

At Lancaster Yards Cattle Receipts Doubled

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This week in the cattle division receipts totaled about 3250 or about double that of last week. Trading was slow throughout the week except for cows, these active. On Mon several loads of slaughter steers weighing over 1300 lb. were moved late in the day.

Slaughter steers made up about 50 per cent of the supply and stockers and feeders about 40 per cent. The bulk of the choice 950-1200 lb. slaughter steers went out at 27.50 - 29.00, several loads and lots high - choice 950 - 1225 lb. sold at 29.25 - 29.75. One load weighing 995 lb. and grading prime made 30.00. Average good to high-choice 1200-1500 lb. steers brought 25.50 - 27.00 with a load high-choice 1418 lb. at the 27.00 figure. Good to low-choice slaughter steers moved at 24.50 - 27.50 depending on weight.

Few small lots of good and choice heifers made 25.00 - 27.00.

Utility and coml bulls made 22.75-26.00, Good grade fed bulls sold at 26.00-28.00. Cutter and utility cows sold for 17.00-21.25 & coml cows made 21.25-22.50, while canners and low-cutters made 15.50 - 17.00.

Good and choice 800-1050 lb feeder steers ranged from 26.00-28.00, and medium and good made 24.00-26.25. Good and choice 550-800 lb. stock steers sold at 27.25 - 30.00, and medium and good made 25.00-27.50. Good and choice 550-800 lb stock steers sold at 27.25 - 30.00, and medium and good made 25.00 - 27.50. Good grade stock calves brought 29.00 - 33.00. Two lots choice 485 - 420 lb commanded 35.00-35.50.

Calf receipts were about 230 head more than last

week's 469 head count. Trading was active. The demand was good. Good and choice vealers went to the scales at 30.00-36.00, and high-choice and prime made 36.00-41.00. Standard and low-good made 24.00-30.00. Utility sold down to 18.00.

Hog receipts were some 925 head over last week's 664 head count. Prices held steady for a few hours on Monday after mid-session prices turned 25-50 lower compared with last week's close, barrows and gilts were mostly 50 lower. Sows were steady and scarce. U. S 1-3 grade 180-240 lb. barrows & gilts sold at 20.00-21.00 and uniform 1-3 grade and including grade 190-230 lb. made 21.00-22.00 with a few lots up to 22.50 early Monday; 300-600 lb sows made 14.00-18.00.

Trading was active this week in the sheep division on about 425 head compared with 168 head for last week. Woolled slaughter lambs were steady to 50 lower this week. Good and Choice 75-100 lb slaughter lambs made 21.50-22.50 with a few lots 85-98 lb to 23.00. Utility and low good lambs made 19.25-21.50.

★ Chick Placing Off

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broiler numbers for market about 10 weeks from now are 27.9 million, compared with 24.2 million at the same time in 1958.

Pennsylvania was one of the states showing the greatest decrease in placements from the previous week. Indiana, North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana and Washington also had large decreases.

The 22 state settings were four per cent below the previous week, and 12 per cent above the last week of 1957. Total hatchings Dec 27 - Jan 17 will be 15 per cent above last year.

At Chicago Sales Up 5%

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CHICAGO, Dec 31.
WEEKLY REVIEW—
CATTLE—Receipts about five per cent greater than in the first three days last week but much larger than a year ago when the New Year holiday came on Wednesday. Around two thirds of the current three-day supply on sale Monday.

Around 75 per cent slaughter steers, 15 per cent heifers and five per cent cows. Bulls, vealers and stockers and feeders very scarce. Percentage prime steers smaller than the 17 per cent prime last week. Percentage choice steers less than the 58 per cent last week. Increased percentage good grades, average weight of slaughter steers nearly as heavy as last weeks 1198 lbs. which equaled the recent record high for weight.

Most heifers good and choice grades although a fairly sizable showing standard, new-crop shortfeds.

Slaughter steers steady to 50 lower compared with last Wed. average market, after recovering most of the price ground lost on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Steers grading good and below over 1350 lbs. slowest to 1100 lbs and all grades sell.

