

At Lancaster Yards

Improved Quality Noted

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Cattle 4275 compared with 4715 head a week ago. Supply includes 60 percent slaughter steers and 30 percent stockers and feeders. Quality of slaughter steers improved from that of last week. Trading moderately active.

Compared with last week's close slaughter steers steady. Cutter and Utility cows 25-50 higher, Canners and low Cutters fully steady, Bulls steady. Stockers and feeders steady.

Few loads and lots High Choice and Prime 1072-1161 lb. slaughter steers 30.85-31.50, Bulk of the Choice steers 27.00-30.00, two loads high Choice 1160-1307 lb. 30.25-30.40, Good to low Choice 24.00-27.25, Standard at 22.24.00.

Few Good and Choice heifers 22.00-25.00. Cutters and Utility cows 17.00-20.50, Canners and low Cutters 15.50-17.00. Utility and Coml. bulls 20.00-23.50. Good grade 23.00-25.00.

Good and choice 550-800 lb. stock steers 26-31.50, medium and good 24-27.50, good and choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers 25-28.75, medium and good 22-26. Medium and good stock calves 27-31.

Calves 550 compared with 700 last week. Trading moderately active. Vealers weighing under 120 lb 1 higher, heavier wgt. steady. Good and choice vealers 30-35,

choice and prime 35-40, standard and low good 21-30, utility 18-21.

Hogs 2050 compared with 1625 last week. Trading moderately active. Barrows and gilts 50 higher. Sows steady. U.S. 1-2 grade 190-220 lb. barrows and gilts 18-18.50, several low No. 1 the same wgt. 18.50-19, 1-3 grade 190-230 lb 17.50-18, 230-250 lb. hogs 17-17.50. U.S. 1-3 grade mostly 2-3 grade 300-600 lb. sows 11-13.

Sheep: 400 compared with 289 last week. Trading moderately active. Spring slaughter lambs steady. Good and choice 50-90 lb. spring lambs 26-29. Utility to choice shorn slaughter ewes 4-8.

Total farm investment in 1959 (\$200 billion) was equivalent to more than two-thirds the value of all the stocks of all corporations represented on the New York Stock Exchange.

● Lancaster Poultry
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K. Good, 24.1; 30. M&B, (Lowell Landis) 3.100 WV, 9, Daniel K. Good, 19.6; 31. J. J. Hess II (John Peifer) 2,000 WV, 9-6, Dan K. Good, 19.6; 32. John N. Thomas, 275 WVP, 14.4, Dan K. Good, 23.6; 33. Daniel H. Fox, 500 HF, 14 Mo. Daniel K. Good, 26.9; 34. David K. Burkholder, Sold with lot 13 35. John B. Kurtz (Clyde H. Martin) 4500 WV, 9-4, W. C. Mellinger & Son, 19.6.

Vintage Auction Steers Gain Others Steady

Most kinds showed some advance from the previous week at the Vintage sales barn this week. The May 17 auction had receipts of 410 cattle. Compared with last week, slaughter steers 25-50 higher. Cows steady except heavy weight Cutters, these 25-50 up. Bulls steady. Bulk of the Choice grade slaughter steers 27.25-29.35. Few lots high-Choice 1065-1210 lbs. 29.50-30.35. Good to low-Choice 24.50-27.50. Cutter and Utility cows 16.75-17.25, Canners and low-Cutters 15.25-17.00. Utility and Commercial bulls 30.00-23.50.

CALVES: 212: Vealers steady to 1.00 lower. Good and Choice vealers 30.00-37.00, high-Choice 37.00-38.50, Standard and low-Good 27.00-30.00.

HOGS: 49. Barrows and gilts rather scarce. Few lots steady. Two loads 175-196 lb. U. S. 1-3 grade barrows and gilts 16.50-16.75; lot 2 and 3 grade 204 lbs. 17.00. Lot no. 2's 17.85.

SHEEP: 73. Spring lambs weak. Average Good and Choice 55.80 lb. spring lambs 26.00-28.00.

New Holland Steers Unevenly 25 Lower

Slaughter steers were unevenly 25 lower at New Holland this week compared to last week's close. Cows were steady, bulls 25 to 50 higher. Quality of the slaughter steers was not as good as in past weeks.

The May 19 sale had receipts of 1225 cattle and 219 calves.

The Bulk of the choice

Chicago Cattle Steers Steady To 50 Lower

Cattle: Receipts slightly smaller than last week but slightly larger than the corresponding week last year. Around 75 percent of arrivals slaughter steers. Percentage of prime steers smallest for any week since last June.

Slaughter steers and heifers under slight downward pressure from the start and closing steady to 50 lower. Cows and bulls closed steady to strong. Vealers and stockers and feeders were steady.

Three loads prime 1219-1335 lb. slaughter steers 32.50, lowest top price since March. Most high choice and prime 1050 to 1400 lb. slaughter steers 28.50 to 32.25. Early bulk average choice steers 26.25 to 28.50. Late bulk 26.50-28.25. Most good steers 23.00-26.00.

Good and choice vealers 27.00 to 32.00, Standard grades 21-27.00.

