

At Lancaster Yards Receipts Up This Week

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CATTLE: Receipts will total about 3787 head compared with 3176 head last week, with 60% slaughter steers and 30% stockers and feeders. Trading was moderately active on all classes except stockers and feeders, and these slow.

Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers were steady to weak. Utility and Commercial cows sold 25 lower, while canners and cutters held steady. Bulls remained steady. Stockers and feeders sold about steady.

Bulk of choice slaughter steers brought 28.50-30.00. A few lots and loads average to high-choice steers weighing 1000-1150 lbs. commanded 30.25-30.60. Good to low-choice ranged between 26.50-28.50. Few small lots of good and choice heifers sold for 25.50-28.00.

Cutter and utility cows commanded 18.50-22.75 and commercial cows sold up to 23.50, while canners and low-cutters made 17.00-18.50. Utility and commercial bulls crossed the scales at 23.00-26.00, and good grade fed bulls ranged between 25.75-27.25.

Good and choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers made 27.75-29.50, with medium & good at 26.75-28.00. Good to low-choice 550-800 lb. stock steers 30.00-34.00, but medium and good brought 28.00-30.25. Good grade stock calves brought 32.00-36.00.

CALVES: Vealers held steady in active trading. Receipts will total about 625 head or about 100 head more than last week. Good and choice vealers made 29.00-35.00, and choice and prime 35.00-37.00, with a few prime to 38.00, standard and low-good made 23.00-29.00.

Ehrlich Distributors Meet in Stone Barn

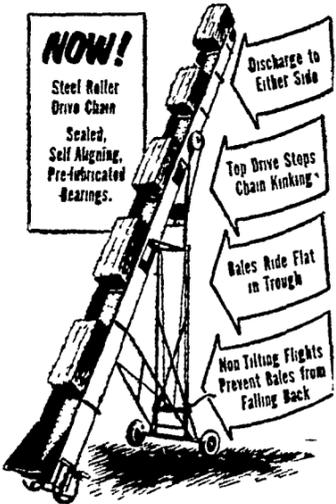
A chicken barbeque dealer meeting for J. C. Ehrlich Co. distributors was held Monday at the Stone Barn, with more than 40 Lancaster County dealers present.

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with utility selling down to 18.00.

HOGS: In mixed trading this week, barrows and gilts closed about steady. Sows were also steady. Trading was moderately active for about 1650 head, or some 100 head less than last week. U. S. 1-3 grade 190-235 lb. barrows and gilts went out at 17.75-18.25. Hogs more uniform for weight and grade, including 1-2 grade, 190-220 lb. barrows & gilts, made 18.50-19.25, with No 3 selling back to 17.50, and early in the week back to 17.25. 245-270 lb. butchers made 16.00-17.50. 300-600 lb. sows commanded 10.00-14.00.

SHEEP: Sheep receipts will total about 200 head more than last week's 484 head count. Trading was slow as spring slaughter lambs were 1.00-2.00 lower, with most of the decline on utility and low-good grades. These grades were very prominent in the supply. Good and choice spring lambs, weighing 60-90 lbs., commanded 23.00-27.00, and a few lots choice 80-89 lbs. at 27.50 and 28.00. Utility sold down to 18.00.

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CATTLE—Receipts slightly smaller than last week, smallest in eight weeks, and 10 per cent less than the corresponding week a year ago; better than 50 per cent of the week's supply offered on Monday, percentages of the various grades about the same as last week when 73 per cent comprised slaughter steers, 17 per cent heifers and 6 per cent cows.

Percentages of the various grades slaughter steers also little different than last wk., prime still seasonally very scarce, about 72 per cent choice, the same as last wk when the percentage of choice steers was largest since last Nov. however, average wt. of slaughter steers promising to be less than last week's average of 1167 lbs.

Slaughter steers and heifers opened steady to 25 lower but after Monday prices trended higher on small receipts. Slaughter steers closed strong to 75 higher than late last week or 25 to 1 higher than Mon. this wk, most advance on choice grades, this wk. marked the first net gain in steer prices for any

New Holland

Fed Steers Gain Slightly

(Specials from New Holland Sales Stables Market Thursday's beef market had receipts of 838 cattle and 304 calves. Steer market was active on all kinds, with heavy steers showing lengthy feeding, strong to 50 higher, others steady. Sows slow to 25 lower. Bulls and calves steady.

Prime butcher steers - \$30-31; choice - 29-30; good - 27-30-29; plain to med. - 25-50 - 27.50.

Choice heifers - \$27-28 50;

Heifers closed strong to 50 higher than last wk. or 25 to mostly 50 higher than Mon this week. Cows 25 to 1 lower, mostly 50-1 over with least downturn on kinds grading commercial and better; bulls advanced 50-70 and reached the highest levels since March; vealers steady; good and choice stockers and feeders steady, lower grades weak. Wholesale dressed beef prices steady to 1 higher (Turn to page 5)

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