

At Lancaster Yards Cattle Receipts Up 600

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WEEKLY REVIEW—May 15
Receipts in the cattle division were increased by about 600 head over last weeks 3676 head. Trading was slow for slaughter steers but was moderately active for all other classes. Slaughter steers accounted for about 55 per cent of the supply and stocker and feeders made up 35 per cent. Average wgt. of the slaughter steers was heavier compared with last wks close slaughter steers sold steady to 50 lower. Cows were 50 higher. Bulls and stockers and feeders remained steady.

Bulk of choice steers sold between 29 50-32, a lot 1064 lb. made 32 25. Two loads in high-choice 1208-1320 lb. brought 32 50. Two loads mostly prime weighing 1232-1240 lb. commanded 34-34 50. Good to low choice ranged from 27-29 50.

Few lots standard and good heifers made 24-27 50. Utility and coml bulls brought 23-26 while good grade fed bulls made 25 75-27 50. Culler and utility cows sold 18-25-22 75 and coml cows sold up to 23 50. Cannery and low cutters made 16 75-18 25. Good and choice 800-1005 lb. feeder steers made 28-30 and medium and good sold at 27-28 25. Good and choice 550-800 lb. stock steers made 30-36 50, and medium and good brought 28-30 50. Good grade stock calves weighing under 500 lb. made 32-37.

Calf division receipts will total about 550 head compared with last week's 607 head. Trading active. Vealers held steady through the wk. Good and choice grade vealers made 30-39 and choice and prime sold for 39-42, while the Standard and low good making 25-30, utility sold down to 20.

Trading was moderately active for barrows and gilts this week. The supply will total about 1550 head or about 200 head less than last week. Compared with last week's close barrows and gilts were 25 lower while sows held steady. U. S. 1-3 grade 190-230 lb. barrows and gilts sold for 17.75-18, with a few lots No. 3 selling sows to 17 50. U. S. 1-2 grade including uniform butchers weighing 190-220 lb. brought 18.50-19.25 early in the week. Few lots No. 1 sold at 19.50. 300-600 lb. sows made 10-14.

Supply in the sheep division was mostly all spring lambs totaling about 420 head or the same as last week's count. Spring lambs sold mostly weak. Good and Choice lambs weighing 60-90 lb. made 25 00-28 00 with a lot Choice 65 lb. at 29 00. Cull to Good shorn slaughter ewes made 4 00-7 00.

Use of New Wheat Moisture Test Off

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today that the use of a revised conversion chart for determining the moisture content of soft red winter wheat and white wheat grown in eastern areas of the United States has been postponed for at least a year.

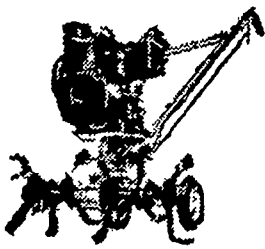
Use of the revised chart beginning June 15, 1959, has been announced by the Department. The conversion chart was to be used in connection with the Weston Moisture Meter for Grain.

During the postponement, further studies will be made of the behavior of the two classes of eastern-grown wheat from the 1959 crop when tested with the Weston Moisture Meter.

PLANNING NEEDED

With the pasture season beginning, many dairymen will be starting some stable remodeling, hoping to finish before next fall's stabling season opens. Donald Ace, Penn State extension dairy specialist emphasizes the need for careful planning before starting any construction.

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CATTLE—Local salable receipts increased 10 per cent over last week and little different than corresponding period last year while 12 market receipts only slightly below last week and about 5 per cent below last year. Mondays receipts largest in two months and Wednesday's total largest for a Wednesday since mid-January making 4 day total receipts largest since late January.

Percentages various classes changed slightly as compared with last week with 75 percent slaughter steers, 15 per cent heifers and 5 per cent cows, percentage steers increased while cow and heifer percentages reduced. Percentage prime in slaughter steer supply little changed from 3 per cent of last week but percentage prime slaughter steer supply little changed from 3 per cent of last wk, but percentage choice increased sharply over 52 per cent of last week and estimated at around 65 per cent while good sharply reduced from 39 per cent of last wk. and estimated at between 25 and 30 per cent.

Large share slaughter steer supply high good to average choice valued between 28.50-29 50. Average wgt of slaughter steers promises to be little different from 1160

New Holland

Top Grade in Short Supply

(Specials from New Holland Sales Stables Market)
Receipts on New Holland market totaled 1100 head with 926 cattle and 174 hogs. There were very few choice and prime grades in market, with the market slow to 50 lower. Strong Bulls 25 50-30 00. Prime butcher 33 25; choice 30 00-30 50-30 50 and 25 75-28 25. Choice heifers—Good—25-26, Plain—22 50-25. Good bulls—30 00-30 25; 24 25-28 25. Good cows—19 50-21 50 and cutters—17 50-18 50. Choice—prime 42, good—36-38, 38; and thin calves. The New Holland sale this week found market steady with receipts of 77 dam bulls and 26 stock mule market total head, with all choice with last week.

As compared with the close of last week high choice and prime slaughter steers mostly 50-1.50 lower with wgt's over 1100 lbs largely 1-1.50 lower, steers average choice and below steady to 25 lower with wgt's below 1100 lbs steady. Heifers steady.

Cows 50-1 higher erasing last week's price decline. Bulls mostly 50 higher, vealers strong. Stockers and feeders steady. Carcass beef steady to 50 higher as compared close of last week.

Monday 4 loads prime 1225-1400 lb. slaughter steers 34-35, load 1400 lbs. 35, bulk high choice and mixed high choice and prime steers Mon. (From page 5)

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