

At Lancaster Yards Steer Quality Is Improved

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CATTLE Receipts will total about 3700 head or about 500 head more than last week. The supply includes about 50 per cent slaughter steers and 40 per cent stockers and feeders.

The quality of slaughter steers was improved compared to a week ago. Trading was slow on slaughter steers but moderately active on other classes. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers steady with spots strong on weights under 1,200 lbs.

Cows mostly 50 higher, bulls steady. Stockers and feeders strong.

Bulk of the Choice grade slaughter steers made 26 00-28 00 and a load high Choice 1226 lbs at 28 50, load and lot Prime 1100 1268 lbs sold 29.00. Good and low Choice kinds made 23 75-26 25. Good & Choice heifers made 22 00-25 50, lot Choice heifers made 22 00-25 50, lot Choice heifers commanded 26 50. Cutter and Utility cows ranged from 14 65 to 17 25 with Commercial cows up to 17 50, while Canners and low Cutters brought 13-00-14 50.

Utility and Commercial bulls made 20 00-23 50 with Good grade fed bulls selling up to 26. Good and Choice 800-1050 lb feeder steers made 24 50-27 00. Lot Choice 814 lbs commanded 27 30, Medium and Good brought 21 50-25 00. Good and Choice

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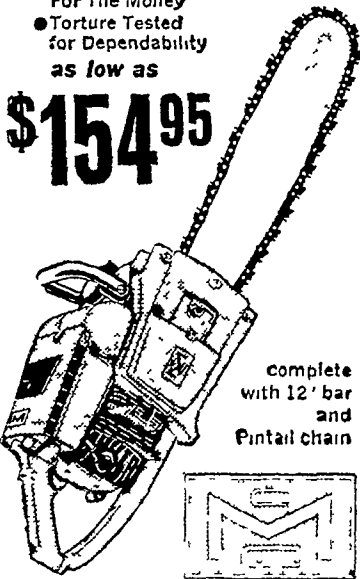
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550-800 lb stock steers went across the scales at 25.25-29, while Medium and Good sold 22.25-25.50. Good & Choice stock calves 27-31.

CALVES: Trading moderately active with vealers 1.00-2.00 lower. Receipts will total about 625 head compared with last week's 611 head count. Good and Choice vealers 30.00-37.00, Choice and Prime made 37.00-41.00 with a few to 43.00 early in the week. Standard and low Good brought 23.00-29.00 with Utility down to 17.00.

HOGS: Receipts will total about 1550 head or about 175 head less than last week. Barrows and gilts 25.50 higher and sows steady in moderately active trading. U S 1-3 190-230 lb barrows and gilts 14.50-15.00, few lots no 3's, 14.25. Hogs more uniform for weight and grade including U S 1-2 grade weighing 190-220 lbs sold at 15.00-16 with a few small lots mostly no 1's going at 16.25-16.50. 230-250 lb butchers brought 14-14.50. 300-600 lb sows made 8.00-11.00.

SHEEP: Trading was moderately active on a small supply of wooled slaughter lambs. Receipts will total about 200 or slightly less than last week. Wooled slaughter lambs held steady with Good and Choice 75-100 lbs going at 19.00-22.00 and a lot of Choice made 22.50 with Utility down to 15.00.

CATTLE—Market receipts continued of comparatively moderate proportions. The local supply only slightly reduced from last week. Severe weather creating hazardous road conditions over much of the midwest contributed toward moderate receipts.

Percentages of various classes in receipts little changed from last week with short 75 per cent slaughter steers, fully 15 per cent heifers, and around 6 per cent cows.

Supply stocker and feeder cattle reduced from last wk.

Percentages of various grades in slaughter steer supply altered slightly with percentage prime slightly increased over 12 per cent of last week and largest since last August.

Average weight of slaughter steers little changed from 1180 lb. avg of last wk. General trade on slaughter steers 25-1.00 mostly 50-75 higher. Slaughter heifers 25-75 higher. Stockers and feeders fully steady.

Loadlots prime 1150-1400 lb. slaughter steers at 28.75-29.25, Load prime 1275 lbs Wednesday 29.75. This the highest paid here since last September. Bulk high choice and mixed choice and prime steers 1100-1400 lbs. 27-28.75.

Load mixed choice and prime 990 lbs 28.50. Few

New Holland Opens Strong, Closes Off

The New Holland steer market opened strong but closed 25 lower this week with cows 50 to 1.00 higher, lightweight bulls steady and bulls over 1250, 25 to 50 lower.

Receipts at the February 11 sale included 1149 cattle and 251 calves.

