

## At Lancaster Yards Supplies About Steady

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**CATTLE** The receipts this week will total about 2750 or some 25 head less than last week. The supply included about 40 percent slaughter steers and 55 percent stockers and feeders.

The adverse weather conditions during the early part of the week were a factor in the limited trade. Trading was on the slow side this week. Compared with last week's close slaughter steers were 50 lower.

Cows closed out the week at steady prices. Bulls and stockers and feeders were steady.

Several loads and lots of Choice 921-1145 lb slaughter steers sold for 26 50-27 50, Good to low Choice made 24 - 26 50. Standard and low Good brought 22-24.

Load Good grade heifers made 23 50. Utility & Commercial bulls made 20-24 50. Good grade fed bulls sold up to 26 50.

Cutter and Utility cows ranged from 14-17, and Commercial cows sold up to 17 50. Cannors and low Cutters commanded 12 25-14 00.

Medium and Good 600-900 lb feeder steers 21-25, Good to low Choice 850-1000 lb ranged from 24-25. A few lots Good and Choice stock made 27-30.

**CALVES** In the calf division this week trading was moderately active on about 575 head of vealers or some 25 head less than last week. Vealers sold at fully steady rates. Good and Choice made 28-34, with Choice and Prime at 34-39 with a few at 40 and 41. Standard and low Good vealers brought 21 - 28 while Utility sold down to 17.

**HOGS** In the hog division about 1125 head of barrows and gilts and sows sold at fully steady rates. The supply last week totaled 1070 head. Trading was moderately active. U S 1-3 grade 190-225 lb barrows and gilts brought 14-15 and hogs more uniform for weight and grade including 1-2 grade 190-220 lb hogs made 15-16, a few lots mostly no 1 made 16 25-16 50. Few 230-250 lb butchers made 13 50-14 300-600 lb sows ranged from 8-12.

**SHEEP** The receipts in the sheep division will be slight-

ly less than last week's 410 head count. Trading was moderately active. Wooled slaughter lambs held steady. Good and Choice 75-95 lb wooled lambs made 18-21 and Utility sold down to 14. A few lots Cull to good slaughter ewes sold for 3-7.

### WATERSHED RESEARCH

The nation's only University-owned outdoor laboratory for instruction and research in forest watershed management is operated by the School of Forestry at the Pennsylvania State University.

Under a cooperative program, studies of water relationships are underway on three experimental watersheds. Three stream-gaging stations and two climatic stations have been established on the three watersheds making up the Leading Ridge Watershed Unit. The watersheds are located on the south side of Tussey Mountain near Masseyburg in Huntingdon County.

The studies concern the effects of forests and forestry practices on water yield, water quality, and stream flow behavior. Current tests are determining the hydrologic characteristics of the forest in their present condition. Later studies will concern the effects of various methods of timber harvesting on timber and water supplies in the areas.

"Information from these studies, together with the results from other forest-soil-water studies, should provide a sound basis for integrated management of timber and water on the millions of acres of forest land in Pennsylvania," states Peter W. Fletcher, director of the School of Forestry.

Project leaders for the watershed studies are W. E. Soper, W. R. Byrnes, and R. E. Melton, all of the School of Forestry.

Cooperating with Penn State's School of Forestry are the Northeastern Forest Experiment Station of the U S Forest Service and the Penna Dept of Forests and Waters.

## Chicago Cattle Monday Supply Highest Since '56

### WEEKLY REVIEW

Cattle Receipts 15 percent greater than last week and largest regular market supply here since January this year. Monday's supply largest since November 1956, while receipts remainder of the week of relatively normal proportions. Increased showing of western cattle in the supply, these principally slaughter steers and heifers of Nebraska origin.

Percentages of various classes altered slightly from last week with around 75 percent slaughter steers, between 15 and 20 percent heifers and less than 5 percent cows.

Percentage of prime in slaughter steer run increased over the 8 percent of last week and was estimated at about 10 percent. Percent age of choice also increased over the 66 percent of last week while the percentage of good was down from the 22 percent of last week.

Average weight of slaughter steers promises to be a little heavier than the 1152 average of last week.

Trading was uneven on all slaughter steers over 1,000 pounds. Steer yearlings below 1,000 pounds scarce and unchanged through the week.

As a result of the week's decline, general steer trading lowest since January 1958, and prime steers lowest since November 1957.

Bulk of the slaughter steers 25-50 lower with weights over 1,200 pounds grading average choice and below mostly 50-75 lower.

Cows steady to 25 lower, bulls steady. Calves steady, stockers and feeders slow and steady to 50 lower.

Dozen loads 1180 to 1340 pound slaughter steers - \$28. Bulk high choice and mixed choice and prime steers - \$25 50-27 75, with loadlots from 27 60-27 75 largely prime grade.

Loadlots prime 1300 - 1500 lb steers 26-27 50.

Most standard and good vealers \$22-28 00. Few good and choice - 28 - 30 00. Culls down to 11 00.

Mixed good and choice 675

## New Holland Snow Cancels Horse Sale

Snow canceled the December 7 horse sale at the New Holland Sales Stables. Impassable roads in many parts of the county forced the cancellation of the sale and suspension of most of the activity at the sale barn.

The December 9 dairy cattle sale had receipts of 113 cows, 3 stock bulls, and one heifer. Fresh cows were active and steady. Backward Springers slow.

Fresh Cows, Holsteins - \$350-540, Guernsey - 250-275, others - 250-375, stock bulls 135-160.

The December 10 cattle sale had receipts of 896 cattle and 361 calves. The steer market was about steady on all kinds, but buyers were very reluctant in their bidding. Cow market was 25-50 lower. Cow and calf market about steady.

Choice butcher steers - \$27-28, good - 26-27, plain to medium - 23-26, heavy short fed steers - 22 50-24 50.

Good butcher heifers - \$21-23 pl to med - 18-21.

Good bulls - \$25 50-27 25 pl to med 23 50-25, bologna bulls - 22-25 35.

Good butcher cows - \$16-17 50, med - 15-16, cannors and cutters - 13-15, shells - 11-13.

Stocker and feeder steers - \$21-25 25.

Choice to prime butcher calves - \$38-40, good - 33-38, med - 28-33, thin calves - 20-28, monks - 14-20.

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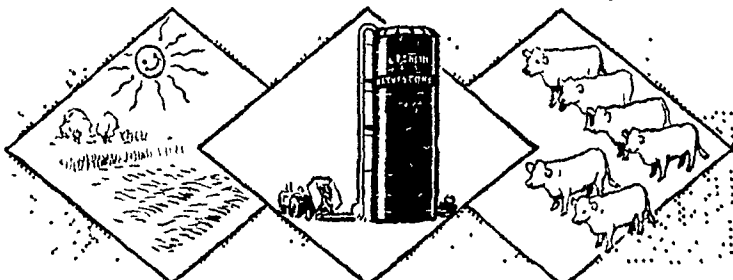
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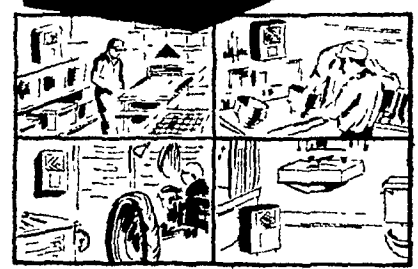
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