

## At Lancaster Yards Storm Cuts Receipts

**CATTLE:** 2175 compared with 2431 last week. The snow storm during the past week end curtailed receipts and the movement of stockers and feeders during the week. Supply includes 50 per cent slaughter steers and 35 per cent stockers and feeders. Trading was slow.

Compared with last week's close, slaughter steers on Monday were steady but a few loads on Wednesday were 50 lower. Cows were 50 higher. Bulls steady. Stockers and feeders were 50 lower.

Load mostly prime 1030 lb. slaughter steers brought 29.75, the bulk of the choice grade slaughter steers 1300 lbs. and down ranged from 27-28.50, good and low-choice 24.75-27, standard sold down to 22.50.

A lot choice 844 lb. heifers were 26.75. Cutter and utility cows sold at 17-18.75, canners and low-cutters 15-16-17, shelly canners 13.50. Utility and commercial bulls sold for 19.50-22.50.

Good grade 22.50-25. Medium and good 650-950 lb feeder steers were 22-26, few loads good and low-choice 19.00-11.00 lbs 24.50-25, 3 loads high choice 819-953 lb 27.25-27.50.

**CALVES:** 425 compared to 675 last week. Trading was active. Vealers were 2 higher than last week's close. Good

and choice vealers were 30-37, choice and prime 37-45, few to 46, standard and low-good 21-29, utility down to 18.

**HOGS:** 1000 compared to 1821 last week. Trading was active. Barrows and gilts 50 higher. Sows steady. U. S. 1-2 190-230 lb barrows and gilts ranged from 20.50 to

## Vintage Livestock Quality Poor Fully 50 Lower

**CATTLE:** 475. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers fully 50 lower. Quality of slaughter steers very poor with about 75 per cent of the steer supply grading Good. Cows 25-50 higher. Bulls strong.

Low to average-choice slaughter steers 26.25-27.35 good to low-choice 24.25-26.50, standard down to 22.

Cutter and utility cows at 16.75-18 canners and low-cutters 15.25-16.75. Utility and commercial bulls 19.50-22.50, few good grade bulls up to 23.

**CALVES:** 280. High standard, good and low-choice vealers 1 higher. All others steady. Good and choice vealers 32-38, bulk of the choice grade vealers 38-42 prime grade absent, standard and low-good 24-32, utility down to 20.

**HOGS:** 48. Barrows and gilts 50 higher. Few lots of U. S. no 2 211-221 lb. barrows and gilts 20.35-20.85, lot no 2 245 lbs. 21.10. Lot 1 and 2 194 lbs. 21.35. Lot no 197 lbs 21.75. Package medium 164 lbs. 19.25.

**SHEEP:** 5 Not enough to establish market.

21.50 and No. 1 195-250 lbs. sold at 21.50-22.50, while 1-3 190-240 lb. hogs made 20 - 20.50, few 240-260 lb. hogs 19.25-20.

**Sheep:** 300 compared to 314 last week. Trading active. Wooled slaughter lambs were steady-week. Good and choice 75-100 lb. slaughter lambs 20-21. Choice and prime 21-21.50, utility and low-good 18-20.

## MULCH SCRUBS

When there's no snow and the ground is frozen, shrubs need some form of mulch, reminds A. O. Rasmussen, Penn State extension ornamental horticulturist. The mulch will provide an insulating blanket and prevent the soil from heaving because of alternate freezing and thawing.

## New Holland Steers Generally Steady

Slaughter steers were generally steady at the February 9 sale at the New Holland Sales Stables. In a few spots high standard and low good dropped 50 cents. Cows comprised 35 per cent and utility grade cows were steady. Canners and average cutters were 50 higher. Bulls 50 higher.

The bulk of the choice grade slaughter steers brought 26.25-28, with a few head choice to 28.60. Good to low choice made 24.25 to 26.25 with standard down to 22.

Cutter and utility cows sold for 17 to 18.85 with a few to 19.60. Canners and low cutters brought 15.25 to 17 while shelly canners sold down to 13.

Utility and commercial bulls made 20- to 23.50 with

a few good grade bulls up to 24. Calves: 366. Vealers 100 higher. Good and choice vealers made 32 to 39.50, choice and prime 40 to 48 and standard and low good 26 to 32. Utility brought 21 to 26.

Snow held the receipts down at the February 8th sale of dairy cattle. Prices dipped slightly because of few buyers for the light run.

Receipts included 58 cows, three bulls and one heifer.

Fresh Holstein cows brought \$300 to 400. Guernseys made \$175 to 225 and other breeds sold at about the same prices as the Guernseys. Stock bulls brought \$115 to 130.

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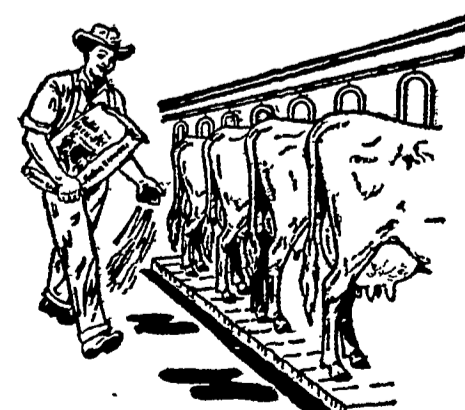
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