

## At Lancaster Yards Slaughter Steers 65% Of Run

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Slaughter steers moved out slowly Mon. but were fairly active on Wed. Trading was moderately active on all other classes. Receipts will total about 4000 head or about 190 head less than last week's count. Quality wasn't as good as in the past few weeks.

The supply included 65% slaughter steers and 30% stockers and feeders.

Compared with last week's close slaughter steers grading choice were fully steady. Good grade and below sold at steady rates with a few loads 5¢ lower. Utility and com. cows were 50 lower and canners and cutters sold 25 higher. Bulls were steady to 50 lower with most of the decline coming on good grade fed bulls. Stockers and feeders were fully steady.

Bulk of the choice slaughter steers brought 28.50-30.25, a three load string grading high choice weighing 1150 lb. made 31. Good to low choice steers made 26-28.75.

Few lots of good and choice heifers sold for 26-28. Cutter and utility cows made 17-21, while com. cows sold up to 22.50. Canners and low cutters made 15.50-17. Utility and com. bulls brought 23-25.50-good grade fed bulls ranged from 25.50-26.50.

Good and choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers made 27.25-28.75, a two load string choice and fancy 1026 lb. Angus steers brought 30, most steers grading choice from slaughter standpoint. Medium and good feeders made 25.50-27.50. Good and choice 550-800 lb. stock calves commanded 28.50-31, part load choice 518 lb. 32.50, part load mostly 520 lb. 33.75. Med. and good stockers made 26.50-28.75. Good grade stock calves made 30-34.

Trading was active for about 725 head of vealers. Vealers held steady. Good and choice vealers made 28-36,

choice and prime sold from 36-39, standard and low good made 23-27 while utility sold down to 18.

Receipts of hogs will total about the same as last week's 1736 head count. Trading was moderately active. Barrows and gilts were steady and sows were scarce but sold at about steady rates. U.S. 1-3 grade 190-225 lb. barrows and gilts made 17-17.50. A few lots early in the week grading No. 3 sold back to 16.75, hogs more uniform for wgt. and grade, including 1-2 grade 190-215 lb. butchers, made 17.75-18.50. A few lots No. 1 sold at 19, 230-250 lb. hogs made 16.25-17, 300-600 lb. sows sold for 12-15.

In the sheep division, receipts totaled about 1150 head or almost triple last week's count. Sharp increase due to the Easter trade for spring slaughter lambs. Eighty per cent of the supply spring lambs weighing under 60 lb. Trading was brisk.

All classes held steady. Good and choice wooled lambs brought 21.50-23, and utility and low good lambs made 19.50-21.50. Good and choice 25-40 lb. spring slaughter lambs commanded 38-40, with a few lots up to 42, 40-50 lb. lambs brought 33-38, 50-70 lb. sold for 27-32.

## Milk Market

Philadelphia, Mar 27—FLUID MILK. Market relative steady. Production increased at all markets under the influence of favorable weather conditions. Demand ranged from fair to good with instances of slight improvement over the previous week. A heavier volume of surplus moved to by-products, especially cottage cheese. Manufacture of Non-fat dry milk solids increased. Wholesale selling prices at New York were unchanged to 5 cents lower this week with sales for next week's delivery prior to Apr. (Turn to page 5)

## Chicago Cattle Early Supply Lowest In Four Years

WEEKLY REVIEW:  
CATTLE—Receipts about 10 per cent smaller than last week and fully 20 per cent less than the same week a year ago. Supply smallest for any week in nearly a yr. Supplies in the first two days smallest for a Monday and a Tuesday in four years. Holy week was one factor in the curtailed supply. In 1958 receipts Easter week proved to be the smallest of the year. Receipts at 12 main markets also light and the smallest in four weeks.

Nearly 75 per cent of receipts slaughter steers. Around 15 per cent heifers and 7 per cent cows. Percentage steers and cows slightly increased compared last week and a slightly smaller percentage heifers around 5 per cent of the steer supply prime, practically the same as last week when the 5 per cent prime was the smallest for any week since last June. Smaller percentage choice steers than the 46 per cent choice last week and larger percentage of good grades than the 38 percent good last week. Percentage good grade steers largest in over a year.

Average weight of slaughter steers promising to be less than last weeks average of 1160 lbs. which was lightest since last October and 40 lbs lighter than the record weekly average weight of 1200 lb reached in January this year.

Receipts included around 100 loads western cattle, mostly fed steers, compared 82 loads last week, in a series of higher markets choice and prime steers advanced 1-2 with weights over 1150 lbs. showing most upturn, steers grading good and below 50-1 higher, many sales 1 higher. Good to prime steers weighing over 1150 lbs. now selling at a premium on a grade-for-grade basis compared lighterweights, just the reverse of the situation earlier this year when heavy steers were be-

## New Holland High Grade Spread No

Receipts for Thursday's beef market were again light with 834 cattle and 308 calves. Spread between low-choice and prime prices showing wider range than been seen for more than eight months.

High-choice and prime cattle showed greatest advance, fully \$1 - \$1.50 higher. Cows weak to 50 lower. Calves, prime and choice — \$1 lower. All other grades steady.

Prime butcher steers — \$31.00 - 33; choice—29 - 31.50; good—27.50 - 28.50, and plain to med.—24.50 - 27.50.

Choice heifers—\$26.50 - 28; good—23 - 26, and plain to med.—20 - 23.

Bologna bulls—\$23 - 26.50 good bulls—25 - 26.50, and plain to med.—24 - 25.

Good cows—\$20 - 21.25; med.—18.50 - 20, and canners and cutters—16.50 - 18.50.

ing sharply discounted.

Heifers mostly 1-1.50 higher. Cows and bulls 50 - 75 higher. Vealers fully steady. Stockers and feeders fully 50 (Turn to page 5)

Stockers and feeders were \$26 - 28. Prime butcher calves 39; good—32 - 36, and thin—19.

The March 25 had receipts of 11 stock bulls and 14 fers, with the cow gain sluggish, due plowing season due in June and in more demand close springers.

Fresh Holstein \$320-425; Guernsey 340; and other breeds 280.

Stock bulls were 277.50; stock heifers 160.

The Mar. 23 horse sale had 287 head. Killer market was per hundred lower, were harder to sell, and slowed up on Draft horse teams \$310-415; singles—Mule teams sold 620; singles—\$140.

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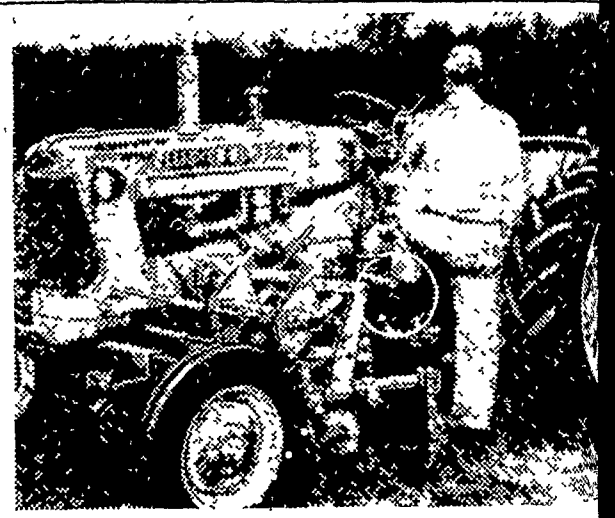
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