

At Lancaster Yards Quality Off; Supplies Up

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CATTLE: Trading was fairly active this week on about 6900 head of cattle or about 1600 head more than last week. The supply included 25 percent slaughter steers and 65 per cent stocker and feeder. The quality of the slaughter steers was not as good as in the past week's with the increasing supply of southern grass fed steers. A plentiful supply of stockers and feeders were on hand this week and indications are that an abundant supply will be available next week.

Compared with last week's close slaughter steers were steady. Cows after a 25 higher market on Monday and a 25 lower market on Thursday closed steady. Bulls were strong, stockers & feeders were steady to 50 higher with most of the advance on weight under 800 lb. The bulk of the choice slaughter steers sold at 28.00-28.75, several loads and lots 1050-1300 lb. made 28.85-29.00. A load high choice 1075 lb. slaughter steers brought 29.50. Good to low choice steers ranged from 25.50-28.25 Standard & low Good including 900-1200 lb. grass steers 23.00-25.25. Lot High Good 914 lb. heifers 25.50.

Utility and Coml bulls 20.00-25.00, Good grade fed

bulls up to 27.00. Cutter and Utility cows brought 15.25 - 18.25 with Coml cows selling up to 19.00, Canners & low Cutters made 13.25-15.35. Good and Choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers went back to the farms at 25.00-28.00, and Medium and Good made 23. (Turn to page 11)

Cut Alfalfa After Frost

If you're short of hay and want to make another cut from your alfalfa, wait until we have had a killing frost.

After frost you can harvest by cutting or by pasturing alfalfa; either way you stretch the hay supply.

The reason for waiting until after frost is to keep the plant from using too much of its food reserves in regrowth afterwards.

After frost there will be very little growth and the food stores will help the plants stand the winter and help rapid growth in the spring. Older stands can stand late harvesting better than new seedings so it is a good idea to harvest them first.

Chicago Cattle Slaughter Steers Supply Increases

WEEKLY REVIEW—

CATTLE: Receipts 8 percent larger than last week but fully 40 per cent smaller than the corresponding period a year ago when supplies included 2200 head of yearlings for the 1958 annual feeder show. Increased proportion slaughter steers while proportion slaughter heifers little changed, supply stockers and feeders reduced from last week with only around 500 head available in this division.

Average weight of slaughter steers promising to be slightly below last weeks average of 1150 lbs. as increased numbers 1,000-1175 lb. steers noted in the run. Slaughter steers 1100 lbs. and heavier grading average choice and better closed fully steady with late last week, best action on high choice and prime 1150-1350 lb weights, other weights and grades steers steady to 25 lower.

Vealers steady to .1.00 lower, decline on kinds grading standard and below.

Canadian packers bought only about one-third as many cattle as the approximately 75 loads purchased last week.

Stockers and feeders about steady. At least 35 loads high choice to mostly prime 1150-1400 lb. slaughter steers 28.75 and 29.00, most choice & mixed choice and prime

New Holland Steer Market Very Active

The steer market continued active at New Holland this week on all kinds except heavy weights and short feds. The cow market was draggy, but choice and prime calves were active and 1 higher. The October 22 sale had receipts of 814 cattle and 391 calves.

Choice butcher steers - \$28.50-29.50; good - 27-28; plain to medium - 23-26 50; heavy short fed - 23-25.

Choice butcher heifers - \$26.50-27.50; good - 22.50-26; pl. to med. - 19-22 50; plain yellow - 15-18.

Good - \$26-28.10; pl. to med. 23-25.5.

Good butcher cows - \$18 - 19; med. - 16.5-17; canners and cutters - 14-16; shells - 12-14.

Stock steer calves - \$29.50-32; stocker and feeder steers - 23-27; choice to prime calves - 39-41; good - 34-38;

steers 26.50 - 28.50, few loads mostly prime 1400-1500 lb. weights 27.75 - 28.50, choice and prime 1100 lb weights 28.50, most good grades 21.50 - 26.00 with few loads at 26.00.

Loadlots mixed choice and prime heifers 26.50 - 27.00, most good to high choice heifers 23.75 - 26.25.

Utility and commercial cows largely 14.50 - 18.00, few standard grades 18.00 - 20.00, canners and cutters 12 - 16.00.

Few good and choice veal-

med - 27-33, thin monkeys - 14-18. The October 21 had receipts of 127 stock bulls and 5 Fresh cows were ve and higher.

Fresh cows - \$350-530; Guernsey others - 250-320, but to 260; heifers - 75.

The October 19 had receipts of 22 and ponics but no. The market was s all kinds except pon are very draggy and on the market.

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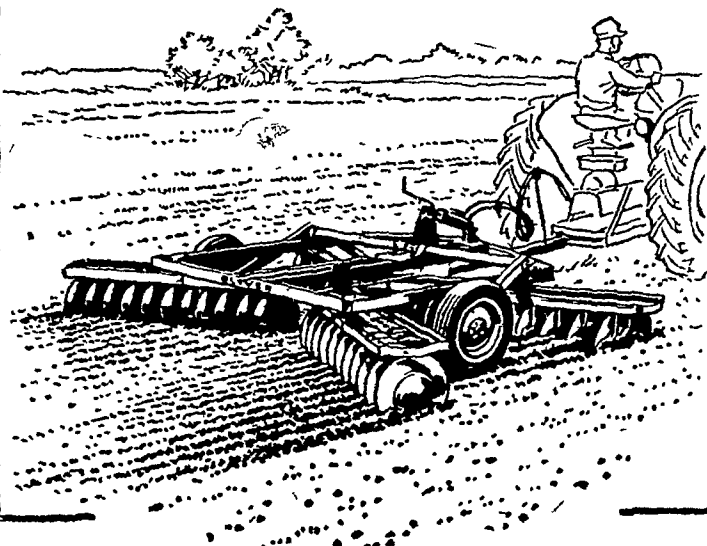
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