all classes. Receipts totaled 128 head

Mules sold for \$65 to 90. Pony colts went at \$70 to 90 and pony mares brought \$135 to 275

Riding horses ranged from \$70 to 120, with driving horses going at \$65 to 180

Heavy killers were \$90 to 115 and thin kinds, \$40 to 90

At Chicago Slaughter Prices Advance

USDA MARKET NEWS SERVICE

WEEKLY REVIEW.

CHICAGO, Dec 24—

CATTLE—Receipts 25 per cent smaller than the first three days last week but 20 per cent greater than a year ago when Christmas came on Wednesday.

Around 75 per cent slaughter steers, 15 per cent heifers and six per cent cows. Slaughter steers advanced mostly 50 cents to \$1.50 compared last weeks low close. except few loads weighty steers scaling 1450 - 1650 lbs only steady.

Heifers steady to 1.00 higher, least change on kinds grading good and below, most upturn on choice and prime 950 lbs down.

Cows and bulls 50 - 75 cents higher. Vealers steady to strong. Stockers and feeders strong to 50 cents higher. Half dozen or so loads prime 1075 - 1200 lb slaughter steers late, \$30 and 30.25.

Latter price for two loads 1087 lb slaughter steers, highest in about six months. Late bulk choice and prime steers 1300 lbs down \$27 - 29.50

Choice and prime 1300 - 1600 lb. steers late mainly \$25.50 - 28.50. Good grades \$23.50 - 28, according to weight. Good 900 lb. steers Wednesday were \$28, when choice under 1100 lb. steers reach \$29. Good 1450 - 1650 lb steers \$23.50 - 24.00. Loadlots mixed-choice and prime heifers \$28.25 - 28.50. Good and choice \$25.50 - 28, mostly \$25.00 up.

Few loads standard heifers \$24 - 25. Few standard cows \$20.50 - 22.50. Utility and commercial cows \$17 - 20, mostly \$17.50 up late. Late bulk canners and cutters \$15.50 - 18.50

Utility and commercial bulls closed at \$23 - 25.50. Vealers \$32.00 down, culls as low as \$15.00. Two loads choice 895 lb feeding steers \$28.75. These partly fattened and grading low choice from a slaughter standpoint. Few loads good and low-choice 900 - 975 lb feeding steers \$25.75 - 26.50. Good 750 lb stockers \$26. Few medium 600 - 800 lb weights \$23.00 - 25.00

'58 Pig Crop 8% Over '57

WASH., Dec 23—The USDA announced today, the 1958 pig crop totaled 94.8 million head, eight per cent larger than the 1957 crop of 88 million head, according to the crop reporting board

The spring pig crop, at 52.3 million head was up one per cent and the fall crop of 42.5 million head was 17 per cent larger than last year, and the largest fall crop since 1943. The fall crop increase resulted from a 16 per cent increase in the number of sows farrowing and a small increase in pigs saved per litter

For the 1959 spring pig crop, reports on breeding intentions indicate a total of 8,317,000 sows to farrow, 12 per cent more than the number farrowing last spring

If these intentions materialize and the number of pigs per litter equals the 10-year average with allowance for upward trend, the 1959 spring crop would be 59 million head. A crop of this size would be 13 per cent above last spring and the largest since 1951.

Dried Milk OK'd For Foreign Welfare

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that offers have been requested to supply approximately 63,306,900 pounds of nonfat dry milk for foreign donation under the USDA and International Cooperation Administration program

Of the 63.3 million pounds approximately 6.0 million pounds will be for donation to U. S. private welfare organizations for free distribution abroad. The remaining 3,306,900 pounds will be for export use in Italy under an ICA P L 480 (Title II) program

Nonfat dry milk will be packed in 4 1/2 pound bags and cartons and in No 10 tins in export shipping cases

Milk for the USDA foreign donation program will be delivered during the Dec 15, 1958 - March 13, 1959 period. For the ICA Italian program, the nonfat dry milk is to be delivered as soon as possible



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