

At Lancaster Yards

Slaughter Quality Better

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CATTLE: The supply includes about 40 per cent slaughter steers and 50 per cent stockers and feeders. The receipts will total about 3600 head compared with 2160 head during the shortened previous holiday week.

Trading was moderately active throughout the week. The quality of slaughter steers was slightly improved over the past several weeks. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers were steady to 50 higher, mostly 25 and 50 up with short fed slaughter steers weighing over 1150 lbs steady to 25 higher.

Cows closed out the week fully 50 lower. Bulls held steady. Stockers and feeders were strong. The bulk of the Choice slaughter steers weighing up to 1300 lbs. brought 25-27. A lot of high Choice 1170 lb. reputation steers commanded 28. Good to low Choice steers ranged between 23.50 and 25.25. Standard and low Good sold 22.00-23.25.

Cutter and Utility cows at the close of the week made 14.25-17.00 and Commercial cows early in the week sold up to 18.25, this kind absent

late in the week, while Canners and low Cutters made 13.00-14.25 at the close.

Utility and Commercial bulls made 20.00-24.00 with Good grade fed bulls selling up to 26.50. Medium and Good 600-800 lb. stock steers managed 22.00-24.50. Medium and Good 800-1050 lb. feeder steers brought 21.00-23.00, few lots Good up to 24.50, two loads mostly Choice 900-1000 lb. steers managed 25.25. Good and Choice stock calves ranged from 26.00 to 29.00 with a small lot Choice 422 lb. selling at 30.00.

CALVES: Vealers held fully steady in moderately active trading. Calf receipts will total about 140 head more than last week's 515 head total. Good and Choice vealers brought 29.00-34.00 with Choice and Prime at 33-39 and a few Prime selling at 40.00 and 41.00. Standard and low Good kinds managed 21.00-29.00 with Utility selling down to 16.00.

HOGS: Trading was moderately active. Barrows and gilts were unevenly steady to 75 lower. The supply will total about 1700 head compared with last week's 1381 head count. U S 1-3 grade 190-225 lb. barrows and gilts sold early at 12.75-14.25 (Turn to page 3)

Chicago Cattle Steers Advance Most Since March

WEEKLY REVIEW— CATTLE — Receipts fully 10 percent larger than last week which included a holiday but about 10 per cent less than the corresponding week last year. Receipts were smallest for the first full marketing week in any year since 1955 and market receipts smallest for any comparable week since 1951.

Arrivals here included a smaller percentage heifers and cows than last week, around 70 per cent slaughter steers, about 20 percent heifers and about 7 per cent cows. Percentage choice and prime steers smaller than last week when 11 percent of the steer supply graded prime and 70 per cent choice. Average weight of slaughter steers promising to be heavier than last weeks average of 1157 lbs.

Slaughter steers sold steady to higher each market day but prime grades didn't share the upturn until Wednesday, consequently prime steers only 25-50 higher for the week. The advance in steer prices greatest for any week since last March.

Vealers steady to strong. Stockers and feeders strong to fully 50 higher, mostly 50 higher with instances up more although trade not particularly active.

Load mostly prime 1225 lb slaughter steers 28.50, highest price since December 2, six loads high choice to mostly prime 1175-1325 lb steers 28.10-28.25, numerous loads mixed good & choice steers late 25.00-25.75,

New Holland

All Weights Advance

Weight of cattle lost some of the importance it has held in the cattle sale at New Holland sales Stables in Thursday's market with the market very active and all kinds sharing in the 1.00 to 1.50 advance.

Most of the advance was on the better fed cattle, but weight was no factor in the advance if the steers showed lengthy feeding.

The bull market was steady to 50 higher. Bologna bulls were steady to 25 lower. Cow market was active but 50 lower. Calves sold active and steady on prime and choice grades. Smaller calves sold strong to 100 higher.

The January 7 sale had receipts of 824 cattle and 306 calves.

Choice butcher steers - \$27 - 28.60, good - 25.50 - 26.85, plain to medium - 22.50-25.50, heavy short feds - 22.50-25.50.

Choice butcher heifers - \$24.50-26.50, good - 22.24, pl to med - 18.50-22, dairy bred heifers - 15-18.

Good bulls - \$25-26.25, pl to med - 22-25, bologna - 22-24.50.

Good butcher cows - \$16-50.17.85, med - 15-16.50, canners and cutters - 14.50-15, shells - 12-14.

Stocker and feeder steers

Most standard and good veales 22.00-28.00, few choice up to 30.00.

Few good 450-550 lb steer calves and yearling stock steers 25.25-26.00,

- \$23.50-25.50
Choice to prime calves \$38-40, good - 33-38, med 30-33, thin calves - 24, monks - 16-23.

The January 6 dairy sale had receipts of 11 cows, 13 stock bulls and 10 stock heifers.

All top fresh Holsteins were steady. All other kinds were slow and \$15 per head lower.

Fresh cows - Holsteins \$350-510, Guernsey - 225-250, others - 225-300.

Stock bulls - \$110-200, stock heifers - 65-110.

Mules continued their advance at the January 4 horse sale. Mules sold strong to \$25 higher as all other kinds were steady. Killers again advanced. Receipts were 10 head.

Mules - pair - \$275-300, single - 110-175. Ponies - mares - \$140-300, geldings - 55-110.

Riding horses - \$110-200, driving horses - 110-150, killers 8-8½ cents.

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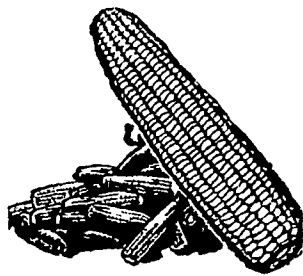


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AGES RANGED FROM 144 TO 151 DAYS

LBS. FEED CONSUMED PER BIRD RANGED FROM 16 LBS. TO 19.1 LBS.

FEED COSTS PER BIRD AVERAGED 75 CENTS.

(SOME OUTSTANDING GROWERS HAD FEED COSTS AS LOW AS 67.65 CENTS AT 23 WEEKS).

PERCENTAGES FIT TO HOUSE ON THESE FLOCKS AVERAGED 94.8%.

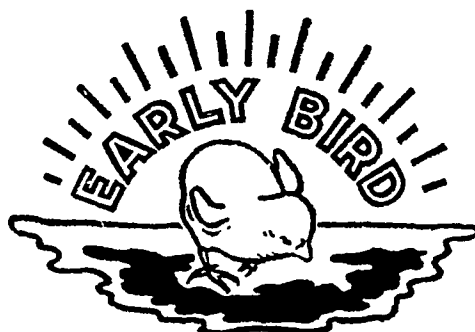
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