

At Lancaster Yards 45% Of Run Stockers & Feeders

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WEEKLY REVIEW—

CATTLE: Slaughter steers totaled 3075 head compared with 3128 last week. Trading slow for steers, but all other classes mod. active. Supply included about 40% slaughter steers and 45% stockers and feeders. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers held steady. Cows were 25-50 lower, with most of the decline on cutter and better grades. The decline came on Thursday. Bulls closed weak. Stockers and feeders were steady to weak.

A load of high choice 1239 lb. slaughter steers brought \$30, bulk of choice 950-1300 lb. sold for 27.50-29. Load and a half of 1361 lb. choice and prime steers made 28. Good to low-choice steers brought 25-27.50, depending on weight.

Few lots of good and choice heifers, 25-50-27. Utility and commercial bulls ranged between 22.75-25.50, while good grade fed bulls sold at 25.75-27. Cutter and utility cows commanded 16.75-21, with commercial cows up to 22, few early sold up to 22.50. Canners and low-cutters closed at 15-16.75.

Good and choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers, 27-28.75, with a lot choice scaling 800 lb at 29, while med. and good grades sold for 25.50-27.25. Good and choice 550-800 lb stock steers brought 27.75-30.50. A few lots average to high choice stock steers weighing 501-695 lb commanding 31-33. Medium and good made 26-28. Good grade stock calves sold for 29-33. Choice weighing 426-446 lb. at 33.50-34.40. A part load high choice weighing 462 lb. commanding 37.50. Lots medium and good grade stock bulls scaling 665-942 lb selling at 24-25.50.

CALVES: Following recent declines in the dressed veal market, live vealers sold \$1 lower. Trading was moderately active on about 650 head compared with 555 head last week. Good and choice vealers ranged between 32-38, while choice and prime sold for 39-42. A few vealers early Mon. brought 43. Standard and low-good made 25-31, while utility sold down to 20.

Pa. Broiler Placements Off

Penna. placements of broiler chicks for the week ending Feb. 18 decreased seven per cent from the previous week, with 724,000 head placed. Indicated number of Pa. broilers for market 10 weeks from now is 7,000,000 compared with 748,000 at the same time last year.

Total Pa. hatchings of broiler chicks for the period Feb. 14—March 7—will be about eight per cent below last year reports the Pa. Crop Reporting Service.

In the 22 important broiler producing states, placements were up four per cent from the previous week to 32,756,000. The 22 state settings were three per cent above the previous week, and 13 per cent above last year. Hatchings for the above three week period will be 11 per cent above last year.

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Chicago Cattle Light Runs Low Prices

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CHICAGO FEB. 19
WEEKLY REVIEW—

CATTLE: Receipts slightly larger than last week and 12 to 13 per cent greater than the corresponding week last year. About 50 per cent of the weeks supply offered for sale Monday for the third consecutive week. Not much change in the consist of supplies, fully 70 per cent slaughter steers, around 15 per cent heifers and 7 per cent cows. Also, not much change in the percentages of the various grades slaughter steers, about 10 per cent prime around 50 per cent choice and 30 per cent good, however, average weight of slaughter steers promising to be much lighter than last weeks average of 1194 lbs.

Despite the fact that receipts were again moderately light, slaughter steers and heifers continued to trend lower, dressed beef prices also declined in the face of competition from comparatively low priced pork and poultry. Steers average choice and better closed 50-1.50 lower, mostly 50-1 under last weeks close with most loss on prime grades, steers low choice and below mostly 50 lower. Heifers 50-75 lower and cows also 50-75 lower.

Bulls sold strong to fully 50 higher until late when the advance was largely lost. Vealers declined 1-3 the sharpest decline for any week so far this year.

Stockers and feeders very slow, weak to 1 lower, mostly 50-1 lower with feeding steers 750 lbs. up under most pressure.

Load lots mostly prime 1100-1300 lb. slaughter steers early 31-31.75 when two load 1036 and 1102 lb. weights

New Holland Steer Trading Brisk

The Thursday sale receipts of 791 cattle and calves. Steer mkt brisk, cattle strong, in all weights very active through all. Cows very active with drop in canners and Bulls steady. Calves but primes \$1 lower.

Choice butcher steers der 1100, \$28-29.35, 1200, \$27.50-28. Good, 1100, \$26.50-27.50, heavy ortfeds, \$26-26.50. Sh pl. to med, \$25-26.

Choice heifers, \$26.50 Good, \$24-26. Pl - 19.50-24.

Good bulls, \$25.50 Pl - med. bulls, \$23.50 Hvy. bologna bulls, \$25.35.

Good butcher cows, 22.65. Med., \$19-21 C and cutters, \$16-18.50 Stocker and feeder \$26-27.50.

Choice prime calves 42.50. Good, \$35-40 \$28-35. Thin calves \$28-35.

Feb. 18's dairy sale receipts of 121 cows, 12 bulls and two heifers slow \$25-40 lower.

Fresh holsteins, \$32 Guernseys, \$250-312 C \$250-300. Stock bulls, 297.

The Feb. 16 horse and sale had 249 receipts ing horse demand inc heavy mule run forced down, draft horses \$285-495 Mule pairs, \$285-495 gles, \$125-210.

Ponies, \$90-145. Riding horses, \$148 Drivers, \$125-195. Killers were at nine per lb.

Shipment mostly prime 1100 lb. mixed steers and heifers 30.50. High choice and mixed choice and prime heifers 28-29.25, load high choice 900 lb. weights 28.50. Two loads mixed choice and prime 1100 lb. heifers 28, bulk good to average choice heifers 24-27.50, mixed standard and good 23.25-23.75, most utility and standard heifers 19.50-23.

Bulk utility and commercial cows 17.50-20, few high commercial 20.50, canners and cutters closed at 15.50-18.50, mostly 18 down with few light canners as low as (Turn to page 5)

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