

At Lancaster Yards

Slow And Mostly Steady

CATTLE: 4050 compared with 3836 last week. Supply included 50 percent slaughter steers and 40 percent stockers and feeders. Trading was slow. Slaughter steers were steady. Cows steady. Bulls and stockers and feeders steady. The quality of slaughter steers was best in several months. The supply of stock calves weighing under 600 lbs is increasing.

Slaughter steers: Six loads high - Choice and Prime 1124-1306 lbs. made 28.00, bulk of the Choice grade ranged from 26-27.25, several loads 1050-1250 lbs. 27.50-27.75. Good to low-Choice 23.75-26, Standard 21.50-23.75.

Cows. Cutter and Utility brought 16.25-18.25, Canners and low-Cutters 15-16.25, with shelly Canners selling down to 13.00.

Bulls: Utility & Commercial brought 19-22.50, Good grade 22.50-25.25.

Stockers and Feeders Good and Choice 800-1050 lb feeder steers sold for 24.50-26.50, Medium and Good 21-25.00. Good and Choice 600-800 lb. stock steers brought 26-27.75. Medium and Good 22-26.50. Good and Choice stock calves commanded 27-30.

CALVES: 750 compared with 688 last week. Trading was active. Choice & Prime vealers were 1.00 higher, Good and below steady. Good and Choice vealers sold at 29-35, Choice and Prime 35.00-41.00, few 42-43, Standard and low-Good 20.00-29, Utility down to 17.00.

HOGS: 1900 compared with 1849 last week. Trading was moderately active. All classes were steady early but barrows and gilts closed 25.50 lower at mid-week.

Barrows & Gilts U. S. 1-2 190-225 lbs sold for 19.50-20.50, no 1 190-225 lbs. 20-50.21.00 few to 21.50 (this kind absent after Monday), 1-

3 190-230 lbs. made 18.50-21.50 (this kind absent after Monday). 1-3 190-230 lbs. made 18.50-19.25, closed at 18.50-18.75, few lots mostly 2-3 grade 18.50.

Chicago Cattle Receipts Lowest In Three Weeks

CATTLE—Receipts slightly larger than last week, largest in three weeks, but 5% less than the corresponding period a year ago. Rank and File good to low prime steers reached new lows since last November.

High prime steers, choice and prime steers weighing 1500 lbs up and all weight steers standard and below steady to 50 lower than late last week, all other weights and grades steers 50-100 lower. Heifers 50-1.25 lower, Average good and better mostly 1.00-1.25 lower. Commercial cows steady to 50 lower and other cows 50-1.00 lower after prices for cows last week had reached the highest levels since early June 1960. Bulls steady to 50 higher. Vealers fully steady. Stockers and feeders weak to mostly 50 lower.

Around a dozen loads of prime 1040-1360 lb. slaughter steers 27.75-28.25, early bulk choice and prime 950-1400 lbs 25.00-27.75, Late bulk 24.50-27.50, Closing bulk choice 24.50-26.25, average choice 1000-1050 lb. weights early up to 26.50, Bulk good steers the majority 950-1300 lb. weights, 22-50-24.00.

Two loads high choice and prime 978 and 1138 lb. heifers

Vintage Livestock Steers Sell Steady to Weak

Compared with last weeks market, slaughter steers were steady to weak at the March 21 auction at Vintage. Cows weak. Bulls opened 25-50 higher and closed steady. Receipts included 552 cattle.

Few head high-choice and prime 1110-1225 pound slaughter steers 27.60-28, bulk of the choice cattle weighing 950-1350 lbs. 25.75-26.85, good to low-choice 23.75-26, standard 22-23.50.

A few lots standard and good grade heifers 19-23.50.

Cutter and utility cows at 16.25-17.85, canners and low cutters 14.75-16.25, shelly canners down to 13.

Utility and commercial bulls 19.50-22.50, few good grade up to 23.

CALVES: 322 Vealers 1 lower. Good and choice vealers 28.50-35, choice and prime 34-39.50, standard and low good 23-28, utility down to 19.

HOGS: 167. Barrows and gilts steady. Few lots U.S. 1-2 202-222 lbs. 19-19.25. 1-3 197-215 lbs. 18.60-18.85, lot no 3 210 lbs. 18.25, two lots 127 and 147 lbs. grading medium 17.85-18, a few 1-3 305-605 lb. sows 13-16.

SHEEP: 32. Not enough on-sale to establish a market.

ers early 26.25, load comparable grade 1050 lb. weights late 25.25.

Commercial cows 16.50-18.00.

Most utility and commercial bulls 19.00-21.50, prices for bulls highest in more than a month.

Good and choice vealers 25.00-32.00, good & choice 750-1100 lb. feeding steers, the majority weighing 850-1000 lbs. 22.50-24.50, medium 975 lb feeders 21.00.

New Holland Slaughter Steers Steady

Receipts at the March 23 auction at New Holland included 1,118 head of cattle. Compared with last week's market, slaughter steers were steady. Cows were steady to 50 lower. Bulls were steady.

A few head of 1,050 to 1,150 pound slaughter steers grading high choice & prime made 27.25 to 28.10. The bulk of the choice cattle were 26 to 27.00. Good to low choice made 23.75-26.00. Standard sold down to 21.50. Standard and good heifers brought 18.50-21.50.

Cutter and utility cows brought 16-17.85 while canners and low cutters made 15-16.25. Shelly canners were down to 13.00.

Utility and commercial bulls made 19.25-22.35. A few lots of good and low choice 799-910 pound feeder steers changed hands at 22.10 to 24.75. Two lots of medium 813-844 pound feeders made 21.50-21.85.

Calves: 325. Vealers grading average choice and better were 3.00 lower, low choice and below 1.00 lower. Good and choice vealers were 29- to 35 with choice and prime 35. to 41. Standard and low good were 25.00 to 29.00

with utility down to 20.00. Sheep: 32. A few lots of 40 pound spring slaughter lambs for the Easter specialty trade brought 35 to 41.

The market continued steady at the March 22 auction of dairy cattle. Receipts included 126 head of cows, eight stock bulls and 32 stock heifers.

Fresh cows, Holsteins \$300-385, Guernseys - \$175-240. Other breeds - \$175-275. Stock bulls - \$110-170. Stock heifers \$65-125.

Riding horses showed an advance of \$15 to \$25 per head at the March 20 auction of horses, ponies and mules. The mule and draft horse market continued about steady. Receipts were 245 head.

Mules, pair - \$300-550, single - \$150-250. Draft horses, pairs - \$310-475, single \$140-245. Ponies, mares - \$110-135, Geldings - \$45-110. Riding horses - \$125-285. Driving horses - \$125-210. Killers - 8 1/2-9 cents.

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