

At Lancaster Yards Cattle Receipts Up

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WEEKLY REVIEW—

Receipts in cattle will total about 775 head more than last week's 3936 head count. The supply included about 65 per cent slaughter steers and 25 per cent stockers and feeders. Salable receipts for the first three months were 1,243 head larger than last year.

Quality of slaughter steers was better than last week with several loads grading high choice and prime on the market. Trading was slow for slaughter steers but moderately active for all other classes.

Compared with last week's close slaughter steers were steady to 50 higher, with most of the advance coming on Wed. Cows were steady to 50 higher with all of the advance coming on utility and better grades. Bulls sold steady to spots 50 lower on good grade fed bulls. Stockers and feeders were 25-50 higher with most of the advance on stock steers.

Bulk of choice slaughter steers brought 29-31.25, with some loads at 29-29.25 carrying a good grade end. Lot high choice 1306 lb. made 32 lots grading high choice and prime weighing 1050-1293 lb. sold for 33-33.25. Good to low choice steers brought 26.50-29.25.

Few lots good and choice heifers made 26.50-28, standard sold down to 24. Utility and coml. bulls 23-25.50, and good grade fed bulls ranged from 25.75-27. Cutter and utility cows made 17.25-21.50 and coml. cows sold up to 22.75, while canners and low cutters made 15.75-17.25.
Good and choice 800-1050

lb. feeder steers sold for 27.50-29, few loads and lots 1047-1190 lb. partly fed choice steers made 29.10-29.50, a load choice with a fancy end weighing 906 lb. made 30.25 these steers will grade high good and low choice from slaughter standpoint. Medium and good feeders made 26.25-27.75. Good and choice 550-800 lb. stock steers 29.25-34, a lot high choice 540 lb. sold at 37.50, medium good stockers made 27.25-29.50. Good grade stock calves sold at 31-35.

For the first three month period in 1959 calf receipts were 1857 head less than a comparable period in 1958. This week's receipts will exceed last weeks 731 count by about 100 head. Trading was active, as vealers were steady to 1 higher. Good and choice vealers made 29-37, choice and prime ranged from 37-40. Standard and low good 24-28 while utility sold down to 19.

Mon. receipts of 1904 head of hogs was the largest since Feb. 24, 1958. This week's supply will be about 650 head larger than last week's 1493 count. A decline of 3260 head for the first three mo. was recorded, compared with last year.

Trading was moderately active compared with last week's close barrows and gilts were steady to 25 lower and sows closed 50 lower. U.S. 1-3 grade 190-225 lb. barrow and gilts at the close made 17.25-17.50, and hogs more uniform for wgt. and grade including 1-2 grade weighing 190-215 lb. sold at 17.75-18, a few lots mostly No. 1 made 18.50-230-250 lb. butchers made 16.25-16.75. 300-600 lb. sows sold for 11-14.

Trading was active for a (Turn to page 5)

Chicago Cattle Market Very Strong

CHICAGO, April 9—
WEEKLY REVIEW

CATTLE—Supplies again smaller than generally expected, receipts slightly less than last week and the corresponding year ago week and only slightly larger than Easter week when receipts were the smallest in nearly a year.

Percentage slaughter steers showed a small increase compared last week. Percentage cows and heifers somewhat less than last week. Fully 75 per cent of arrivals slaughter steers, around 15 per cent heifers and 6 per cent cows.

Bulk of the steer and heifer supply again good to average choice grades, however percentage prime steers slightly larger than the 4 per cent prime last week which was the smallest percentage of prime steers for any week since last June, about 50 per cent of the steer supply choice and about 40 per cent good average weight of slaughter steers expected to be lighter than last weeks average of 1156 lbs. which was the lightest for any week since last October.

Receipts included only 42 loads western cattle, mainly fed steers, compared 75 loads last week. Price changes small on slaughter steers and heifers in the first two days of the week but values climbed sharply Wednesday on the smallest mid-week receipts of the year to date. High good, choice and prime steers 50-1.50 higher, mostly 50-1 higher compared last weeks

New Holland Best Steer Quality in

Receipts on this week's beef market included 928 cattle and 214 calves. There was more quality and finish in Thursday's run than has been seen previously this year. Receipts consisted of

close, steers average good and below steady to 50 higher. Heifers unevenly strong to 1 higher, mostly 50-75 up. Cows strong to 50 higher, most advance on kinds grading utility and better, prices on cows grading utility and below at the highest level since 1952 and commercial and standard grades nearly as high as any time since 52. Bulls mostly 50 lower. Vealers scarce, strong. Stockers and feeders, scarce, steady to strong.

Dressed beef prices in the Chicago wholesale market 50-1 higher for the week. Hide prices registered further sharp gains this week, reaching the highest levels since 1951.

Few loads mostly prime 1250-1400 lb. slaughter steers early 35-36, around 15 loads comparable grade 1115-1525 lb. wghts, late 36-37, latter price highest since April last year, loadlots mixed choice and prime steers late 34-35.50 Early bulk choice steers 28.75-32 Late bulk 30-33, loadlots high choice over 1150 lb. steers up to 33.50 and occasionally to 34, load prime 10-70 lb. steers 32.25, load choice and prime 1690 lb. wghts. early 31, early bulk good and low choice steers 26.25-28.75, late bulk 26.50-29.75, most standard and low good steers 24.75-26.25, load 850 lb. standard cross-bred Brahmas 25.50, few loads utility and standard Holstein steers weighing up to 1275 lbs. 23.50-24.50, load cutter and utility 1250 lb. wghts. 23. Load prime 1060 lb. heifer (Turn to page 5)

about 65 per cent low-prime cattle, full \$1 higher steer classes from higher.

Replacement buy active. Cows fully 50 higher. Calves \$1 higher. Bulls all kinds.

Prime butcher steers - 33.10; choice - 28 - 30 50, to med. - 25.50 to 27; Choice heifers good - 24 - 27; plain - 21 - 24.

Bologna bulls - 24 good - 26.50 med. - 24.50 - 26.50 Good cows - 21 med. - 19.50 - 21. ners and cutters - 17

Stocker replacement - 29.50; choice calves - 37 - 40, good 33 - 37; med. - 28 thin kinds - 19 - 28

The April 8 dairy receipts of 108 cows, bulls and 24 heifer market was dragged kind's except good Fresh Holstein selling for \$350-400, seys \$260-285, and breeds \$260-285

Stock bulls were stock heifers, \$90 calf heifers due to in early fall were \$2

The April 8 horse sale had 258 recee draft horses and miler this week, killed \$1 per hundred low ing horses were in mand and stronger

Draft horse teams \$310-440; singles—\$265-310 Mule teams—\$265-310 gles—\$140-185.

Ponies—\$110-185 Riding horses—\$150-200 Driving horses—\$140-200 Heavy killers—\$100-150 Thin kinds—\$65 - 8 - 8.5 per lb

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