Choice and prime - \$28.85-29.10. One head 1,045 pound prime \$29.85. Choice - \$26.50-28.50, good to low choice - \$23.75-27. Steers in same grades over 1,250 pounds down to 22.50.

Cutter and utility cows \$15-17.35, few to \$17.85. Commercial up to \$18. Canners and low cutters \$13.60-\$15.

Utility and commercial bulls - \$21.75-23.50, Good fed bulls up to \$25.50 with odd head up to 27.75.

Lot of high Good stock steers commanded \$26.50.

loads choice over 1400 lb steers down to 24.25 early.

Good vealers 28-30, few choice and prime \$1-32, standard 23-28, utility 16-23, Good 650 lb stock steers

25.50, scattered loads and lots medium and good stocker and feeding steers 575-800 lbs 21-24.50, load good 880 lbs. 23.50, load mixed medium and good 925 lbs 22.50, load common and medium 1025 lb feeder steers 20. Few common feeders 18-19.

Medium and Good stock \$23.75-25.50.

Good and choice calves \$30-37.50; Choice and prime - \$37-38; Several \$38.50. Standard and low Good \$29. Utility down to \$17.

The February 10 day cattle sale had receipts 137 cows, eight stock bulls and 16 stock heifers. The tire cow market was slow and \$15 to \$25 per head lower.

Fresh Holstein cows brought \$350 to 450 with outstanding fresh Holsteins going at \$600.

Fresh Guernsey cows \$225-280, other fresh cows \$225-300, stock bulls - \$1240, stock heifers - \$70.

The February 8 horse sale had receipts of 259 head. Draft horses and mules continued to sell steady.

Mules, pair - \$275, singles - \$140-210.

Ponies - \$75-120, and horses - \$130-240, driving horses - \$140-305, killed 9 1/2-10 cents.

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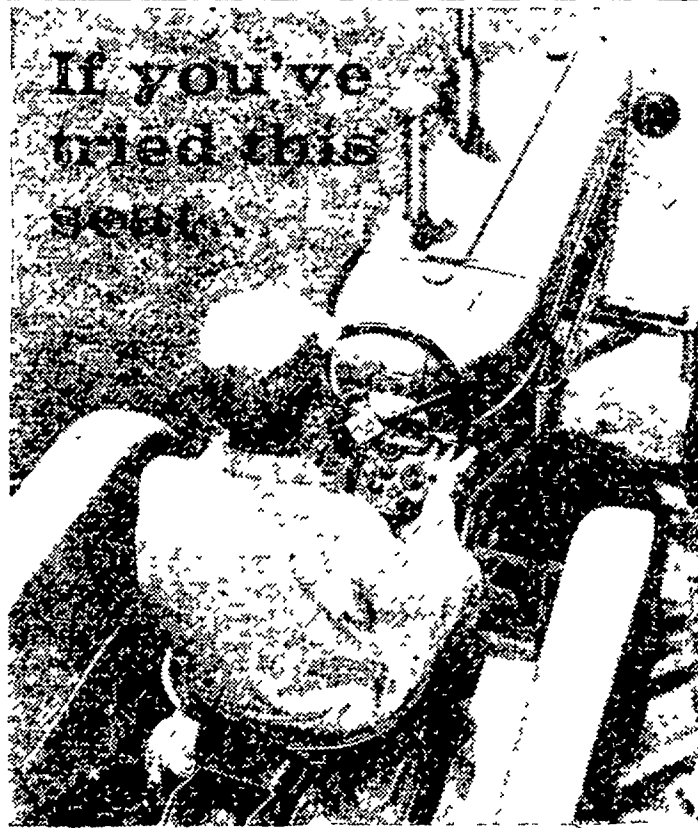
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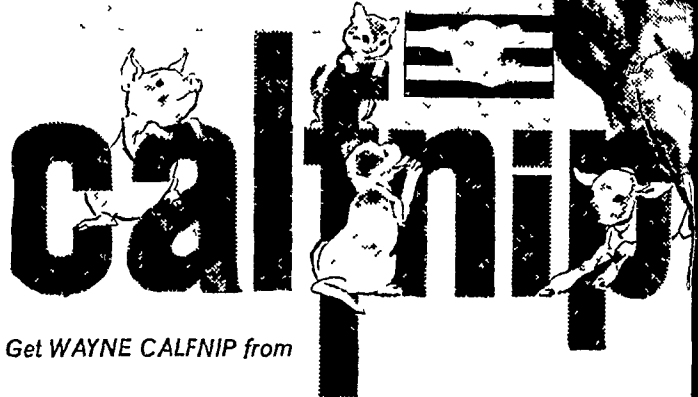
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