

## At Lancaster Yards Short Fed Steers Slow

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**CATTLE**—Supply in the cattle division will total about 5200 head or about 500 head less than last week. The supply includes about 20 per cent slaughter steers and 75 per cent stockers and feeders. Trading was moderately active on all slaughter classes except short fed slaughter steers, these were slow. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers were steady to 50 lower with most of the decline on short fed steers.

Cows were 1.00 lower. Bulls held about steady. Stockers and feeders sold steady to weak.

The bulk of the Choice slaughter steers brought 27.75-29.75 with a load high Choice and Prime weighing 1295 lbs. at 29.00. Good to low Choice steers managed 25-28 with Standard & Good including Good grade grass fed steers at 23-25.

Cutter and Utility cows closed out the week at 14.16-25 with Commercial cows selling up to 17.50 but earlier in the week they brought up to 18.25, while Canners & low Cutter made 11.75-14.00. Utility and Commercial bulls ranged from 20-25 with good grade fed bulls selling up to 26.75.

Good and Choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers 24.50-28.00, while Medium and Good grades from 22-25.50. Good and Choice 550-800 lb stock steers brought 26-30 and Medium and Good 24-27.25. Good grade stock calves 29-32.75, Medium down to 25.50. Several loads and lots Common and Medium mixed

stock steers and bulls 550 to 700 lbs. 17-19.

**CALVES**—In the calf division this week Choice and Prime vealers held steady but Good grade and below & weights over 200 lbs. were mostly 1.00 lower. Trading was moderately active throughout most of the week. Receipts will total about 775 head compared with last week's 925 head count. Good and Choice vealers made 28-35, while Choice and Prime brought 35. A few early in the week sold up to 41. Standard and low Good kinds made 21-28, with Utility down to 17.

**HOGS**—Receipts in the hog division totaled about 1325 head or about the same as last week. The trading was moderately active as barrows, gilts, and sows held steady. U.S. 1-3 grade 190-230 lb. barrows & gilts went across the scales at 14.25-15, and a few lots of no. 3's sold down to 14. Hogs more uniform for weight and grade including 1-2 grade 190-230 lb. hogs brought 15.25-16. Few lots mostly no. 1's weighing 195-200 lbs. brought 16-25-16.50. 300-600 lb. sows made 8-12.

**SHEEP**—The supply this week of wooled slaughter lambs will total about 600 head compared with last week's 417 head count. Trading was moderately active as slaughter lambs sold 2.00 lower. This lower trend follows recent declines on wholesale carcass values. Quality continues poor with Utility and Good grades predominating in the supply. Good and Choice 70-95 lb. wooled slaughter lambs made 19-21.50 early but closing at 18.50-20.50. Utility closed at 14.50-18.25. Few Cullled to

## Chicago Cattle Supplies Drop Prices Down

WEEKLY REVIEW—

**CATTLE**—Supplies for the regular market about 5 per cent smaller than last week, 15 per cent less than the same year-ago week, and the smallest in six weeks, this despite the fact that Mondays run of 27,000 was largest for any day in over a year. Receipts after Monday sharply curtailed due to lower prices that day and the veterans day holiday at Midweek when most packing plants were closed. Percentage slaughter steers a little larger than the 70 per cent steers last week.

Prices for slaughter steers trended irregularly. Mondays general downturn of 25 to mostly 50 in prices for slaughter steers. Prices for most steers Wednesday advanced 50-75, the sharpest one-day upturn since last April, but the trend turned downward again Thursday. As a result steers ended the week about steady with last weeks close.

Vealers about steady. Stockers and Feeders steady to 50 lower. Receipts included around 1800 cattle and several hundred calves for a special feeder auction sale Friday.

Monday about 15 loads of mixed high choice & prime 1175-1365 lb. slaughter steers 28.25-28.75, Top 28.75 for 1 load lowest since last Nov. Most good steers during the week 24.00-26.00. The majority good 900-1100 lb weights 24.00-25.50 several loads of commercial and good 1300-1-550 lb weights 24.00-24.50.

Few choice vealers 32.00, Standard and good 25.00-31.00, most cull and utility 13-

Good slaughter ewes paid 3-7.00.

## New Holland Steer Market is Draggy

The Steer market was very draggy this week at New Holland Sales Stables. All kinds were 50 to 75 lower and in some instances 1 00 lower.

The November 12 sale had receipts of 876 cattle and 351 calves.

Choice butcher steers - \$28.29; good - 26.50-28; plain to medium - 22-26 50.

Good butcher heifers - \$22-24; pl. to med. - 18-22; dairy breed heifers - 14-18.

Good bulls - \$25-27 25; bolognas - 21-24.85, pl to med. 23-25.

Good butcher cows - \$15-16.50; medium - 14-15; canners & cutters - 12-14; shells - 10-12.

Stockers and feeders - \$22-25.85; stock steer calves - 24 choice to prime butcher calves - 37-40; good - 32-37; med. 28-32; thin calves - 15-27; heavy calves - 22-28.

The Nov. 11 dairy cattle sale had 155 cows, seven stock bulls and 22 heifers.

Fresh cows - Holstein - \$350-480; Guernsey - 250-325; others 250-380.

Stock bulls - \$110-187.50; Heifers - 75-140.

The November 9 Horse sale featured 22 head of Standard Bred Horses, shipped in from Illinois, selling from \$150 to 285 per head.

Receipts were 209 horses, mules went to killers. Ponies - \$70-115; riding horses - 90-155, driving sses - 90-285; killers 9 cents.

## Soil Bank Quota Is Reached Here

Farmers over the Nation have applied to place about twice as much land in 1960 Conservation Reserves of the Soil Bank as amount that can be accepted with the funds available according to a preliminary report received at Lancaster County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office.

The initial figure indicates that nearly 103,000 applications have been filed to a total of 96 million acres reserve. While present applications are that some more than the original goal of 5,100,000 can be placed under contract it will not be possible to accept all of the acreage.

This means, according to Earl Groff, Chairman of Pennsylvania State Committee, that the "best priority system provided announced will be used. States and counties to determine which applicants be offered contracts. general order of acceptance will be on the basis of the lowest percentage of the basic per-acre rate established for the farm.

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