

At Lancaster Yards

Trading Slow, Steers Off

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Cattle: 4350 compared with 4354 last week. Supply includes 50 per cent slaughter steers and 40 per cent stockers and feeders.

Trading slow on slaughter steers and stockers and feeders, moderately active on cows and bulls. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers steady to weak. Cows 25-50 higher. Bull and stockers and feeders steady.

Bulk of the choice grade slaughter steers weighing 500-1300 lb. brought 27.50-30.50, and several loads and lots high-choice 1235 and 1267 lbs. 31-31.25, and several loads and lots high-choice and prime 1225-1332 lb sold at 31.50. Good to low choice 24-27.75.

Few lots good and choice heifers 23-26. Cutter and utility and commercial cows brought 16.50-19.25, canners and low-cutters 15-16.50. Utility and commercial bulls

TENDER MEAT

The cut and grade of meat indicate tenderness, reports Catherine B. Love, Penn State consumer education extension specialist. Cuts from the loin and rib in top-quality meat usually are tender because they come from the part of the animal that is least exercised. Signs of probable tenderness are red porous bones and fine-textured, well-marbled lean.

sold for 20-23.50, good grade fed bulls 23.50-25.50. Good and choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers 25.50-29, while medium and good sold for 22-26.50. Good and choice 550-800 lb. stock steers 27.50-32, medium and good 23.50-28.

Calves: 700 or slightly more than a week ago. Trading moderately active. Vealers steady. Good and choice vealers 27-34, choice and prime 34-39, few at 40, standard and low-good 19-25, utility 14-19.

Chicago Cattle Receipts Least In Five Years

CATTLE — Receipts about 10 per cent smaller than last week, nearly 30 percent under the same last year and the smallest for any week in more than five years. Percentage slaughter steers in receipts smaller than last week. Between 70 and 75 percent slaughter steers, average weight of slaughter steers considerably lighter than last weeks average of 1165 lbs.

Steers closed strong to mostly 50 higher following a steady to 50 lower opening. Vealers about steady. Stockers and feeders slow, particularly stocker steers under 800 lbs. but prices about steady.

Nine loads mostly prime 1150-1275 lb. slaughter steers 32.00-33.50, load 1225 lb

Vintage Auction Cows, Steers Are Stronger

Slaughter steers sold 25 to 50 higher at the Tuesday, April 12 auction at Vintage. Cows were 50 to 75 higher and bulls were steady to 50 lower.

Quality of the run was somewhat lower than the previous week. Receipts were 323 cattle, 241 calves, 134 hogs and 162 sheep.

Bulk of the choice grade 900-1400 lb. slaughter steers 27.25-29.60, good to low good 24.25-27.75.

Good and choice heifers weighing 780-1010 lbs. 23.85-25.75.

Cutter and utility cows 16.50-19, few 19.10-19.50, canners and low-cutters 15-16.75

Utility and commercial bulls 19.85-22.50, good grade

weights at 33.50 equal to last weeks high which was the highest paid for steers since May last year, Early bulk of choice steers 27.00-29, late bulk 27.50-29.50.

Many loads mixed good and choice steers 26.50-27.25, bulk good steers 24.25-26.75, standard to low good grades 21.00-24.00.

Good and choice vealers 27.00-32.00, standard grades 20.00-27.00.

Few good and choice slaughter calves 26.00. Medium and good 550-750 lb. stock steers largely 22.00-26.50, good and choice 800-1025 lb feeding steers 24.00-26.75, load medium 900 lb. feeding steers 23.00.

New Holland

Trading Active, Stronger

Trading was active on the 1155 head of cattle and 198 calves at New Holland this week. At the April 14 sale slaughter steers sold steady to 50 higher with most of the advance on good grades. Cows were steady with bulls going 50 higher.

Bulk of the choice grade slaughter steers 915 to 1448 lbs. made 27.50 to 30. Several lots of high choice 915 to

fed bulls rather scarce, few available 22.50-23.50.

Several loads medium and good 709-917 lb. feeder steers 21.60-25.75. Lot good grade 516 lb. stock heifers at 22.50.

Calves: Choice and prime vealers 1 higher on limited supply, good grade and below 2 - 3 higher. Good and choice vealers 23-35, choice and prime 35-37.50, standard and low-good 22-28.

Hogs: Barrows and gilts 25-50 higher. Sows about steady. U.S. 1-3 grade 195-224 lbs. 17-17.50. U.S. 1-2 grade 197-205 lbs. 17.85-18. No. 2&3 grade 16-17. Several lots 1-3 grade 182-190 lbs. 16-16.60. Lot No. 3 268 lbs. 15 U.S. 1-3 grade 310-435 lbs. sows 11.75-13.25.

Sheep: Supply spring lambs for Easter specialty trade Choice and prime 30-40 lb. spring lambs 35-37, good and choice, same wgt. 32-35, good and choice 50-80 lbs. 22.50-31.

1112 lbs 30 10 to 30 85 few head of high choice prime 1090 to 1210 lb 31. to 31.60 Good and choice were 24 50 to 27

Standard grade heifers 18.00-22.00. Cutter and utility cows - 16-18.85, few 19.50. Canners and low cutters sold at 14 85 to 16

Utility and commercial - 20.50 to 23 50 Good fed bulls made 23-23 50

Few lots medium and 701 to 882 lb feeder at 23.35 to 24

Choice vealers were Good grade and below. High choice and were absent from the Choice grade vealers 29 to 37. Standard and 22 to 29, with utility to 18 to 21 50

The April 13 dairy sale had 100 cows, nine and 30 heifers. Cows active with most interest backward springers for

fresh cows, Holsteins - 400, Guernseys \$210 others \$200-275 Stock \$110-190, heifers \$75-120

The April 11 horse had 340 head The market was very sluggish. Saddle horses about \$10 to 20 per lower, Saddle horses steady.

Mules, pair - \$275 singles - \$130-225 Ponies \$75-130, Riding horses - 300, Driving horses 205. Killers - 8 1/2 cents

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