

At Lancaster Yards Choice And Prime Scarce

CATTLE: 4375 compared with 3044 last week. Supply included 50 percent slaughter steers, 40 percent stockers and feeders. Trading fairly active. Slaughter steers grading Choice and Prime 50-100 higher, this kind absent after Monday. Good grade opened 25 to mostly 50 higher, Standard opened steady to 25 higher, but at midweek both Good and Standard closed steady. Cows were 25-50 lower. Bulls steady. Stockers and feeders steady.

A small lot Prime 1135 lb. slaughter steers sold at 30.50 and a load Prime 1087 lbs. 30.25 (this highest since May 23, 1960) load High-Choice and Prime 1095 lbs. 29.75, bulk of the Choice grade slaughter steers 27.50-29.00, Good to low Choice 25.25-27.50, Standard down to 22-50.

Two lots Prime 913-1051 lb. heifers were 27.50-27.75, load Choice 879 lbs. 25.00, several lots Good 22.25-24.00. Cutter and Utility cows sold 15.25-17.00, Canners and low-Cutters 13.50-15.25, shelly Canners down to 11.50. Utility and Commercial bulls 19.50-22.50, Good grade bulls 22.50-25.00. Good & Choice 650-975 lb. feeder steers went back to the farm at 25-27, Medium and Good 22-25.50. Good grade stock calves were 25-27.

CALVES: 650 compared with 657 last week. Vealers were 100 lower. Trading was

moderately active. Good and Choice vealers sold at 25-31, Choice and Prime 31-38, odd head 39.00, Standard & low-Good 18-25, Utility down to 14.00.

HOGS: -1625 compared with 1094 last week. Barrows and gilts were steady to 50 higher. Sows steady. Trading moderately active. U. S. 1-2 190-230 lb. barrows and gilts sold for 19.75-20.75 and no. 1 195-230 lbs. made 21-21.50. 1-3 190-240 pound hogs were 19.60-19.75, 240-260 lbs. 18.50-19. U. S. 1-3, mostly 2-3, 300-600 lb. sows ranged from 12-15.

SHEEP: 450 compared with 400 last week. Woolled slaughter lambs were steady to 50 lower. Trading was moderately active. Good and Choice 75-100 lb. woolled slaughter lambs sold at 16.50-19.00. Choice and Prime 19-19.50, few lots 20.00, Utility and low-Good down to 14.00.

GUARD FRUIT TREES

Rabbits get mighty hungry in winter, and one of their favorite targets is fruit trees. Carl Bittner, Penn State extension pomologist, suggests used cylinders of hardware cloth, at least two feet high and loose enough to keep rabbits away from all parts of the tree trunk. Use a stake to prevent the wire from rubbing the trunk.

Vintage Livestock Steers Steady To 25 Higher

CATTLE: 546. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers at the Jan. 10 auction at Vintage were steady to 25 higher except weights over 1250 lbs., these 25-50 higher. Cows and bulls 25 lower.

Few lots Choice & Prime grade 1005-1080 lb. slaughter steers 28.75-29.50, bulk of the Choice steers 27.00-28.50, Good to low-Choice 24.50-27.00, Standard down to 22-50.

Several lots Choice and Prime 930-975 lb. heifers 26.00-28.75. Cutter and Utility cows 15.25-16.85, Canners & low-Cutters 13.50-15.25, shelly Canners down to 12.00. Utility and Commercial bulls 20.00-23.00, Good grade bulls 22.50-25.25. Few lots Good and Choice 800-958 lb. feeder steers 24.00-25.60.

CALVES: 349. Vealers fully 100 higher. Good and Choice vealers 26.00-32.00, Choice and Prime 32.00-39.00, Standard and low-Good 19.00-26.00, Utility down to 16.00.

HOGS: 160. Barrows and gilts steady. Lot U. S. 1-2 190 lbs. 20.10, 1-3 200-226 pound barrows and gilts 18.85-19.35, few lots of 170-183 pounds 18.35-19.75, two lots

New Holland Steady to Unevenly Lower

Compared with last weeks market at the New Holland Sales Stables average choice and better grades of slaughter steers weighing under 1250 lbs. were steady. Good and low choice and all steers weighing over 1250 lbs. 25 to 50 lower. Standard 50 to 75 lower. Cows steady. Bulls were 50 higher except good grade which held steady. Receipts at the January 12 sale included 959 cattle.

Several lots of high choice and prime grade slaughter steers at 980 to 1180 lbs. brought 29 to 29.35 with the bulk of the choice making 26.75 to 28.85. Good to low choice were 24.75 to 26.75 with standard down to 22.

Several lots good grade 750 to 95 lb. heifers made 22.50 to 24.50. Cutter and utility cows brought 15 to 16.50 with canners and low cutters 13.50 to 15.25 and shelly canners down to 12.

Utility and commercial bulls made 20 to 23.50 with good grade bulls going at 23 to 24.60.

Several lots good 781 - 1002 lb. feeder steers crossed the block at 24.10 to 25.60. One lot of choice at 923 lbs. brought 26.25.

261-276 pound no. 3 17.10-17.75.

Calves: 293. Vealers weighing 80 to 100 lbs. were higher. Those weighing to 140 lbs. sold 2 higher while those over 140 sold strong.

Good and choice vealers made 27 to 33. Choice prime made 34 to 39 with several head to 39.50 to 40.50. Standard and low grade made 22 to 27 with utility down to 17.

Demand for fresh cows improved at the January 11 sale of dairy cattle but still no demand for forward springers. The fresh cow market continued about steady.

Receipts included 104 cows, 14 stock bulls and 39 heifers. Fresh cows - Holsteins \$325-465, Guernseys-\$280-305, other breeds-\$200-250. Stock bulls-\$75-185. Slaughter heifers-\$70-130.

Draft horses were in greater demand and the mule market opened at January 9 sale of horses and mules. Killers continued steady. Receipts included 20 head.

Mules Singles-\$135-200, Pairs-\$325-535. Ponies, mares-\$110-140, geldings-\$100-110. Riding horses-\$100-210. Driving horses-\$110-215. Killers at 7 1/2 cents.

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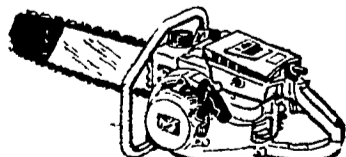
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