

At Lancaster Yards Fat Steers Off 25-50

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This week trading was slow for slaughter steers. All other slaughter classes were moderately active. Slaughter steers accounted for about 40 per cent of the receipts and stockers and feeders for 45 per cent. The quality of slaughter steers was like last week with very few lots grading an average choice and better on sale. Receipts were about 200 head less than last week's 3150 count. Compared with last week's close slaughter steers were 25-50 lower. Cows closed steady to 25 higher. Bulls were steady, stockers and feeders sold steady to weak.

The bulk of the choice 950-1350 lb. slaughter steers sold for 27.25-29.00, load average choice weighing 1220 lb. made 29.25, and a lot high choice 1078 lb. at 30.00. Load high-choice and prime scaling 1495 lb. sold for 28.50. Good to low-choice steers brought 25.00-27.50 depending on weight.

Utility and coml. bulls sold from 22.75-25.50. Good grade fed bulls made 25.75-27.25. Cutter and utility cows ranged from 17.00-21.50 with coml. cows up to 22.50, while canners and low cutters made 15.25-17.00.

Good and choice 800-10.50 lb. feeder steers brought 27.00-28.75, lot choice 917 lb. at 29.00. Medium and good brought 25.50-27.25. Good & choice 550-800 lb. stock steers

made 27.75-30.50. Medium & good sold at 26.00-28.00. Good grade stock calves made 29.00-33.00, two lots choice 407-476 lb. sold at 34.00-35.00.

In the calf division this week receipts totaled about 560 head or about .50 head less than last week. Trading was moderately active for vealers. Vealers were about 1.00 lower. Good to choice vealers sold for 33.00-39.00 while choice and prime made 40.00-43.00, standard and low-good 26.00-32.00, with utility selling down to 20.00.

Hogs receipts this week was about 475 head over last week's 1172 head count. Trading was moderately active and at times slow. Barrows, gilts and sows were 50 lower. U. S. 1-3 grade 190-225 lb. barrows and gilts made 17.00-17.75 while hogs more uniform for weight and grade including 1-2 grade weighing 190-215 lb. made 18.00-19.00 with a few mostly No. 1 grade of the same weight sold up to 19.50, 230-250 lb. hogs made 16.00-17.00. 300-600 lb. sows brought 13.00-16.00.

Wooled slaughter lambs were 1.00 lower with the decline coming on Mon. Trading was moderately active. Receipts will total about 330 head compared with 425 head last week. Good and choice wooled slaughter lambs made 20.00-21.50 a few lots 80-96 lb. made 21.75-22.00. Utility and low-good lambs sold for 18.50-20.00.

Chicago Cattle Fat Steers 75% of Mkt.

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WEEKLY REVIEW

CATTLE — Receipts only three per cent greater than last week when supplies were the smallest since April last year excluding holiday weeks, and four per cent smaller than the corresponding week last year. Around 50 per cent of the weeks supply appeared on Monday, receipts later curtailed by poor weather and hazardous road conditions.

Nearly 75 per cent of receipts slaughter steers, around 15 per cent heifers and seven per cent cows, the percentage cows a little smaller than the eight to nine per cent cows last week and the percentage of steers estimated to be slightly larger than last week. Percentage prime steers less than the 12.4 per cent prime last week, percentage choice steers also smaller than last week but an increased percentage good grades.

Average weight of slaughter steers about as heavy as last weeks average of 1196 lbs. which was only four lbs. under the record of 1200 lbs. established recently.

Increased percentage of receipts western cattle, nearly double the volume of last week when 45 loads appeared, bulk of the western supply slaughter steers. Despite small receipts for the second consecutive week slaughter steers sold steady to 50 lower with most weakness on prime grades and on steers

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Thursday's cattle market had receipts of 761 cattle and 290 calves. Steer market was very brisk with all grades sharing in the activity. Most increase on longer fed kinds of all weights.

