

At Lancaster Yards Fed Steers 50 Higher

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LANCASTER, April 3—
WEEKLY REVIEW—

Cattle division receipts this week totaled about 4000 head or about the same as last week. Quality of slaughter steers was improved over last week. Trading was slow for slaughter steers but active on Wed. for about three loads. All other classes were moderately active.

Compared with last week's close slaughter steers were mostly 50 higher. Cows sold 25 higher. Bulls were steady to spots 50 higher on good grade fed bulls. Stocker and feeder held fully steady.

The bulk of choice slaughter steers brought 29-31.50 a lot high-choice scaling 1015 made 32 and a two load string weighing 1212 lb. and grading high-choice and prime made 33.

Small lot prime 1090 lb. sold at 34. Good to low choice steers ranged from 26.50-29.

Few small lots of good and choice heifers made 26.50-28.50.

Utility and coml. bulls sold for 23-25.50, and good grade fed bulls made 25.75-27, with a few up to 27.50. Cutter and utility cows sold for 17.25-21.25, and coml. cows brought up to 22.75. Cannery and low cutters made 15.75-17.25.

Good and choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers commanded 27.50-29, a lot high choice weighing 919 lb. made 29.25. Medium and good feeder brought 26-27.75. Good and choice 550-800 lb. stock steers 29-33.50, a few part loads choice 590-610 lb. stockers made 35. Medium and good 26.75-29. Good grade stock calves made 30-34.

Vealers sold about steady for 700 head compared with last week's 741 head. Trading was active. Good and choice vealers made 28-36, and choice and prime sold for 36-39. Standard and low-grade brought 23-27 and utility sold down to 18;

Receipts in hog division decreased about 200 head from last week's count of 1713 head. Trading was active this week. Barrows and gilts on Mon. were 50-1 higher but part of the advance was lost on Wed. and Barrows and gilts closed out the week 50 higher. Sows were seasonally scarce, but about steady, U.S. 1-3 grade 190-225 lb. barrows and gilts ranged from 18-18.50 early but closed at 17.50-17.75. Hogs more uniform for wgt. and grade including 1-2 grade 190-215 lb made 18.50-19. A few lots mostly No. 1 190-210 lb. on Mon. brought 19.25-19.50. 230-250 lb. butchers sold at 17-17.75. 300-600 lb. sows made 12-15.

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Chicago Cattle

Receipts Off More Than Expected

CHICAGO, April 2—

CATTLE—Receipts smaller than anticipated following Easter week, supplies only slightly larger than last week when they were the smallest for any week in nearly a year. Receipts about 13 per cent larger than the corresponding week last year when receipts were lightest for any week in 1958. Percentage of the various classes little different than last week, 70-75 per cent slaughter steers, 15-20 per cent heifers and around 7 per cent cows; Percentage prime steers estimated to be a little smaller than the 5.4 per cent prime last week.

Percentage choice steers promising to be about the same as the 42 per cent choice last week. Percentage of good grades estimated to be not much different than the 44 per cent good last week which was the largest percentage of good grades for any week in over a year. Average weight of slaughter (Turn to page 5)

New Holland

Beef Run Quality Off

Receipts of cattle - 886; calves - \$37 - 39.50; calves - 307. Quality of the run was very poor; very few high-choice and prime cattle on market - these steady with last week.

All plain and short-fed cattle in low-choice and good grades, strong to 50 higher. These grades also supported by replacement buyers. Bulls strong to 50 higher. Cows steady. Vealers very active and strong.

Prime butcher steers - \$31.50 - 32.25; choice - 29.50 - 31.50; good - 27.50 - 29.50, and plain to med. - 25 - 27.50.

Choice butcher heifers - \$26 - 28; good - 24 - 26, and pl. - med. - 21 - 24.

Good bulls - \$26 - 27.85, and pl. - med - 21 - 24.

Good cows - \$20.50 - 23; med. - \$19 - 20.50; canners and cutters; 17.50 - 19 and shells - 15 - 17.

Stocker and feeder steers \$27 - 28.60.

Choice and prime butcher

The April 1 daily receipts of 107 stock bulls and 20 fresh cows were good demand, fully er than week earlier heifers and heifers freshen in fall in mand to put into pas Fresh Holstein cows - 425; Guernseys, \$28 and other breeds, \$28 Stock bulls, \$165 stock heifers, \$145 Draft horse sales tive, with mules on dy side and riding he tive and in good dem the Mar 30 horse an sale, with 216 head ceipt Draft teams were from \$310 - 450, \$160 - 220. Mule team - 420; singles, \$140 Pony mares were 295; geldings, \$90 - Riding horses, \$160 Choice and prime butcher drivers, \$135 - 175

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