

At Lancaster Yards Fat Steers 50c Higher

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WEEKLY REVIEW—
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Trading moderately active for all classes this week and highlighted by a steady to 50 higher market for slaughter steers. The supply included 40 per cent slaughter steers and a few loads of heifers, 45% of the run, stockers and feeders.

Receipts will total about 2550 head compared with 3161 head count last week. Cows 25 lower. Bulls steady to 50 off. Stockers and feeders about steady.

A lot of prime 1231 lb. slaughter steers made 30.40, and a lot high-choice weighing 1133 lb. brought 30. Bulk of choice steers weighing 950-1300 lb. made 27.50-29. Good to low choice sold for 25-27.50 depending on weight. Load choice weighing 1647 lb. brought 28.75. Good and choice heifers ranged from 25.50-27.50.

Utility and coml. bulls made 22.75-25.50, and good grade fed bulls brought 25.50-27. Cutter and utility cows sold for 16.50-20.75 and com. cows, 21.75, a few early in the week up to 22.00, while canners and low cutters made 14.75-16.50.

Good and choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers commanded 27-28.75. Lot choice scaling 375 lb. brought 29. Medium and good feeders made 25-27.25. Good and choice 550-800 lb. stock steers 27.75-30.50 and a few lots average to high choice weighing 500-650 lb. sold up to 31.50. Part load choice, scaling 602 lb. commanded 33. Medium and good stockers made 26-28. Good grade stock calves sold at 29-33.

Calf receipts will be about 775 head or 125 above last week's count. Trading moderately active. Vealers held steady. Good and choice vea-

lers sold for 32-38 and choice and prime made 39-42, with a few up to 43, standard and low good kinds made 25-31 while utility sold down to 20.

Barrows and gilts were about 25 lower this week and sows held about steady. The supply is about the same as last week's 1421 head count. Trading was moderately active. U. S. 1-3 grade 190-225 lb barrows and gilts brought 16.50-17.25 with No. 3 back down to 16. Hogs more uniform for weight and grade including 1-2 grade weighing 190-215 lb. sold for 17.50-18.50. 230-250 lb. hogs made 16-16.50. 300-600 lb. sows brought 13-16.

Trading active in the sheep division for about 225 head. Woolled slaughter lambs were fully steady. Good and choice slaughter lambs made 20-21.50, with a few lots 80-95 lb. at 21.75-22.50 and a few head prime 80-85 lb. at 23.50, utility and low good lambs ranged from 18-20.

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Chicago Cattle Steers Active

CHICAGO, Feb. 26—
WEEKLY REVIEW—

CATTLE—Better distribution of receipts than past three weeks. Supply fully 5% smaller than last week, above year ago. Receipts smallest since April. Reduction in supplies due to last week's sharp price decline and slaughter holiday of Monday.

Smaller percentage slaughter steers and increased share heifers and cows, barely 70% steers, about 20% heifers and 9% cows. Receipts include 57 loads western cattle, mainly fed steers. Smaller share prime steers, less than 10%. Choice, 60%. Avg wt slaughter steers slightly above last week's 1180 lbs. Series of higher mkt. left steer prices mostly \$1-1.50 higher for week. This was 4th straight week of relatively small cattle supplies and a higher trend developed in the dressed mkt. for steer and heifer beef, advancing \$1 to 2; cow beef declining \$1-1.50.

Slaughter heifers strong to 75 higher, mostly 50 higher. Cows about steady. Bulls 50-\$1 lower. Vealers about steady at last week's sharp decline. Stockers and feeders slow but steady to 50 higher, reflecting slaughter steer trend.

Five loads high-choice to mostly prime 1175-1250 lb steers \$31.75-32. Numerous loads mixed-choice and prime 1025-1475 lb. steers, majority scaling 1125-1350 lbs. \$29.50-31.50. Loadlots 1240-1340 lb

New Holland Thursday Receipts -- 1,366

New Holland Sales Stables' Thursday has receipts of 1,072 cattle and 294 calves, with the steer run containing more good quality long-fed cattle offered than for past four months. Packers were willing to bid as high for better-finished heavy cattle as for yearlings, contrary to mkt. for past three months.

Steer market was very active, at \$31—feedlot mates of \$29.50-30 cattle last week. Early bulk choice steers 26.50-29. Late-bulk, \$27.25-29.50. Loadlots choice 1400 lb. steers, \$27-28. Load high-choice and prime 1475 lb. at \$29.75—feedlot mates of \$28 cattle last week.

Loadlots mixed-good and choice 1000-1250 lb. steers late \$26.75-27.25. Early Bulk good steers \$24.50-26, late bulk \$25-26.50. Good 1600 lb. included at \$24.75, several loads mixed-standard and good 975-1050 lbs. \$25.50, utility and standard steers, \$21.50-25. Load 1100 lb. Holsteins \$23, and load 900 lb. utility holsteins \$22.50.

Two loads high-choice to mostly prime 975-1120 lb. heifers \$29.60-29.75, loadlots high-choice and mixed-choice and prime 900-1075 lb. heifers, \$28.75-29. Bulk good and choice heifers, \$24.50-28. Several loads mixed standard and good \$24. Utility and standard cows \$20-22. Utility and coml. cows \$17.25-20. Canners and cutters mainly \$15.50-17.50.

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tive, heavy choice after 50-75 high steady. Comm cows to 50 lower. All other \$1 lower, calf market.

Prime butcher steers \$29-29.50; choice Good, \$27-28, and med, \$25.50-27.

Choice heifers, good, \$23-25, and med., \$19-25.

Good bulls, \$25-28; oona bulls, \$22.50-23; plain to med.

Good butcher cows 21.25, Med, \$18.50; canners and cutters, 18.50.

Stocker and feeder were \$26-27.25. Stock calves, \$28-33.25.

Choice to prime calves, \$38-41.50; good 38; Med, \$27-33, at \$18-26.

The Feb 25 dairy receipts of 100 cows, and four heifers. Good fresh cows again were with all cows regaining previous week's loss.

Fresh Holstein cows 425 Guernseys, \$30. Other breeds, \$250-300.

ck bulls, \$145-250. The Feb. 23 horse sale had 271 receipts very brisk bidding.

Draft horse teams \$310-425; singles \$12-15. Mule teams, \$265-300.

g's, \$125-215. Pony mares were \$125-185.

Geldings, \$140-300. Heavy killers were at nine cents per lb. lers were 7 1/2 - 8 1/2

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