Good and choice 500 to 775 lb. stock steers 25.75 - 29.00 some good 825 to 925 lb. feeder steers 24.50 to 25. Load medium 960 lb. feeding steers 22.90.

grade slaughter steers 26.75 to 28.85, a few lots 29.10 to 29.60. Good low choice were 24 to 27.

Good and choice heifers were 22-26. Cutters and utility cows made 16.50 to 20.00 while cannors and cutters made 15.50 to 17.

Utility and commercial bulls made 20.50 to 22.50 with a few lots good and choice 863 to lb. feeding steers going 25.10 to 25.35

Vealers sold steady weak. Good and choice vealers brought 29 to 37. Choice and prime from 37.39.50. Standard and good at 25 to 29

A few lots of good grade spring lambs, 50 to 70 weights, brought 24 to 28.

The May 18 dairy sale at New Holland had receipts of 96 cows, 14 stock bulls and 48 stock heifers. The dairy cow market very active, and a good number of bred heifers in the ring.

Fresh cows, Holstein \$325 to 420, Guernsey \$225-300, others - \$210-225. Bulls - \$100-180, heifers \$70 to 130, springing heifers due in September - \$180-250.

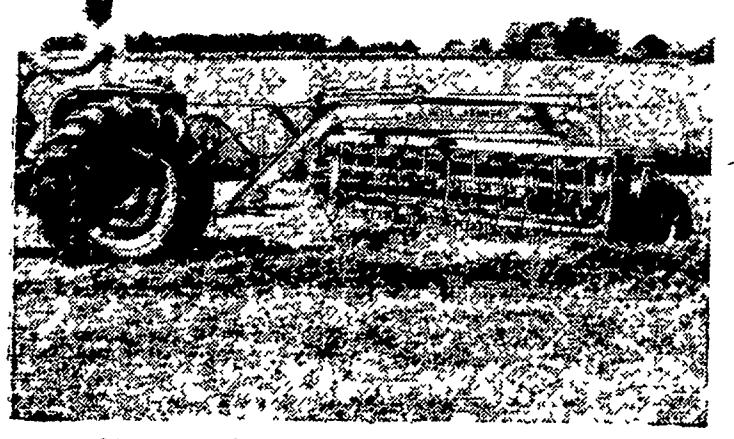
Receipts in the May 18 horse sale were 346 head. Mules were very slow. Draft horses and the majority of the mules went to killer channels. Killers were strong to 1.50 higher. Other kinds were steady. One and two year ponies. This kind very dry.

Mules—pairs - \$250-300, singles - \$110-140. Ponies - \$160-185, geldings \$70-130. Riding horses \$135-260, driving horses \$125-250, killers - 1 to 11 cents.

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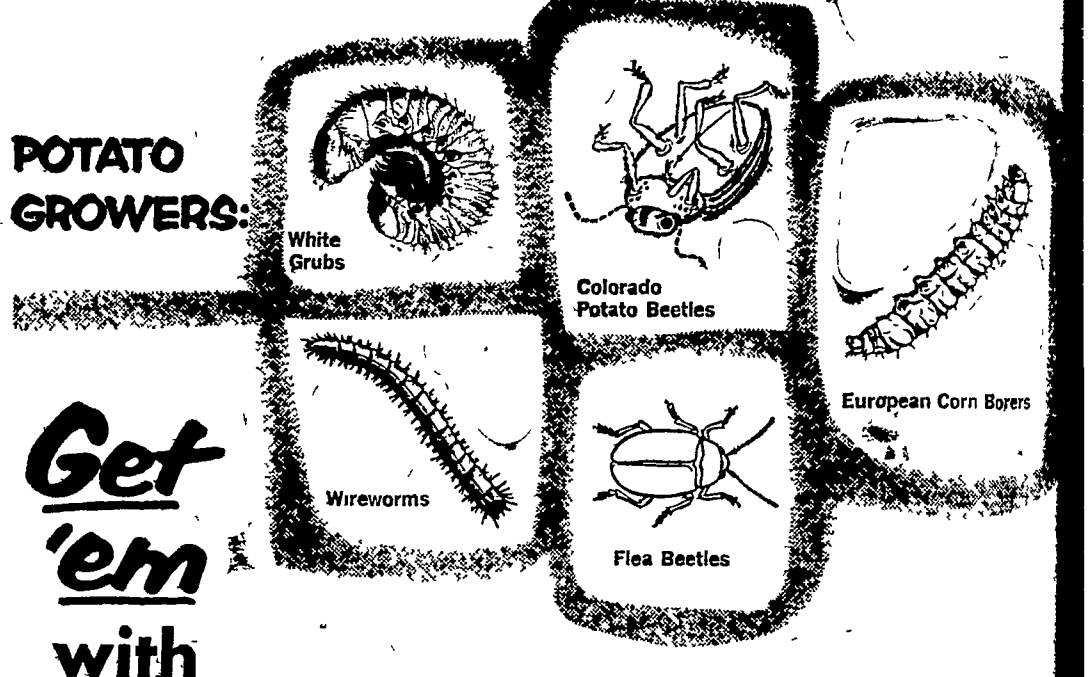
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