

## At Lancaster Yards Trading Slow and Weaker

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**CATTLE** Receipts this week will total about 3225 head compared with 3831 head last week. Supply includes about 35 per cent of slaughter steers and 50 per cent stockers and feeders. Trading was slow.

Slaughter steers weighing under 1300 lbs. were steady with weights over 1300 lbs. weak to 25 lower

Cows sold steady to 25 lower with decline coming on average Utility and better grades. Bulls were steady to 50 lower

Stockers and feeders held steady

Bulk of the Choice slaughter steers made 26 00-28 00 with several load Choice weighing up to 1450 lbs selling down to 25 50. Two loads low Choice 1500 lbs. brought 24 50. A lot Prime 1206 lb slaughter steers

commanded 28 90, Good to low Choice ranged from 23-25. A few lots Good & Choice heifers made 22-25.

Cutters and Utility cows made 14 50-17, and Commercial cows up to 17 25, while Cannery and low Cutters made 13-14.50. Utility and Commercial bulls ranged from 20-23.50, with Good grade fed bulls selling up to 26 00.

Good and Choice 550-800 lb. stock steers made 24.75-28.75 and Medium and Good at 22-25.25. Medium and Good 800-1050 lb feeder steers brought 21 25-24.50, with several los Good grade up to 25.25, several lots mostly Choice 850-1050 lb at 25-50-26 50, several lots Good and Choice 1000-1100 lbs. made 24 50-25.25. Good and Choice stock calves commanded 26.50-31.

**CALVES** Trading moderately active. Vealers fully steady. Receipts will total about 600 head or about 40 head more than a week ago. Good and Choice vealers made 31-37 with Choice and Prime selling at 38-42, several lots at 43 and 44., Standard and low Good kinds made 23-30 and Utility sold down to 18.

**SHEEP** Receipts will total about 225 head or about 75 head less than last week. Trading moderately active. Woolled slaughter lambs held steady. Good and Choice 75-100 lb slaughter lambs sold 10-22 with a few lots 80-90 lbs. selling at 22 25 and Utility down to 15 00.

## Chicago Cattle Stockers-Feeders In Good Supply

**CATTLE** — Local receipts about the same as last week. Receipts here 50 per cent above the same period last year. Consist of receipts here altered with percentage steers increased over 70 per cent of last week while percentage heifers declined from 18 per cent of last week to about 15 percent.

Vealers continued scarce but supply stockers and feeders increased and the largest this year.

Percentages of various grades in slaughter steer supply altered slightly with estimated 12 per cent prime, 68 per cent choice, and 15 per cent good.

Average weight of slaughter steers little changed from last weeks average of 1178 lbs. slaughter steers irregular with weight continuing to be a major price determining factor. Choice and prime steers up to 1350 lbs. steady to 50 higher, all other steers steady to 50 lower with a continued slow trade on most steers over 1350 lbs and on most weights good grade and below.

Choice and prime slaughter heifers strong to 50 higher, good and below weak to mostly 50 lower. The price spreads on heifers the widest here since April 1958.

Vealers fully steady, feeders and stockers mostly steady except some feeder steers over 900 lbs weak 50 lower.

About 30 loads 1045-1350 lb mostly prime slaughter steers 28 50-28.75, two loads 1237 and 1309 lbs 29 00 on Wednesday. Bulk high choice and mixed choice, and prime

## New Holland Horses Continue Active

The horse market at New Holland continued to boom this week when the February sale had 343 head for the heaviest run of the year. Bidding was active on all kinds with demand for good mules and draft horses keeping the price of killers strong.

Mules - Pair - \$285-510, single, 140-225.

Draft horses - pair, \$320-440, single, 160-210.

Ponies - \$75-120, riding horses, 120-240, driving horses, 120-320, killers 9 1/2 to 10 1/2 cents.

The February 3 dairy cattle sale had receipts of 135 cows, nine stock bulls and 12 stock heifers. Top cows fresh and showing milk sold steady. All other kinds were drabby and \$20-30 per head lower.

Fresh cows - Holstein \$350-450, Guernsey, 225-270, others, 225-330.

Stock bulls, \$110-205, stock heifers, 110-240.

The February beef market had receipts of 1,043 cattle and 280 calves. Lightweight steers were very active and strong. All heavyweights,

were steady to 25 lower. Steers weighing over 1500 lbs very slow and 50 lower. The cow market was slow on all fleshy cows not desired. Fat yellow cows desired; this kind 50 lower. The bull and calf market continued steady.

Choice butcher steers - 27 50-29.50, good - 27 50-29.50, plain to medium - 27 50-29.50, heavy short fed - 22 24-24, vvs over 1500 lbs - 23 24.

Choice butcher heifers - 25 26.50, good - 22-25, med, 20-22, dairy bred, mon - 15-20.

Good bulls - \$24 50-24 50 to med - 22 50-24.50, as - nas, 21-23.

Good butcher cows - 15-17.85, med - 15-16, ners and cutters - 14-15, and fat cows - 12 50-14.

Stock and feeder steers - \$23-25 85, stock steer - 26-28.

Choice to prime but calves - \$40-44 50, good - 40, med - 32-36, thin - 28-32, monks - 20-26.

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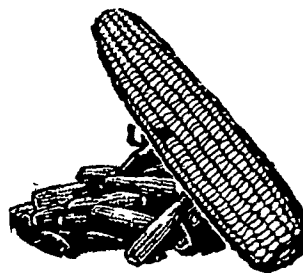
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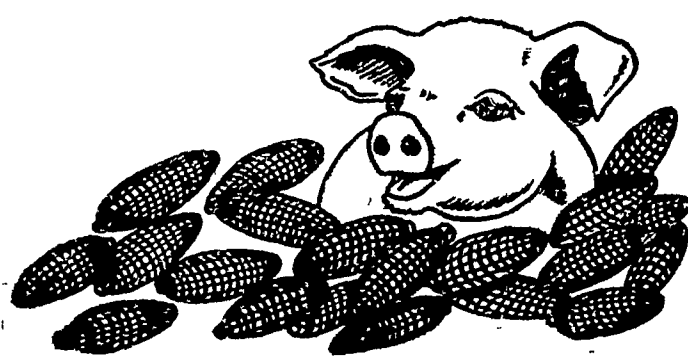


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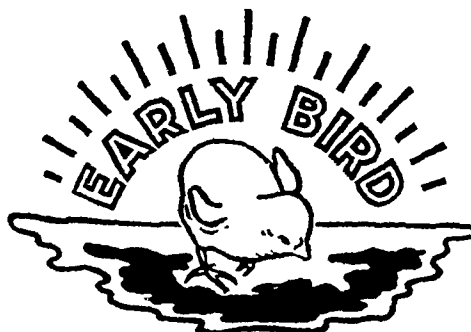
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