

**At Lancaster Yards**

**Slaughter Quality Is Up**

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**CATTLE:** In the cattle division this week the receipts will total about 2500 head compared with 2637 head last week.

Slaughter steers accounted for about 40 per cent of the supply and stockers and feeders 55 per cent. Trading was slow. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers were steady. Cows closed out the week at about steady. Bulls sold 50 lower. Stockers and feeders were steady.

The quality of slaughter steers was slightly improved over the past several weeks. Choice slaughter steers weighing 839-1285 lbs. made 25.50-27.50 with a load average to high Choice weighing 1045 lbs. at 28.00. Good grade steers made 23.50-26, and Standard selling down to 22.00.

Several lots of Good and Choice heifers scaling 755-1030 lbs. ranged from 23.50-25.50. Cutter & Utility cows went across the scales at 14-17.00 with Commercial cows selling up to 17.25 and Canners and low Cutters making 12.25-14.00.

Utility and Commercial bulls made 20-24, and Good

grade fed bulls sold up to 26. with a very few to 26.50. Medium and Good 600-900 lb. feeder steers made 21.00-25.00, few leads and lots Choice up to 27.00. A load of high Choice 1015 lb. Angus feeder steers made 25.75. Common and Medium 600-1000 lb. steers brought 19.50-21.25.

**CALVES:** The receipts in the calf division will total about 700 head compared with 579 head last week. Trading active early in the week but slow later. Vealers closed 1-00-2.00 lower with the decline coming on Wednesday. Good and Choice vealers made 28.00-34.00, and Choice and Prime made 33.00-38.00, with a few to 40.00 and 41.00 early in the week. Standard and low Good kinds made 20.00-28.00, and Utility sold down to 16.00.

**HOGS:** The hog receipts were increased by about 320 head from last week's 1277 head count. Trading was slow as barrows and gilts sold at 50 lower rates. Sows held steady. U. S. 1-3 grade 190-225 lb barrows & gilts made 13.50-14.25, and hogs more uniform for weight and grade weighing 190-220 lbs. including 1-2 grade 14.50 to 15.50, few lots mostly No

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**WEEKLY REVIEW—**  
**CATTLE** Receipts slightly larger than last week, about 10 per cent greater than the corresponding period a year ago, and the largest for any week since January.

Percentage of slaughter steers somewhat larger than the 70 per cent steers last week and the percentage of heifers somewhat less than last week's 20 per cent.

Bulk of the steer supply was good and choice grades with a moderate showing of Prime steers. Percentage of prime steers less than the 10 per cent of last week.

The rank and file of the steers and heifers sold steady on Monday. However a definite lower trend developed on most grades and weights after Monday.

Wholesale dressed steer prices lower for the third straight week, and choice steer carcasses lowest since October 1957.

General market of steers and heifers at a new low in more than two years.

Stockers and feeders weak to fully 1.00 lower in sympathy with the slaughter steer

1 the same weight sold at 15.75-16.00. Lots grade U. S. No 3 made 13.00. 180-190 lb. and 230-250 lb. butchers sold for 13.00-13.50, few 250-270 lb hogs brought 12.00-13.00. 300-600 lb. sows made 8.00-12.00

**New Holland**

**Short Fed Steers Continue Down**

The steer market at New Holland this week continued very slow with all heavy weight cattle 50 to 75 lower. Light weight short feds were about steady. No prime steers were reported in the run.

The December 17 sale had receipts of 717 cattle and 361 calves.

Choice butcher steers - \$26.5-28, good - 24.5-26, plain to medium - 20-23, heavy short feds - 20-24.

Good butcher heifers - \$20-23, pl. to med. - 18-20, dairy bred heifers - 14-17.

Good Bulls - \$24.5-25.5, pl. to med - 22.5-24.5, bolognas - 21-24.5

Good butcher cows - \$16.5-18, med. - 15-16.5, canners and cutters - 14-15, shells -

price.

High choice and prime early largely 26.50 to 28.00. Most high choice steers 1300 lbs. and up closed at 24.50-26.00.

A few choice vealers sold up to 30.00. Most standard and good made 22-28.00. Cull and utility were mostly 11. to 21.

A load of good and choice 535 lb stock steers brought 27.00. Several loads of good 500 to 650 lb weights went for 24-25.25 with a load of medium and good 675 lb weights late bringing 21.50. Loads of good and choice 300 to 1025 lb. feeding steers 21-24.50, with medium feeders selling down to 18.

11-14 Stocker and feeder steers \$20-24.50.

Choice to prime calves 38-40, good - 32-36, med. - 27-32, thin calves - 38-40, good - 32-36, med. - 27-32, thin calves - 20-27, monks - 12-19.

The December 16 dairy cattle sale had receipts of 123 cows, 13 stock bulls and one heifer. Fresh cows continued to sell steady.

Fresh Cows - Holsteins - \$350-560, Guernsey - 250-310, others - 250-400. Stock Bulls - 110-195.

The December 14 horse sale felt the carryover from the previous week when the sale was postponed because of the snow storm. More demand is being felt for draft horses and mules with this kind selling higher. Saddle horses were steady with the exception of a few head of Quarter bred horses which sold up to \$500.

Mules - pair - \$250-460, single - 110-165.

Ponies - mares - \$135-\$185, geldings - 65-110.

Riding horses - \$140-500, driving horses - 125-310, killers - 6 cents

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