

At Lancaster Yards Mkt. Steady And Active

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WEEKLY REVIEW—
Compared with last week's close slaughter steers held steady. Cows closed 50 higher. Bulls sold steady. Stockers and feeders held steady. Trading was moderately active on all classes. Quality of slaughter steers remains average with prime grade absent.

Receipts will total about 3925 head compared with last week's 4634 head count. Slaughter steers and stockers and feeders each accounted for 45 per cent of the supply.

The bulk of the choice slaughter steers sold for 29.75-32, a few loads and lots 974-1142 lb. average to high choice made 32.25-33. Good to low choice brought 27-30. Few small lots good and choice heifers made 26.50-28.50.

Utility and coml. bulls brought 23-26, and good grade fed bulls sold up to 27.50. Cutter and utility cows ranged from 18.25-22.50, and commercial cows sold up to 23.50. Canners and low cutters made 16.50-18.25.

Good and choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers brought 28-30.50, while med and good made 27-28.25. Good and choice 550-800 lb. stock steers commanded 30-36.50, med. and good made 28-30.50. Good grade stock calves sold at 32-37, few lots choice up to 40.

Receipts in the calf division will total about the same as last week's 658 head count. Trading was active as vealers sold at steady rates. Good and choice vealers made 30-39, choice and prime ranged from 39-42, and standard and low good made 25-30, while utility sold down to 20.

Barrows and gilts about 50 higher while sows held steady. The supply will total about 450 head less than last week's 2103 head count. Trading was moderately active. Bulk of the Barrows and gilts grade 1-3 and weighing 190-230 lb made 17.75-18.25. A few lots No. 3 sold down to 17.50. Hogs more uniform for

wgt. and grade including 1-2 grade 190-220 lb. sold at 18.50-19, a few lots mostly No. 1 the same wgt. commanded 19-19.50, 230-250 lb. butchers made 16.50-17.50. 300-600 lb. sows brought 10-14.

Sheep receipts will total about double that of last week's 303 head. Supply was about 75 per cent spring slaughter lambs for the specialty trade for the Greek Easter. All classes steady. Good and choice wooled slaughter lambs made 21.75-23.50 and utility and low good sold at 19.75-21.75. Good and choice 50-80 lb. spring lambs made 29-31, and 25-50 lb. spring lambs grade good and choice made 31-35.

EXPERIMENTS AT Beltsville, Md., USDA Research Center, now show that the major advantage of feeding aureomycin to dairy calves is the reduced incidence of scours and not the temporary increase in growth rate. In Beltsville tests, calves were fed aureomycin for the first 90 days after birth and a smaller percentage of them developed scours than control animals which received no aureomycin.

The tests showed that aureomycin-fed calves gained an average of 19 pounds more than their control counterparts for the 90-day period, but when the antibiotic was removed from their diet, these calves gained less rapidly than the controls. In fact, at six to 13 months of age, there wasn't much difference in the weight of the two groups of calves.

If these intentions are carried out, marketings this quarter would be 8 per cent above the 2,205,000 head marketed from the April 1, 1958 inventory during the same three-month period of last year.

Chicago Cattle

Sharp Drop Comes Wed.

WEEKLY REVIEW
CHICAGO, April 30—

CATTLE—Supplies 10 per cent larger than last week but 5 per cent smaller than the corresponding year-ago period, receipts light until Wednesday but Wednesday's run over 17,000 largest for the day since mid-January.

Percentage of the various classes in receipts not much different than last week, fully 70 per cent slaughter steers, a short 20 per cent heifers and around 7 per cent cows. Percentage of the various grades slaughter steers and heifers also about the same as last week, prime steers continuing seasonally very scarce, only about 3 per cent prime, nearly 50 per cent choice and fully 40 per cent good.

However, average wgt. of slaughter steers continued to decline, average this week promising to be less than last week's average of 1145 lbs, which was the lightest for any week since last October.

Prices for slaughter steers and heifers held mostly steady until Wednesday when high choice and prime steers broke sharply, compared closing levels last week prime steers 50-1.50 lower. Choice grades steady to as much as 1 lower with wgt. 1050 down showing least change, steers grading good and below mostly steady, the decline on prime steers sharpest in over two months and Wednesdays top of 35.50 also lowest for the day in over two mo.

Heifers average choice and better steady to 50 lower. Lower grades steady. Cows grading utility and better steady to 50 higher, lower grades lost early strength and closed steady for the period. Bulls steady to 50 higher. Vealers mostly 1-2 higher. Stockers and feeders rather slow but mostly steady.

Chicago wholesale dressed beef prices mostly steady for the week except cow beef which declined 50.

New Holland

Better Steers Weak

(Specials from New Holland Sales Stables Manager)
The April 30 Beef market had receipts of 935 cattle and 248 calves. The steer market was very brisk, all kinds steady with last week, except the top end—those selling above \$30.50—this kind weak instances 25-50 lower.

Bulls steady on all kinds, cow market very active on all grades, but prices barely steady. Calf market steady.

Prime butchers steers—\$32-32.85; choice—30-31.85; good—28-30, and plain to med. 26-28.

Choice butcher heifers—27-28.50; good—25-27; pl. to med.—22.50-25.

Good bulls—27-28.25; pl. med—25-27, and bologna bulls—24-26.50.

