

## At Lancaster Yards Lt. Steers Record Gain

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**CATTLE**—This Wed was like last Wed with about 450 head of slaughter steers on the market. Some of the gain recorded on Mon for slaughter steers weighing over 1,250 lb was lost Wed. Compared with last week's close slaughter steers weighing under 1250 lb were 25 - 50 higher and heavier weights were steady to 25 higher.

Cows closed steady to 25 lower. Bulls sold at fully steady rates. Stockers and feeders were steady to 50 higher. Receipts were comprised of about 70 per cent slaughter steers and 25 per cent stockers and feeders.

Number of loads of slaughter steers weighing over 1,300 lb is much higher than in past years. Total head count for this week is about 4200 head compared with last week's 3888 total. Trading was active this week except for cattle weighing over 1300 lbs these were slow.

The bulk of the 950-1300 lb slaughter steers brought 27-25-29-50. A part load high choice with a prime end scanning 1309 lb made 29-75 and a load prime 1407 lb sold for 29-50. Average good to high-choice 1300-1520 lb ranged from 25-25-27-50. Good to low-choice steers brought 24-75-27-50 depending on weight.

A few lots of good and choice heifers made 25-50-27-50. Utility & comm bulls

sold for 23-25-26-50 and good grade fed bulls brought 26-00-28-00.

Utility cows made 17-25-21-50, while canners and low cutters ranged from 15-50-17-25, coml cows sold up to 22-75.

Good and choice 800-1050 lb feeders steers went back to the country at 25-50-28, a three load string of high-choice 916 lb feeders made 29, and a load 1135 lb same grade at 27-85, medium and good feeders made 24-25-26-50. Good and choice 550-800 lb stock feeders brought 27-50-30-50 with a loadlot 528-630 lb selling at 32-32-50. Good grade stock calves made 29-33.

In the calf division this week vealers advanced 1-00 on about 625 head compared with last week's total 695 head. Trading was active. Good and choice vealers sold for 31-37 and high choice and prime made 37-42 with a few up to 43. Standard low-good brought 25-31 while utility sold down to 20.

Barrows and gilts declined sharply this week as they closed about 1-50 lower than last week. Trading was very slow after mid-session. Mon which was when sharp decline was noted. Sows were about steady. The total head count was about 1550 compared with 971 last week.

US 1-3 grade 180-230 lb barrows and gilts sold for 18-19. Hogs more uniform for weight and grade including 1-2 grade 190-220 lb at

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## Chicago Cattle Fed Steers 70% Of Week's Run

USDA MARKET  
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CHICAGO, JAN 16—  
WEEKLY REVIEW

**CATTLE**—Receipts 10 per cent larger than last week, about 5 per cent greater than the corresponding week last year, and the largest in six weeks. Some change in the consist of supplies, smaller percentage slaughter steers. About the same percentage slaughter heifers, increased proportion cows and bulls.

Around 70 per cent slaughter steers, about 15 per cent heifers and nearly 10 per cent cows, the percentage cows largest for any week in months. Vealers and stocker and feeder cattle and calves continued seasonally scarce. Percentage prime steers smaller than the 12-5 per cent prime last week, estimated barely ten per cent prime this week. Smallest since last August, percentage choice steers also decreased while an increased percentage graded good and below. Most heifers good and choice grades.

Average weight of slaughter steers estimated to be a few pounds lighter than last week when the average of 1200 lbs was the heaviest since records were started. Slaughter steers advanced 25-75 early in the week but the gain was later shaded or more than last depending on weight and grade, closing prices on slaughter steers generally steady to 50 higher than late last week although few loads steers

## New Holland Hvy. Short-feds Glut Market

low choice and below weighing over 1300 lbs. as much as 50 lower. Prime heifers all weights and choice under 1050 lb weights steady to fully 25 higher, other weights and grades steady to 50 lower.

Cows lost 50-1-50 compared late last week when prices were the highest since June 1958. Bulls sold steady to 25 higher until late but closed 75-1-00 lower for the week due to a sharply lower trend Thursday.

Vealers advanced 1-00-2 and reached the highest levels in two months. Stockers and feeders fairly active, steady to 50 higher. Smaller numbers of steers sold to Canadian buyers than last week owing to a lower market in Canada and higher prices in the U.S.

Moderate supply prime 1025-1350 lb slaughter steers 30-25-30-75, eight loads brought 30-50 and 30-75 later price the highest since July, 1958, bulk choice and prime steers 26-50-30-00 according to weight, scattered loads choice 1500-1525 lb weights down to 26-00, choice yearlings weighing up to 1050 lbs sold up to 29-50 while few loads mixed choice and prime 1050-1150 lb weights reached 30-00, loadlots mixed.

Choice and prime 1400-1525 lb steers 27-00-29-25, good steers opened at 25-00-28-00 according to weight and closed at 24-50-28-00 with a few loads mixed commercial and good over 1300 lbs down to 24-00, few mixed (Turn to page 5)

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Thursday's New Holland cattle and calves marketed reported heavy receipts, 1068 cattle and 333 calves. Steer market was very regular with demand for light yearling calves these steady to strong.

About 70 per cent of steer run was heavy. Action on these 50-75 lower. Cow market steady to weak, with utility and commercial steady. Yellow fat cows 75 lower.

Prime butcher steers under 1100—\$28-50-30-75, er 1100—27-50-28, Over 26-50-27 Choice Under 27-50-28-50, Over 27-50-28-50 Good 26-50-27, Heavy—25-27 Plain to medium—23-25

Choice butcher heifers 23-27-50 Good—24-25, Main to medium—20-25

Bologna bulls—25-27, Good bulls—26-28, Plain med—23-25-50

Good butcher cows—23-25-27-50 Medium—18-50-21-50, ners and cutters—14-15-16

Choice to prime calves \$41-45 Good—\$38-41, um—32-38 Thin—20-25

The Wednesday day had a brisk market of fresh cow classes with advance noted on heifers. Most active market several weeks, with a lot of 127 cows, 7 stock but 6 heifers.

Fresh Holstein cows weight \$400 - 540 Fresh Jerseys, \$240 - 310 Other breeds, \$240 - 300 Stockers \$140 - 256

Monday's horse and mule market was active on animals, both horses and mules. Killer market was a \$1 per hundred higher strong 9 - 9 1/4 cents per mule teams, \$20 - 40 head. Receipts totaled 154, no ponies on market. Teams brought \$310 - singles, \$120 - 175 horses, \$145 - 305, du \$125 - 175 Heavy killers \$100 - 165, thin killers 95

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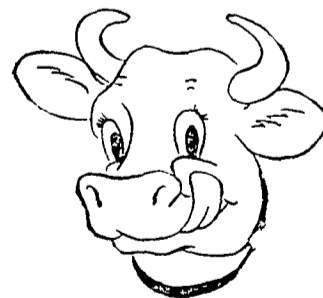


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