

At Lancaster Yards Trade Moderately Active

CATTLE: 4450 compared with 4269 last week. Supply includes 40 per cent slaughter steers and 45 per cent stockers and feeders. Trading moderately active on all classes except stockers and feeders, these slow. Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers sold steady to strong, instances 25 higher. Cows fully steady, spots 25 higher. Bulls steady. Stockers and feeders strong.

Lot prime 975 lb. slaughter steers brought 29.25 and 3 loads mixed choice and prime 1134-1239 lb. sold at 28.50-28.75. Lot high choice 1025 lb. 28.25, the bulk of the choice slaughter steers 26.25-28. Good to low choice 25-26.50, standard down to 23.

Cutter and utility cows ranged from 15-16.75, and canners and low-cutters at 13.25-15 with shelly canners selling down to 11.50. Utility and commercial bulls made 18.50-20.50, good grade bulls 22-25. Good and choice 600 to 800 lb. stock steers 24.50-27, medium and good 22-25.

Good and choice 800-1050 lb. feeder steers 24-26.50. A load high choice 813 lb. 26.75, load choice and fancy 812 Angus steers brought 28. medium and good 20.75-24.50.

CALVES: 600 compared to 673 last wk. Trading moderately active. Prime grade vealers 1 higher. All others fully steady. Good and choice vealers 26-32. Choice and prime ranged from 32-37 and a few at 38-39. Standard and low good 19-26, utility down to 15.

HOGS: 1025 compared with 1710 last week. Trading moderately active. Barrows and Gits were weak, sows steady. US 1-2 190-230 pound Barrows and Gits 20.00-21., several lots No. 1 190-220 lb. brought 21.25-21.50. This kind scarce after Monday. 1-3 190-240 lb. Butchers sold at 19-19.75 mostly 19.50 down. Few lots 170-190 lb. 18.50-19. Also few lots 240-255 lb. 18.50-19. US 1-3 mostly 2-3 300-600 lb. sows 12-15.00.

SHEEP: 425 compared with 393 last week. Trading moderately active. Woolled slaughter lambs were 50 lower. Good and Choice 75-100 lb. slaughter lambs sold for 17-19.00, few lots mixed Choice and Prime 19.50-20.00. Utility and low Good 14.00-17.00.

Chicago Cattle Supply Highest Since November

Cattle: Receipts largest since early November. Consist of receipts 70 per cent slaughter steers, 20 per cent heifers and 5 per cent cows. Vealers and stockers and feeders in very light supply. Percentage prime about 13 per cent, choice about 70 per cent.

Choice steers 1,100 pounds down fully steady, others steady to 25 lower. Cows 25 to 75 lower, vealers and stockers fully steady.

Bulk of the choice and prime 900 to 1,400 pound steers 26.50-28.75. Bulk of

Vintage Livestock Most Kinds Are Steady, Higher

Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers at the December 7 Vintage auction were steady to 25 higher. Cows were steady and bulls were fully steady. Receipts included 458 head of cattle.

Several lots of mixed high choice and prime 950 to 1,200 pound slaughter steers 27.75-28.60. Bulk of choice steers 26.25-27.75. Good to low choice 25.00-26.50, standard down to 22.50.

Cutter and utility cows 14.75-16.25. Canners and low cutters 13.00-14.75, shelly canners down to 11.50.

Utility and commercial bulls 19.00-22.00. A few lots of medium and low good 630-866 pound feeder steers 22.75-24.35.

Calves: Vealers weighing over 120 pounds mostly steady, lighter weight vealers 50-1.00 higher. Prime grade absent. Good & choice vealers 27.00-33.00 with high choice vealers 33.50-36.50. Standard and low good 20-27.00. Utility down to 17.00.

Hogs: 68. Barrows & gilts strong. Several lots of U.S. 1 to 3 grade 175-195 pound barrows and gilts 19.35-20.75.

Sheep: 30. Several lots of good and choice 70-95 pound woolled slaughter lambs 16.00-18.50.

the good steers 24.75-26.00. Mixed choice and prime heifers 26.50-27. Many loads of mixed good and choice 24.50 to 25.25.

Several loads mixed good and choice 850-1,000 pound feeding steers 23.50-24.60. Load mixed medium & good 950 pounds 22.40.

New Holland Prices Up On Small Supply

Cattle receipts totaled 753 head at the December 8 auction at New Holland. The small supply included about 25 per cent cows. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers were 50 higher. Cows and bulls were steady.

A few lots mixed choice and prime 990 to 1,260 lb. slaughter steers brought 28 to 28.50 with the bulk of the choice cattle making 26.50 to 28.00. Good to low choice were 25 to 26.75 and standard sold down to 23.