Heifers closed fully steady. Cows and bulls strong to 50 higher. Vealers and stockers and feeders mostly steady. Better than a dozen loads mostly prime 1050 - 1350 lb. slaughter steers late, \$29.25-30. Late bulk choice and prime steers around 1350 lbs down \$27 - 29, although loadlots mixed good and choice under 1050 lbs. sold as high as \$27.50. Choice steers 1050 lbs. down sold up to \$28.50, choice 1600 lb. weights \$24.50. Mixed choice and prime 1475 - 1525 lb. weights, \$25 - 26.

Good steers \$23 - 27, according to weight. Good under 1000 lb yearlings up to \$27.00. Good 1550 - 1775 lb steers \$23 - 23.50. Few

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At New Hollana Most Cattle 50c Higher

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The New Holland market started the New Year well Thursday with the steer market very active on all kinds. Choice steers, under 1100 lbs 25 cents higher. Other cattle 50 cents higher and the cow market 75 higher in instances. Calves on all choice and prime offerings steady to strong, small calves \$1 - 2 lower.

Receipts, Cattle—801; Calves—304

Prime butcher steers Under 1150 lbs. - \$28.50 - 29.50; over 1200, \$28.25 - 30.00. Choice under 1100, \$27.50 - 28.50; Over 1200, \$26.50 - 27.75. Good: under 1100, \$26.50 - 27.50, Over 1200 and shortfeds, \$24.75 - 26. Plain to medium butcher steers, \$24-25.

Choice Butcher heifers, \$25 - 26.85. Good, \$22 - 25. Plain to medium, \$19.50 - 22. Good bulls, \$26 - 27.85. Plain to med, \$25 - 26. Good butcher cows, \$20.50 - 22. Medium, \$18.50 - 20. Canners and cutters, \$16-18. Stockers and feeder steers: 64 head average wgt. 840 lbs. \$27.65.

Choice and prime calves 38 - 41. Good, \$34 - 38. Medium, \$28 - 34. Thin calves, \$15 - 22.

The final dairy market of 1958 on Dec. 31 was rated steady with receipts of 101

cows and two stock bulls. Fresh Holstein cows—\$4.10 to 5.10. Fresh Guerneys—\$2.50 - 2.85. Other cows—\$2.50 - 3.50. Bulls—\$1.74 and 2.55.

With total receipts of 101 head, the Dec 29 horse and mule market had one pair draft horses selling for \$380. Killers were steady at 75 cents, but there were not enough top quality riding and driving horses to test the market.

Single mules sold for \$150 - 135. Pairs, \$250 - 355.

Pony colts brought \$95 - 120. Trained ponies, \$110 - 160.

Riding horses, \$100 - 140. Driving, \$110 - 150.

Heavy killers, \$110 - 125. Thin kinds, \$45 - 70.

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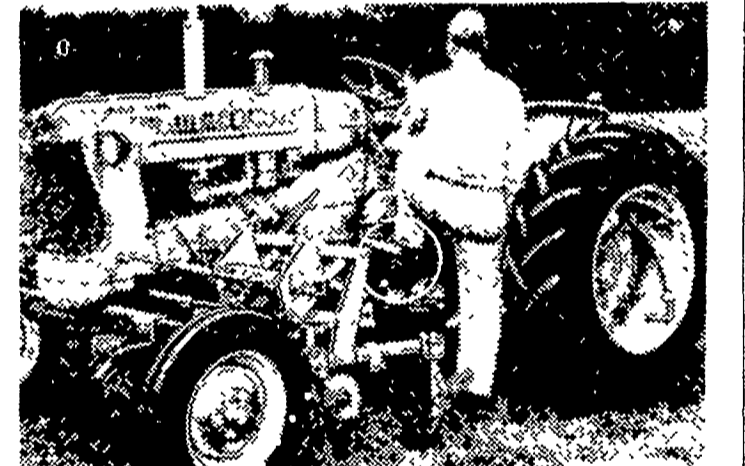
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