

At Lancaster Yards Slaughter Quality Poor

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CATTLE: For the shortened holiday week, receipts will total about 2175 head compared with 1658 head last week. Supply includes about 40 percent slaughter steers and 50 per cent stockers and feeders.

Trading slow. Quality of slaughter steers continues poor. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers steady. Cows 25 higher, bulls and stockers and feeders steady.

Good to average Choice slaughter steers weighing up to 1373 lbs. 23.50-26.60 load average Choice 930 lbs. 26.75 small lot high Choice 1070 lbs 27.25, Standard and low Good 21.50-23.50. Few lots Good grade heifers 24.00. Cutter and Utility cows 14.75-17.75, Commercial cows up to 18.25, Canners and low Cutters 13.50-14.75. Utility and Commercial bulls 20.00-24.00, good grade fed bulls up to 26.50, Medium & Good 600-900 lb feeder steers 21.25 Good grade stock calves 26-28.

CALVES Receipts will total about 525 head compared with 486 head last week. Trading active. Vealers steady to strong Good & Choice vealers 28.34, Choice and Prime 33-38, few to 39.40, Standard and low Good 20-28, Utility down to 16.00.

HOGS Receipts will total about 1650 head compared with 786 head last week. Trading active. Barrows and gilts strong. Sows steady. US 1-3 grade 190-225 lb barrows and gilts 13.75 - 14.25, few no 3's 13.50. Hogs more

uniform for weight and grade including U. S. 1-2 grade 190-220 lb. hogs 14.50-15.50, few lots mostly no. 1's the same weight 15.75-16.00. 300-600 lb. sows 8.12.

SHEEP: Receipts will total about 30 heads less than last week's 229 head count. Trading active. Woolled slaughter lambs steady. Good and Choice 75-100 slaughter lambs 18.00-21.00, Utility down to 14.00. Few Cull to Good woolled slaughter ewes, 3.00-7.00

Lamb Grading To Continue

The U. S. Department of Agriculture announced today that the plan to suspend federal grading service for lamb and mutton will not go into effect January 4 as previously announced.

Decision on this matter is being withheld for a period up to one month (not later than February 8) respecting the request of the chairman of the House Agriculture committee, Harold D. Coolcy, to permit his committee an opportunity to become more fully acquainted with the problem.

Department officials have met with a large number of producers, packers and consumer representatives on the problem. Hearings also were held during 1959 by a subcommittee of the House Agriculture committee and

Chicago Cattle Supply Low For Holiday Week

WEEKLY REVIEW— Receipts fully 5 per cent above same period last week and little changed from corresponding period last year; Percentage slaughter steers in receipts at fully 75 per cent little different from last week.

Average weight of slaughter steers estimated to be a few pounds lighter than last week's 1166 lb average. Trading on slaughter steers uneven with lower trend thru Tuesday only to have this decline erased Wednesday on curtailed receipts. Slaughter steers largely steady as compared with last week's Close, Slaughter heifers 25-50 higher.

Loadlots prime 1090-14.25 lb. steers 27.25-28.00 with 3 loads 1185-1325 lbs. at 28.00

by the house small business committee.

Requests by a number of organizations for the termination of Federal lamb grading caused the department to consider the need for grading of this product. As a result of the study and hearings, new Lamb grade standards were developed to meet more adequately the needs of the sheep industry. However, the new proposed standards met with a lack of agreement in the industry.

The proposed standards provided modifications of existing standards, and were substantially in line with suggestions made by lamb producers and market representatives.

New Holland Market Draggy On Cows

Because of the New Year Holiday this week, Lancaster Farming went to press one day early. No report on the beef cattle market at New Holland was available this week, but will return next week.

The December 28 horse sale had receipts of 93 head. Mules sold stronger, saddle horses were steady, and killers were strong, active and fully 1.00 higher.

Mules, Single - \$110-150, pairs - 265-397.50.

Wednesday, load prime 1325 lbs. 27.75 and load prime 1510 lbs. 27.25 late. Mixed choice and price steers under 1350 lbs largely 26.50-27.50.

Loadlots high choice and mixed choice and prime slaughter heifers 25.50-26.00, high choice 980 lb weights 25.75 and mixed choice and prime 1120 lbs 25.00. Vealers 22.00-23.00, few choice to 30.00 and culls down to 10.00.

Ponies, geldings - \$55-125 riding horses - 85-240, driving horses - 110-205, killers - 7-28 cents.

The December 30 dairy cattle sale had receipts of 142 cows, 8 stock bulls, and 18 stock heifers. Fresh cows were dull and fully \$25 lower. All other kinds were slow and draggy.

Fresh cows - Holstein - \$350-430, Guernsey - 225-270 others - 225-290.

Stock bulls - \$140-210, stock heifers - 75-250.

Load mixed good and choice 904 lb. feeding steers 24.00, good 742 and 801 lb feeder steers 22.80-23.50.

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