A few standard grade heifers crossed the block at 19 to 21. Cutter and utility cows made 15 to 16.50 with canners and low cutters 13.25 to 15 and shelly canners down to 12. Utility and commercial bulls were 19.50-22. A few good grade bulls 22-25. A lot of good grade 352 pound stock heifer calves made 21.10.

Calves: 308. Vealers very uneven with weights of 130 pounds 2-3.00 higher and heavier weights 1.00 higher. Good and choice vealers sold 29 to 35. Choice and prime ranged from 35 to 39 with a few head at 39.50 to 41.50. Standard and low good were 22-29 with utility down to 20.

The December 7 sale of dairy cattle had receipts of 115 cows, two stock bulls and 19 stock heifers. Good fresh cows continued to sell steady.

Fresh cows, Holstein - \$350-490, Guernsey - \$225-275, other breeds - \$225-325.

Bulls - \$85-195. Heifer \$65-190. Good saddle horses continued steady with all kinds slow at the December 5 horse sale. Mares continued to go to the killer track. Ponies, Mares - \$70. Geldings - \$49-115. Riding horses - \$110-245. Draft horses - \$110-250. Killed 6 1/2 to 7 cents.

SLAUGHTER NO-PROFIT COWS

Culling unprofitable is good business, any says Stephen B. Spencer, tension dairy specialist, now is an excellent time give those milk producers and profit-per-cow record closer scrutiny. Slaughter prices for cull cows may be highest now, but any keeping milk cows is in dairy, not beef business, should cull animals on basis of production and making ability.

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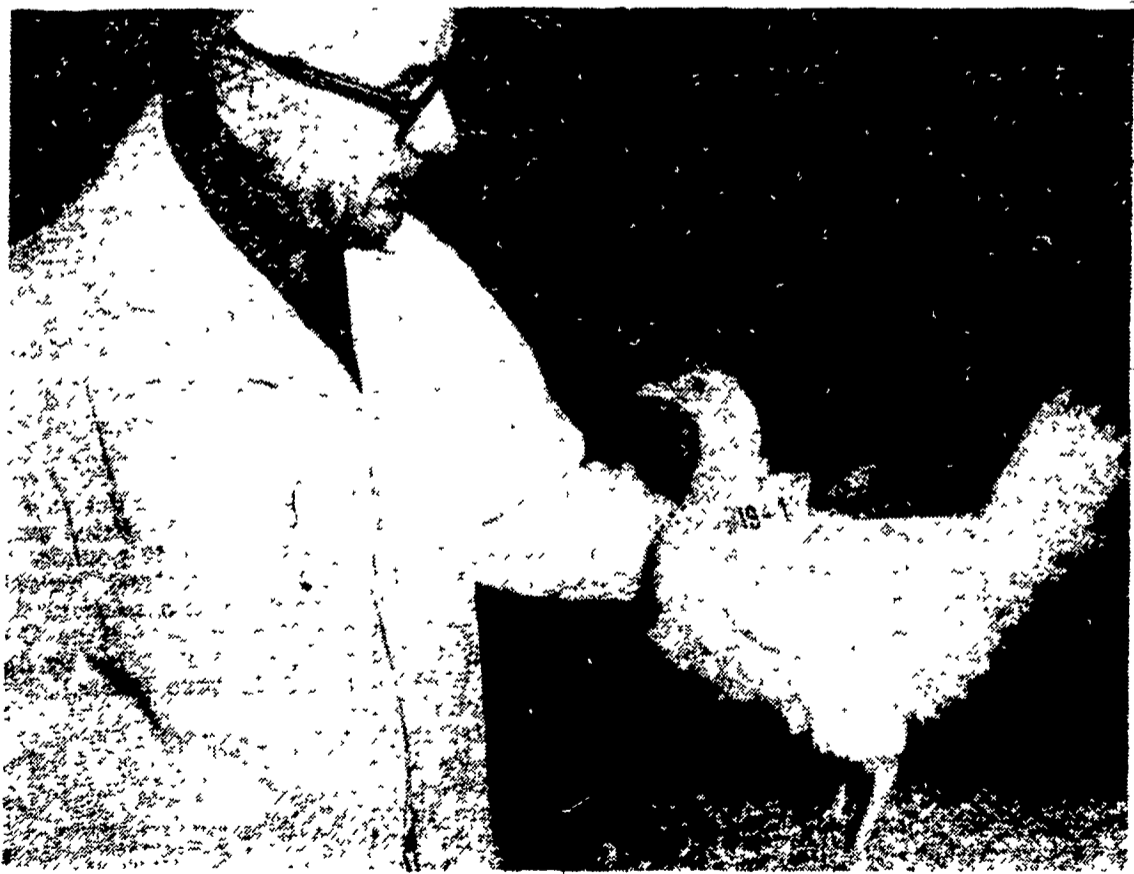
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