Good butcher cows—22-23 med. 20-22; canners and cut-

Load choice to mostly prime 1200 lb. slaughter steers MonCay 35.75. Most loads choice to mostly prime 1075-1400 lb. steers Wednesday at 33.75-35 with three loads of 35.25 and 35.50. Two loads prime steers included at 34.50 and 35. Feedlot mates of 36 cattle last week. Numerous loads high choice and mixed choice and prime steers Wed. 31.50-33.50. Weeks early but- (Turn to page 5)

Stockers—18-20, and stockers—28-31.50, and stockers—32-35.

Choice to prime heifers—41-44.50, good med. 33-38, and stockers—25-33.

The April 29 receipts of 101 stock bulls and 101 stock cows was steady, with demand active and in demand. First calves due to freshen this week selling from \$215-240.

Fresh Holstein cows—440; Guernseys and other breeds—440.

Stock bulls were from \$110-250, yearling heifers—90-140, heifer calves 65-90.

There were 223 head the April 27 horse sale, with a steady demand on all kinds.

Mule teams brought 440, singles—120-140.

Draft horse teams 380, singles—150-200.

Ponies—\$100-200. Riding horses—\$100-200.

Driving horses—\$100-200. Heavy killers—\$100-200.

Thin kinds—65-110 per lb.

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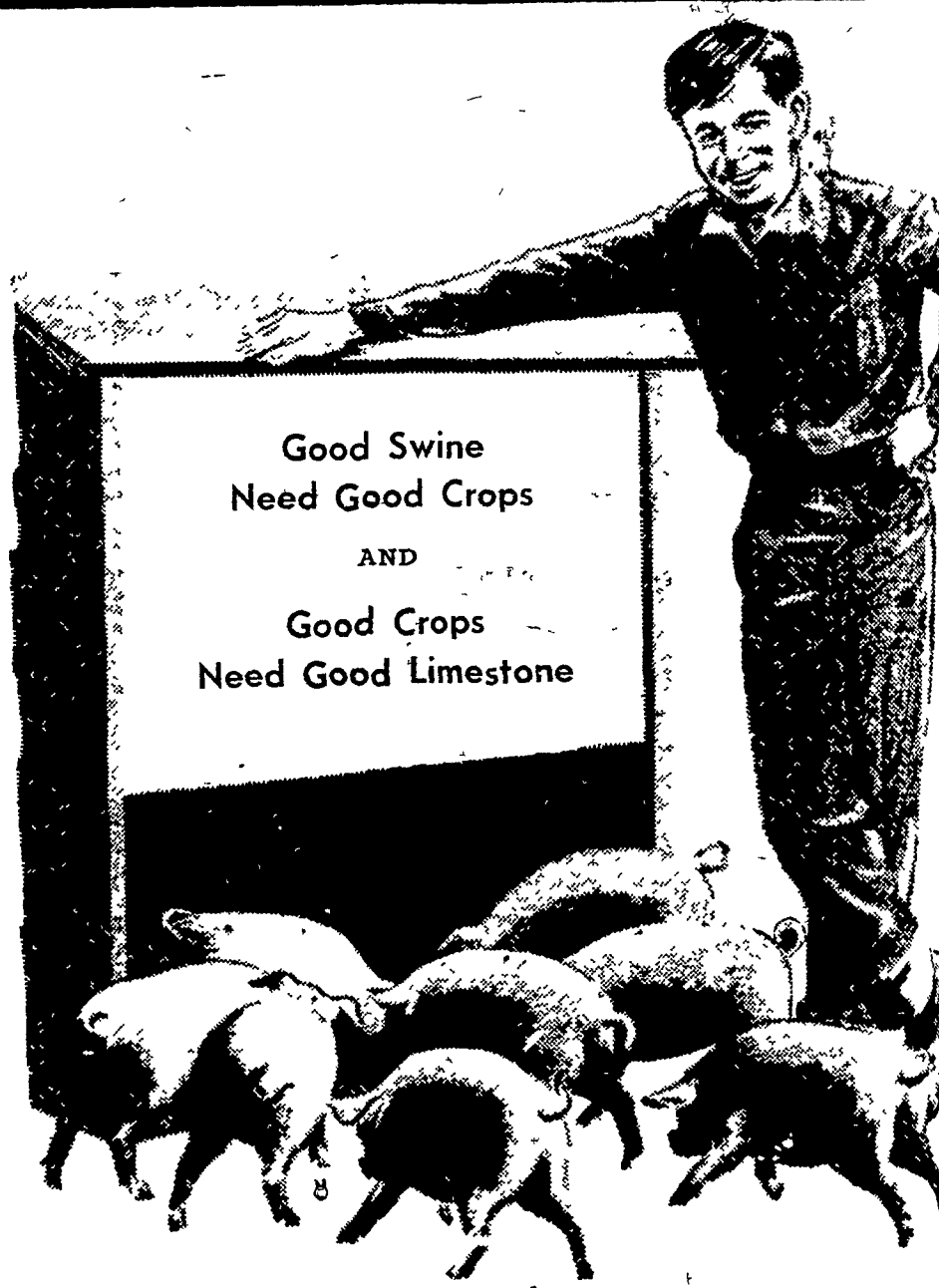
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