

At Lancaster Yards Holiday Shortens Week

CATTLE For the 3-day period this week receipts totaled 3367. Supply includes about 30 per cent slaughter steers and 55 per cent stockers and feeders. Trading moderately active on a small supply. Slaughter steers generally 50 higher. Cows fully steady. Good grade bulls steady. Utility and commercial bulls 25-50 lower. Stockers and feeders strong.

The bulk of the choice grade slaughter steers 25 75 to 26 75, few lots 995-1050 lb. high-choice slaughter steers 27. Load mostly prime 1259 lbs 27 65, good to low choice 24 25-26, standard down to 22.

Cutter and util cows 14-50-16 25, canners and low-cutters 12 75-14 50. Utility and commercial bulls 18-21-50, good grade bulls 22 - 25 mostly 24 50 down.

Good and choice 600 - 800 lb. feeder steers 23-25.50. Load choice and fancy 900 lb. Angus feeders 26.50. medium and good 20.75-23-50. Good grade stock calves 25-27.

CALVES 685. Trading moderately active. Vealers grading good and better steady, standard and below 1-2 lower. Good and choice 25-31, choice and prime, 31-35, few 36, standard and low-good 18-25, utility down to 14.

HOGS 1423. Trading was moderately active. Barrows, gilts and sows steady. U.S. 1-2 190-230 lb. barrows and gilts 20-20 75, about 50 head no 1 195-225 lbs 21-21 50. 1-3 190-240 lb. butchers 19-19.75, 240-260 lb 18 50-19.

U.S. 1-3, mostly 2-3, 300 - 600 lb. sows 12-15.

SHEEP 697. Trading slow. Quality poor. Woolled slaughter lambs steady. Good to choice 75-100 lb. slaughter lambs 17-19, few lots choice and prime 19 50-20. Utility and low-good 14-17.

State Launches Battle Against Khapra Beetle

HARRISBURG—The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture announced Friday it has completed treatment of freight cars, trucks and bags used in transporting 20 million pounds of myrabolam nuts suspected of being infected by the Khapra beetle.

Myrabolam nuts are a source of tannic acid used in tanneries. The shipment originated in India, was unloaded in New York and sent to two tanneries in Potter and Tioga Counties. Presence of the Khapra beetle was discovered in the hold of the ship when unloading was completed in Norfolk two days after leaving New York.

Khapra beetles are primarily pests of stored products, chiefly grain or grain products. It is not known to be in Pennsylvania.

Twenty-two freight cars,

Vintage Livestock Slaughter Steers 50-75 Higher

CATTLE 410. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers 50-75 higher at the Nov. 22 sale at Vintage. Cows weak. Bulls 50 - 1.00 lower.

Bulk of the Choice grade slaughter steers 26.00-27.25 several high - Choice 1,000 - 1150 lb. weights 27 35-27 75, Good to low-choice 24 50 - 26.25. Standard down to 22-50.

Cutter and Utility cows 14 50-15 75, Canners and low-cutters 12 75-14.75, shelly Canners down to 11.00. Utility and Commercial bulls 19.50-22.00. Few lots Good grade 795-875 lb. feeder steers 23.00-23 50.

CALVES 374. Vealers steady to 1.00 higher. Good and Choice 25 00-31.00. Choice and Prime 31.00-34, few 36.00, Standard and low - Good 18 00-25.00, Utility 15 00-18 00.

HOGS 57. Few lots barrows and gilts steady. Lot U.S. no 2 208 lb butchers 20 25, lot 2-3 grade 213 lbs. 20 00. Lot 308 lb. U.S. 2-3 grade sows 15 25.

SHEEP 24. Not enough on sale to establish a market.

19 trucks and 10,000 burlap bags were steam treated to kill any beetles or eggs which may have remained in them. The myrabolam nuts are subjected to high temperatures before they are used in the tanning vats. However, the tanneries will receive careful inspection for Khapra beetles for several years.

New Holland Slaughter Steers Stronger

Slaughter steers sold steady to 50 higher compared to last week's market. Cows were 50 higher, bulls steady at the November 24 sale at New Holland. Receipts included 575 head of cattle.

Choice and prime butcher steers 1,050 to 1,275 pounds made 26 85 to 27 35 with a few head going to 27 50 to 27 65. The bulk of the choice slaughter steers were 25 75 to 27. Good to low choice brought 24 25 to 26 25 with standard selling down to 22-25.

Not enough heifers were on sale to establish a market. Cutter and utility cows were 15-16 50. Canners and low cutters were 12 75 to 15 with shelly canners down to 11 50.

Utility and commercial bulls brought 19.50 to 22-50. Good grade fed bulls sold up to 23.

Stocking and feeder cattle very scarce.

Calves 145. Vealers weighing over 110 pounds were steady to 1.00 higher. Lighter weights were steady. Good and choice butcher calves made 27 to 33 with choice and prime selling at 33 to 36. Standard and low good brought 21 to 26 while utility made 17 50 to 20 50.

At the November sale of dairy cattle all kinds sold slightly lower. Receipts included 150 cows, nine stock bulls and nine stock heifers.

Fresh cows, Holstein \$350-450, Guernsey - \$225-300, others - \$225-310. Stock bulls - \$75-180. Stock heifers - \$65-120.

Receipts included 198 head of horses, ponies and mules at the November 21st horse sale. Killers were slow and lower. Reflecting the lowered killer horse prices, cheap saddle horses were \$10 per head lower. All the mules continued to go to the killer trade.

Ponies—Mares \$75-160, geldings - \$45-90. Riding horses - \$100-250. Driving horses - \$110-250. Killers - 6½ to 7 cents.

Farm Machinery Dealer Honored

Robert Brubaker, Massey-Ferguson dealer in Salunga, has been cited for his sales and service record at a company dealer convention, held last weekend in Baltimore, Maryland.

More than 200 company dealers from the neighboring seven state area were told by James A. Wickizer, M.F.'s United States General Sales Manager, that their sales for last October, traditionally an excellent sales month for the industry, reached an all time record high this year.

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