

At Lancaster Yards

Trading Slow but Prices Up

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Cattle Receipts will total about 500 head more than last week's 3740 head count. Supply includes about 45 per cent slaughter steers and about 25 per cent stockers and feeders. Trading was slow with inclement weather late in the week retarding trading.

Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers 50 higher. Cows and bulls held about steady. Stockers and feeders strong.

Bulk of choice grade slaughter steers weighing up to 1400 lbs brought 26 75 - 28 50, several loads and lots high choice and prime 1200-1220 lbs made 28 75-29 25. Load and lot mostly prime 1155-1350 lbs sold at 30 00. Good to low choice brought 24 50-27. Few lots good and choice heifers made 22 25-26.

Cutter and utility cows made 15 75-18, commercial cows were up to 18 75, canners and low cutters, 14-15 75. Utility and commercial bulls brought 20-23 50 and good grade fed bulls were up to 26.

Good and choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers made 24 50-27 50, medium and good 21-50-25 50. Good and choice 500-800 lb stock steers sold at 25 50-29. Med and good,

22 50-26. Good and choice stock calves brought 27 50-32 00.

Calves: Trading was moderately active on about 750 head or about 50 head more than last week. Vealers were 1-2 lower. Good and choice vealers ranged from 29-37 with choice and prime selling at 37-41 with a few earlier in the week at 42 and 43, standard and low good made 21-29 with utility selling down to 17.

Hogs: Receipts will total about 1850 head or about 100 more than last week. Trading was moderately active. Barrows and gilts were 50 higher, sows 1 higher. U.S. 1-3 grade 190-230 lb. barrows and gilts brought 15 25-16, with hogs more uniform for wgt and grade including 1-2 grade 190-220 lbs made 16 25-17, a few lot mostly no 1's 195-220 lbs brought 17 25-17 50. No 3's were down to 15. 230-250 lb butchers made 15-15 50. 300 - 600 lb sows brought 9-12 with a few up to 13.

Sheep: Receipts will total about 225 head compared with last week's 409 head total. Trading was moderately active. Woolled slaughter lambs held steady. Good and choice 75-105 lb slaughter lambs brought 19 50-22 75, several lots 80-95 lbs at 23, while utility sold down to 15 50. Two lots choice grade

Chicago Cattle Prices Continue To Increase

Cattle — Local receipts 4 per cent over last week when supply was smallest since August excluding Christmas week.

Consist of receipts altered slightly with percentage steers increased from 72 to about 75 per cent while percentage heifers declined from 18 to about 15 per cent. Vealers and stockers and feeders continued scarce.

Percentages of various grades in slaughter steer supply little changed with about 9 per cent prime, 55 per cent choice, and 30 per cent good.

Average weight of slaughter steers increased from 1164 lbs to estimated 1168 lbs. Continued very moderate receipts both locally and in the aggregate together with the bullish influence of 1 00-1 50 higher.

Choice and prime steers 50-1 25 higher, good and below unevenly steady to 50 higher, Heifers steady to 50 higher with choice and prime at most advance. Cows and bulls 25 to 50 higher, vealers steady to 1 higher, stockers and feeders 50, instances 1 higher.

Bulk mostly prime 1200-1365 lb slaughter steers 30-31 25 mostly 30 75-31 at the close with one load 31 25. load prime 1325 lbs 32 50. Wed highest here since July. Mixed choice and prime steers 1075-1450 lbs 28 75-30 - 50 mostly 29 25-30 50 at the close.

Bulk choice steers 26 50-29, largely 27-29 late. Most good steers 23 50-26 75. Utility and standard 18 50-24.

68-78 lb spring lambs made 25-26.

New Holland

Snow Curtails Receipts

The snow curtailed receipts at the New Holland beef market on Thursday Only 494 head of cattle and 89 calves were in the run. Quality was not as good as the previous week.

Trading was active. Compared to last week's close slaughter steers were strong to 50 higher. Bulls and cows sold steady.

Bulk of the Choice slaughter steers up to 1400 lbs. made \$27 50 to 29 50. Few lots of high Choice & Prime 1,000 to 1,340 lb. weights went to 29.50 to 30.40. Good to low Choice were 24 25 to 28. A few Standard sold down to 22.

Good and Choice heifers made 22 50 to 26. Standards down to 19.

Utility and commercial bulls commanded 20.50 - 24. Good grade fed bulls up to 26.

Cutter and Utility cows made 16-18.75. Canners and low Cutters 14 to 16.25.

Stockers and feeders were absent.

Calves were unevenly steady to 1 00 lower. Good and Choice vealers - 29 to 37. Odd head prime to 41.00. Standard and low Good made 22 to 29. Utility was down to 15.

The March 2 dairy cattle sale had receipts of 115 cows, nine bulls and 21 heifers. Top fresh cows sold steady. All other kinds were slow and \$20 per head lower.

Fresh cows, Ho'steins -

Few choice vealers 32 - 34, good 30-32, standard 23-30, good and choice 835 - 1000 lb feeding steers 24 50 - 26.35, good 750-825 lbs. 25-26 25. Few good 425 lb stock steer calves 25 50.

\$350-440, Guernseys - 360,- others - 210-325. Stock bulls - \$85-215, heifers - 75-140.

The February 29th sale had receipts of 300. The market was very active on all kinds and steady.

Mules, pair - \$290-660. Gle - 125-215. Ponies - 130. Riding horses - \$12- driving horses - 140 300. lers - 10 cents

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