

At Lancaster Yards Steers Steady to 50 Lower

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CATTLE. Receipts include about 40 percent slaughter steers and about 50 per cent stockers and feeders. Receipts will total about 3950 head or about the same as last week. Trading was slow on slaughter steers and bulls and moderately active on cows and stockers and feeders.

Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers were steady to 50 lower with most decline on average Choice and below. Canners and Cutter cows sold 25 lower, with Utility and Commercial cows selling 50-75 lower. Bulls were 25-50 lower. Stockers & feeders sold steady to 25 higher.

Two lots mostly Prime 1, 125-1202 lb. slaughter steers commanded 31.00. The bulk of the Choice slaughter steers made 27.00-29.50, while high Choice 1120 lbs sold at 30.30. Good to low Choice steers brought 24.00-27.50.

A few lots Good & Choice heifers ranged from 23.00-26.00, with a lot high Choice 1140 lbs at 27.50.

Cutters and Utility cows made 15.75-18.25. Early in the week they sold up to 19. Canners and low Cutters sold 13.75-15.75. Utility and Commercial bulls made 20.00-23.50 and Good grade fed bulls brought 23.50-25.50 with a few to 26.00.

Good and Choice 600-800 lb stock steers ranged from 26.00-32.00 while a load fancy 670 lbs commanded 33.25. Medium and Good made 23.27.00. Good and Choice 800-1050 lb feeder steers sold at 24.50-29.00, several loads of Choice 1040-1120 lbs. made 25.25-25.75 and Medium and Good sold at 22.00-26.00.

CALVES: Trading slow on 775 head of vealers. Receipts last week totaled 752 head. Vealers declined sharply at mid-week, closing 3.00 lower

than the previous week. Good and Choice vealers closed at 27.33, Choice and Prime made 33.00-38.00 but a few early in the week sold at 42.00 and 43.00. Standard and low Good made 19.00-27.00, with Utility down to 14.00.

HOGS: Receipts will total about 2000 head compared with 2151 last week and trading was moderately active. Barrows and gilts sold steady. Sows were steady to 1.00 higher with most advance on weights over 400 lbs. U. S. 1-3 grade 190-230 lb. barrows and gilts ranged from 16.25-16.75 and a few lots of no. 3's sold down to 16.00. Hogs more uniform for weight and grade including 1-2 grade 190-220 lbs ranged from 16.75-17.50 and a few lots no. 1's the same weight made 17.75-18.00. 170-190 lb. butchers brought 15.15-17.5, 230-250 lbs at 15.25-16.00. 300-600 lb sows made 11.00-13.00.

SHEEP: Supply will total about 175 compared with 303 last week. Trading was active. Woolled and spring slaughter lambs held steady. Good and Choice 75-105 lb woolled slaughter lambs made 21.24 and Utility sold down to 16.50. Good grade 60-95 lb. spring lambs made 27.00-28.00.

BONED MEAT

Boned meat at a higher price is sometimes a better buy than bone in meats, points out Catherine Love, Penn State consumer economics extension specialist. For example, spareribs cost less per pound than rolled rib roast, but the edible portion of three pounds of each meat is different. When buying meat, figure the cost for each serving and allow these amounts for each serving: boneless meat, 3/4 pound; bone-in meat, 1/2 pound, bony meat 3/4 to 1 pound.

Chicago Cattle Highest Receipts Since January

CATTLE — Receipts fully 10 percent larger than last week, 20 per cent greater than the same year ago week, and largest for any week since late January. Percentages of the various classes about the same as last week. Percentages of the various grades slaughter steers also little different than last week, around eight per cent prime, better than 50 per cent choice and around 35% good. Average weight of slaughter steers estimated to be about in line with last weeks average of 1170 lbs.

Steers weighing less than 1050 lbs. and more than 1450 lbs scarce. Slaughter steers steady to 50 lower than last weeks close, except average choice to low prime grades 50-100 lower. Vealers steady.

Load prime 1243 lb. slaughter steers 32.75, these feedlot mates of 22.00 top cattle last week, 6 loads prime 1200 - 1350 lb steers 32.25 and 32.50, most high choice and prime steers, the majority scaling 1050-1450 lbs 29.00 - 32.00, numerous loads mixed choice and prime grades 29.75 - 31.50, bulk choice steers 26.50-29.50, bulk good grades 24.00-26.00, Utility and standard steers 19.00-23.50. Few loads and lots high choice and mixed choice and prime heifers 28.00-29.00.

Few good heavy fat bulls 18.00. Good and choice vealers 30.00-34.00, Standard grades 23.00-29.00.

Load choice 685 lb stock steers 28.50, load good 700 lb weights 25.50 and few medium 700 lb. averages 22.

New Holland Cattle Steady, Calves O

Slaughter cattle held about steady with the previous week at the Thursday sale at the New Holland Sales Stable this week. Trading opened slow but closed active.

The supply of 1018 head included 15 per cent cows. The percentage of low good and standard grades was in greater supply.

Choice grade closed steady to 25 higher. Cows 1.00 lower, bulls steady to 50 lower.

Few lots of choice and prime 1020 to 1205 lb. slaughter steers made 30.75 to 30.85. Bulk of choice grade cattle weighing up to 1395 lbs. 27.50-29.85. Good to low choice - 24-27.50. Standard Steers - 19-24.

Good grade 667 to 1055 lb. heifers made 22-24.50.

Cutter and utility cows - 15.25 to 18.25. Canners and low cutters 14-15.50.

Utility and commercial bulls 26-23.50. Good grade of fed bulls, 23.50-25.75.

Few lots good and choice 550-645 lb. stock steers 27.75 - 28.17. Medium and good 500 to 687 lb. 20.60-26.10. Good and choice 756-905 lb.

loadlots good and choice 875 - 1050 lb feeding steers 24.50 - 27.60, two loads choice 990 lb weights at 27.60 showing considerable evidence of grain feeding and already grading low choice from a slaughter standpoint, few loads medium feeding steers 22.50-23.75. Part load medium and good 350 lb mixed steer and heifer stock calves 25.50.

feeder steers 24.25. Medium and good 785 to 23-24.

Trading was moderate active on the 272 head calves with vealers as low as 2 to 3.00 lower. Good choice vealers 27-35.00 and prime 35-38 and a prime up to 40. Standard and low good 22-27.18 to 22.

The March 23 dairy sale had receipts of 16 stock bulls and stock heifers. All kinds about steady with last week. Fresh cows, Holstein - 440, Guernsey - 200, others 200-275. Stock heifers \$110-185, stock heifers 140.

The March 21 horse sale was steady with the previous week. Receipts were head of horses and mules.

Mules, pairs - \$275 single - 130-170, ponies, 120. Riding horses - \$120 driving horses - 125-280. Mares - 9 1/2-10 cents.

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