Butcher bulls steady; Bologna bulls slow. Comml.

grading good and below, choice steers, in fact, sold fully steady, comparatively narrow demand for slaughter steers the result of a rather sluggish dressed beef trade which in turn reflected the start of the lenten season and low priced pork, lamb and poultry in relation to beef, Chicago wholesale dressed beef prices steady to mostly 50 lower for the week.

Slaughter heifers held about steady, scarcity the main price supporting factor. Cows and bulls steady to 25 higher. Vealers steady to 25 higher. Vealers steady to strong with prices for this class continuing at the highest levels since 1952.

Stockers and feeders slow, steady to weak.

Several loads prime 1100-1300 lb. slaughter steers 32.25 and 32.50 loadlots mostly prime steers 1075-1375 lbs. largely 31.00-31.75 with a few loads 32.00, load 1400 lb. weights included at 32.00, loadlots mixed choice and prime under 1300 lb. steers 30.00-30.75, comparable grade 1300-1500 lb. weights 28.00-29.75, load prime two-year fed 1641 lb. beeves 28.00, few loads choice 1050-1175 lb. steers 29.75-30.00, bulk choice steers 26.50-29.50 with few low choice 1400-

cows in very good instances. Canner after cows barely steady, me calves \$1-2 lower.

Prime butcher steers 1100 only, \$29-30 under 1100—\$28-29, 1200—\$27.50-28. Good der 1100—\$26.50-27.50 1200 and shortfeds—26.50. Plain to medium 25.50.

Choice butcher \$25.50-27. Good, \$23.50-25. Plain to med, \$21-23. Good bulls, \$25.50-26.50. Heavy holstein bulls, \$26. PL to med, \$23.50.

Good butcher cows, 23.50. Med., \$19.50. Canners and cutters,

Stocker and feeder \$25.50-27.10. Stock stees. 28-31.

Choice butcher calf 42.50. Good, \$35-39.50 \$2-35. Thin, \$16-28.

Receipts for the dairy sale were 114 eight bulls and seven Old cows sold \$15-20 head lower, except the quality fresh holsteins, were steady with last market. Stock bulls were

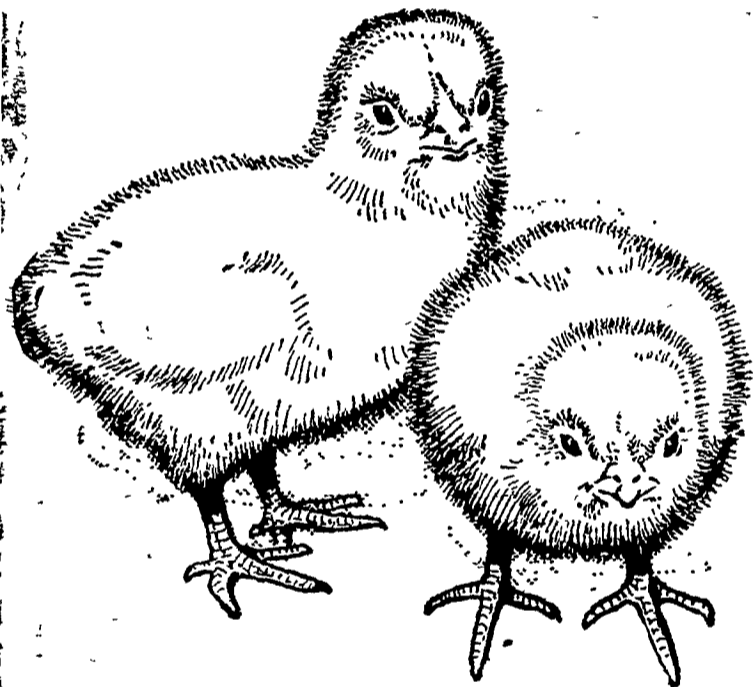
Fresh holsteins were 520; Guernseys, \$24 and other breeds \$22. Stock bulls were \$60.

Horse and mule market on the Feb. 9 market 222, with a steady market and all others a few mules lacking quality also steady. Inferior were \$15-25 per pair.

Draft horse teams \$300-380, while singles \$150-265.

Mule teams were \$20 while singles were \$12. Pony mares were \$12 and geldings were \$8.

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