

At Lancaster Yards Quality Continues Poor

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CATTLE: Supply includes about 40 per cent slaughter steers and about 50 per cent stockers and feeders. Receipts this week will total about 2768 head compared with 2334 head last week. Trading slow on all classes except cows, these active compared with last week's close, slaughter steers steady, cows strong to 50 higher, bulls and stockers and feeders steady. The quality of slaughter steers continues poor.

Good to average Choice slaughter steers 24.50-28.00 with load at 28.00 weighing 1060 lbs. Standard and low Good 22.00-24.75. Load Choice 875 lb. heifers 25.50 Cutter and Utility cows 14.00-16.75. Commercial cows up to 17.25. Cannors and low Cutters 12.25-14.00.

Utility and Commercial bulls 20.00-24.50, Good grade fed bulls up to 26.50. Good and Choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers 23.75-27.50, Medium and Good 21.00-25.00. Good and Choice 550-800 lb. stock steers 25.50-29.00, Medium and Good 23.50-27.00, Common down to 20.00.

CALVES: Receipts this week will total about 591 head compared with 637 head

a week ago. Trading active. Vealers steady Good and Choice vealers 28.00-34.00, Choice and Prime 34.00-39.00 with a few to 40.00, Standard and low Good 21.00-28.00, Utility down to 17.00.

HOGS: Trading active. Barrows and gilts 25 lower with the decline coming on Wednesday. Sows steady. Receipts this week will total about 1024 head compared with 1165 head a week ago. U. S. 1-3 grade 190-230 lb. barrows and gilts 14.00-14.75 hogs more uniform for grade and weight including 1-2 grade, 190-230 lbs. 15.00-16.00, a few lots mostly no. 1's 195-225 lbs. early in the week 16.25-16.50. Several lots 240-275 lbs. 13.00-14.00. 300-600 lb. sows 8.00-12.00.

SHEEP: Receipts this week will total about 408 head compared with 147 head last week. Trading active. Woolled slaughter lambs steady to strong. Good and Choice lambs 75-95 lbs. 18.00-21.00, lot Choice 85 lbs 21.25, Utility down to 14.00. Cull to Good slaughter ewes 3.00-7.00.

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Supply Lightest In Eight Weeks

WEEKLY REVIEW

CATTLE — Receipts eight percent below last week and the smallest for any like period here in eight weeks. Four day supply only slightly below the corresponding period last year. Supplies rather evenly distributed throughout the week with no abnormally large or small receipts, any day. Consist of receipts little different from last week with around 70 per cent slaughter steers, 20 per cent heifers and 5 per cent cows.

Percentage prime in steer supply considerably below last week 12 per cent which was highest in six weeks and estimated at about 7 percent.

Average weight of slaughter steers little different from the 1151 lb. average of last week. Trading uneven as comparatively short supply steers 1100 lbs and below and high choice and prime steers all weights as well as heifers below 950 lbs. stimulated trading on these weights and grades while other steers and heifers sold slow. Slaughter steers 1100 lbs. & below and high choice and prime steers all weights steady to 50 higher. Weights over 1100 lbs average choice and below steady to 50 lower.

New Holland

Liteweight Steers Gain

Light weight steers gained \$24.-25.25, good - 23-24, pl 25 to 50 cents at New Holland this week. All other steers were slow but steady. Bulls were steady and cows were 50 to 1.00 higher. Top calves went 50 to 75 higher. The December 5 sale had receipts of 822 cattle and 395 calves.

Choice butcher steers, \$27.-50-28.50, good - 26.75-27.75, plain to medium - 22.50-25.-50.

Choice butcher heifers -

Vealers and stockers and feeders mostly steady. Mostly prime 1150 - 1350 lb. slaughter steers 28.00-28.50, half dozen loads prime 1200-1350 lb weights 28.50. Most good to average choice steers 23.-75-26.50. Bulk good to choice heifers 22.50-25.25. loadlots choice 1075-1150 lb weights 23.00-24.00, mixed good and choice 800 lbs 24.50.

Most standard and good vealers 23.00-28.00, few good and choice 28.00-30.00, cull and utility 11.00-22.00.

Load mixed good and choice 720 lb. feeding steers 25.60, good 800-900 lb. feeders 23.00-23.35, medium 800 lbs 20.75, few common 750-950 lbs 17.00-18.50, mixed good and choice 590-650 lb. stock steers 26.00-27.25, load medium and good 450 lb. stock steer calves 23.00.

to med - 13-23.
Good bulls - \$25-26.50, pl to med - 23-25, bolognas - 22-25.
Good butcher cows - \$16.18, med. - 15-16, canners and cutters - 13.50-14.50, shells - 10-13.50.

Stockers and feeders - \$22.-50-25.50, stock steer calves - 24-28.
Choice to prime calves - 38-41.50, good - 32-37, med - 28-31.50, thin calves - 22-27, heavy - 32-34.

The December 2 dairy cattle sale had receipts of 97 cows and 13 heifers. No stock bulls were sold.

Fresh cows, Holsteins - \$350-480, Guernseys - 225-310, others - 225-300, stock heifers - 126-290.

The November 30 horse sale had receipts of 158 head. Trend of market was about steady.

Mules - \$85-150, ponies, 75-210, riding horses - 105-200, driving horses - 110-200, killers - 6-6½ cents.

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