

At Lancaster Yards Heavy Steers Are Slow

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CATTLE.—Supply includes about 40 per cent slaughter steers and 50 per cent stockers and feeders. Receipts will total about 50 head more than last week's 3926 head count.

Trading was moderately active except on slaughter steers weighing over 1250 lbs. These were slow, compared with last week's close, slaughter steers sold steady except weights over 1250 lbs. grading low Choice and below, these were steady to 25 lower Cows were 25 higher. Bulls and stockers and feeders sold at steady rates.

The bulk of the Choice slaughter steers weighing up to 1336 lbs. brought 26.00-28, several loads average to high-Choice 1100-1325 lbs. made 28.25-28.50. Lot mostly Prime weighing 1070 lbs. commanded 29.50. Good to low Choice steers ranged from 23.75-26.00, few lots of Standard sold down to 22.50. Several small lots of Good and Choice heifers made 22.50-25.00

Cutter and Utility cows brought 14.75-17.50 with Commercial cows selling up to 18.00, while Canners and low Cutters made 13.50-14.75. Utility and Commercial bulls brought 20.00-24.00 and Good grade fed bulls sold up to 26.50.

Good and Choice 600-800 lb. stock steers 24.50-28.00 with Medium and Good making 22.00-25.00. Medium and Good 800-1050 lb. feeder steers made 21.50-24.50, load

high Choice 1108 lbs. made 25.50. Good and Choice stock calves 26.00-30.75.

CALVES: Calf receipts will total about 600 head or about 50 less than last week. Trading was active. Vealers were 1.00-2.00 higher with Prime grade advancing 2.00-3.00. Good and Choice vealers commanded 30.00-37.00 with Choice and Prime at 38.42.00 with a few to 43.00 and 44.00. Standard and low Good kinds made 23.00-29.00 with Utility down to 18.00.

HOGS: The supply will be about 150 head larger than last week's 1261 head total. Trading was moderately active as barrows and gilts sold steady to 50 higher. Sows held steady. U. S. 1-3 grade 190-225 lb. barrows and gilts commanded 14.00-14.50, a few lots no. 3's back down to 13.75. Hogs more uniform for weight and grade including U. S. 1-2 grade 190-220 lb. hogs 14.75-15.50, few lots mostly no. 1's sold at 16.00. 230-250 lb. butchers made 13.13.50. 300 - 600 lb. sows ranged from 8.00 to 11.00.

SHEEP. Trading was moderately active on the small supply of wooled slaughter lambs, the supply totaled about 300 head compared with last week's 424 head total. Slaughter lambs were 50 higher with Good and Choice 75-100 lbs. lambs selling 19.00-21.50. Few lots of Choice 85-90 lb. lambs commanded 22.00-22.50, lot high Choice 92 lbs. brought 23.00 with Utility selling down to 14.75.

Lancaster Farming advertising brings results.

Chicago Cattle Down Slightly Under Pressure

Receipts largest in five weeks, running 12 per cent ahead of last week and about 20 per cent above the corresponding week last year. Market receipts Wednesday largest for the day in over three years.

The percentage of slaughter steers in receipts here increased for the second week in a row while percentage heifers and cows decreased. Nearly 75 per cent slaughter steers compared 71 per cent last week and 15 per cent heifers compared 17 per cent last week.

Vealers and stocker and feeder cattle and calves continued seasonally very scarce.

Percentage choice & prime steers increased while percentage good grade declined. About 11 per cent of the steer supply prime around 65 per cent choice and estimated 20 per cent good. Average weight of slaughter steers estimated to be slightly smaller than last weeks average of 1181 lbs. which was the heaviest for any week since February, 1959.

Trading on slaughter steers uneven with weight as much or more of a price determining factor as grade. Good steer yearlings weighing up to around 1,000 lbs and choice up to 1125 lb. weights held steady while all other weights and grades slaughter steers closed 25-1.00 lower.

Load mostly prime 1325 lb. slaughter steers early 29.25, around 20 loads mostly prime 1113-1457 lb. steers 28.75-29.00.

Late bulk loadlots mostly prime 1125-1350 lb. steers 28.00-28.50.

New Holland Horses In Runaway Sale

Prices and demand for work stock continued to gain at the January 18 horse sale at the New Holland sale stable. The demand for draft horses and work mules pushed the demand and prices for killer horses to the highest point of the year. Riding & driving horses sold about steady to slightly higher. The sale had receipts of 205 head.

Draft horses — teams — \$285-410, single - 140-215, mules - teams - 275-625, single - 110-215.

Pomes - mares - \$135-180, geldings - 65-110.

Riding horses - \$135-345, driving horses - 110-180, killers - 10-10 1/2 cents.

The January 21 cattle sale had receipts of 939 cattle and 294 calves. The market was active on all kinds. Lightweights were steady with heavyweights active but 50 lower. Cows were steady and strong with bulls slow and 25-50 lower. Calves

Weeks bulk high choice & mixed choice and prime 1125-1350 lb. steers 26.75-28.50, largely 27.75 down from Wednesday on. Bulk choice steers 1350 lbs. down 25.50-27.50. Good steers 23.25-50.

Few choice vealers 31.00, standard and good 23.00-30.

Medium and good 735-965 lb. stocker and feeding steers 22.00-25.50, few common down to 19.00, 2 loads good 450 and 480 lb. stock steer calves 28.50 and 28.75.

choice and prime active 1 to 2.00 higher.

Choice butcher steers \$27.50 - 29, good - 25.50, plan to medium - common - 20-23.

Choice butcher heifers \$26.27, - good - \$23-26, med - 19-23.

Good bulls - \$25-26, med. - 22.50-24.50, 21-24.

Good butcher cows 18. med. 16-17, canners cutters - 15-16, shells 14.50.

Stocker and feeder steers \$22.50-26.

Choice to prime calves - \$39-41, good med. - 32-36, thin - heavy - 26-31, monks - 14-15.

The January 20 dairy stock bulls and 19 heifers. Fresh cows steady and active. All kinds were slow.

Fresh cows - Holsteins \$350-460, Guernsey - 275, others - 225-275

Stock bulls - \$11, stock heifers - 65-200

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